

# AB update

October 2018 highlights



## In the field



✓ Results dissemination continued at the country level (Tunisia, Liberia, Lesotho, South Africa, Gambia ...) as AB prepares to launch its **Pan-Africa Profiles** series of cross-country reports. We'll start in November with a look at **citizens' priorities and the SDGs**, to be followed by **democracy, migration, infrastructure**, and more than a dozen other topics over the coming months. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtag #VoicesAfrica.

**AB in the media:** 136 media hits were recorded in October across various local and international outlets, including [Bloomberg](#), [Washington Post](#), [Ghana Web](#), [City Press](#), [Times Live](#), [Brookings](#), [Thomson Reuters Foundation News](#), [News24](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [Epoch Times \(Taiwan\)](#), [Weekend Post](#), [AllAfrica](#), [Daily Maverick](#). ... In her book *Democracy: Stories from the Long Road to Freedom* (recently out in paperback), **Condoleezza Rice** notes, "For more than a decade, (Afrobarometer) has repeatedly shown a deep public understanding of the tenets of democracy and an unmistakable preference to live in freedom" in Africa.



## Politics

### Gabon Legislative Voting Starts After Polling Stations Open Late

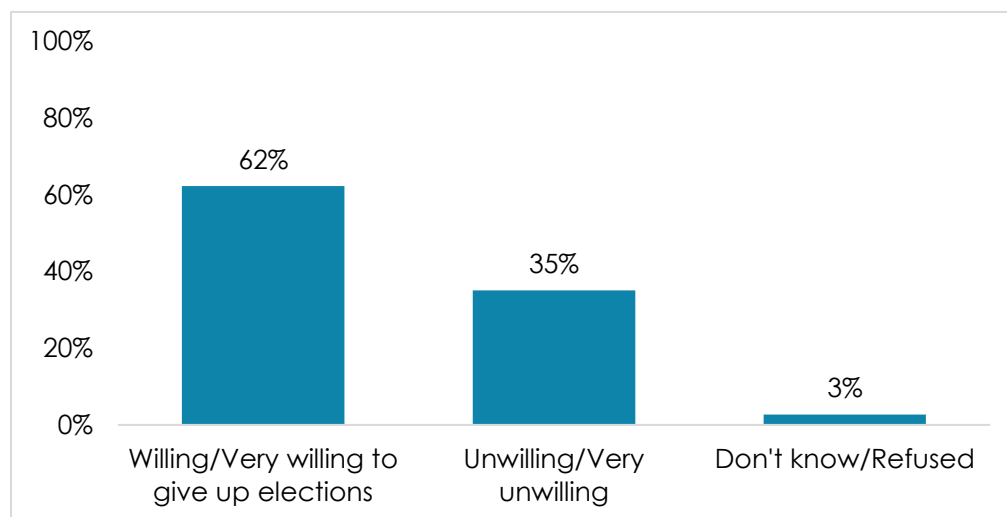
By Eric Mingo Bataasi  
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## On digital/social media

Website	13,145 users; 3,962 downloads
Twitter	365 new followers
Facebook	11,196 total followers
Online data analysis tool	3,003 distinct users

## Chart of the month

Willing to forgo elections in exchange for security, housing, jobs? | South Africa | 2018



**Respondents in South Africa were asked:** *If a non-elected government or leader could impose law and order, and deliver houses and jobs, how willing or unwilling would you be to give up regular elections and live under such a government?*

## New publications

- ✓ [Dispatch 249: Gambians expect Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission to heal the nation but want human-rights violators prosecuted](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 248: Increasingly non-partisan, South Africans willing to trade elections for security, housing, jobs](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 247: Losing the war on graft? Tunisians dissatisfied with government's anti-corruption performance](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 246: Les Camerounais, conscients de leur rôle dans la lutte contre la corruption, hésitent à s'y engager](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 245: Les Togolais ont davantage foi en leur pouvoir de faire avancer la lutte contre la corruption](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 244: Liberians approve of President Weah but are critical of government performance on the economy](#)
- ✓ [Policy Paper 50: La gouvernance, affecte-t-elle la volonté des Béninois à payer leurs taxes?](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 243: Les Gabonais décrient le manque d'écoute et les performances des élus locaux et parlementaires](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 242: Rights in Lesotho: Citizen views on police abuse, media and personal freedom, gender equality](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 241: Seven years in, slimmer majority of Kenyans see military action in Somalia as necessary](#)
- ✓ [Dispatch 240: Ill-prepared? Health-care service delivery in Zimbabwe](#)

## Visibility

- ✓ AB featured prominently as a data source for the [2018 Ibrahim Index of African Governance](#)
- ✓ Exhibit at the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2018, African School of Economics, Cotonou, Benin
- ✓ UNODC panel on justice and courts, Anti-Corruption Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark
- ✓ Presentation on "How to use AB data to influence public policy," Centre for Social Policy Studies, University of Ghana
- ✓ Data for Advocacy Training in Nairobi, Kenya



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