

# AB update

August 2018 highlights



## In the field

- ✓ **Afrobarometer completes Round 7!** With some final South Africa interviews coming in, data collection in Mozambique, Gambia, and Sudan marked the successful completion of Round 7 fieldwork. More than **50,000 interviews in 34 countries** in all regions of Africa – a massive accomplishment in a survey round that started off under a dark cloud of financial uncertainty. Click on the image at right for a little video celebration. Our **heartfelt thanks to AB donors, partners, and friends** everywhere who made this achievement possible. We count on your continued support for Round 8 starting early next year.
- ✓ Dissemination of country-level results continues. And watch for our **Pan-Africa Profiles** starting in a couple of months.



## In the news



AB Executive Director E. Gyimah-Boadi will be honored with the **Distinguished Africanist Award** from the African Studies Association. The award, to be presented Dec. 1, recognizes his lifetime of scholarship and service.

**AB in the media:** 442 media hits were recorded in August across various media outlets, including [Bloomberg](#), [Forbes](#), [Boston Globe](#), [Modern Ghana](#), [DefenceWeb](#), [Namibian Sun](#), [Voice of America](#), [Newsday Zimbabwe](#), [Radio France Internationale](#), [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](#), [Brookings](#), [ChinaDaily.com](#), [Espace Manager](#), [Washington Post](#), [allAfrica.com](#). ...

### Politics

#### Zimbabwe Renewal Hopes Dashed as Vote Dispute Sparks Mayhem

By [Monica Cohen](#), [Brent Long](#), and [Desmond Simons](#)  
August 2, 2018, 3:04 AM GMT Updated on August 2, 2018, 11:40 AM GMT

• Three de-ath soldiers open fire on opposition supporters

• (Reuters) Highlights from the race to electoral process



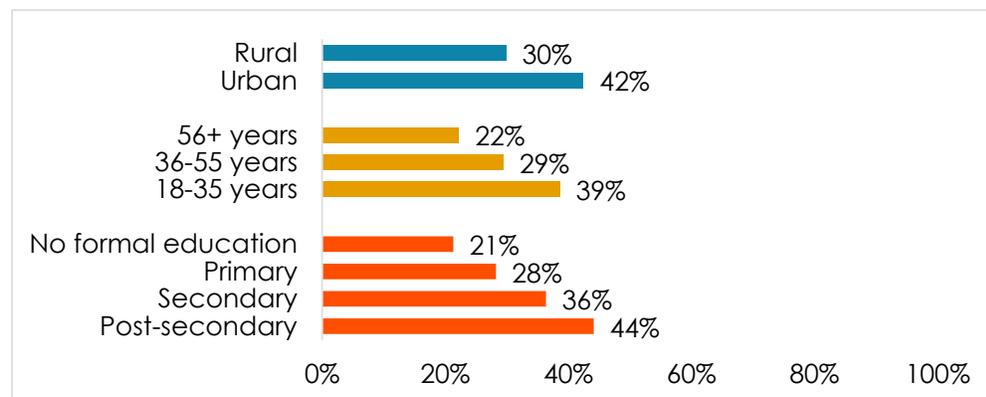
## On digital/social media

Website	10,740 users; 2,674 downloads
Twitter	261 new followers
Facebook	11,131 total followers



## Chart of the month

**Have considered emigration** | by socio-demographic group | Nigeria | 2017



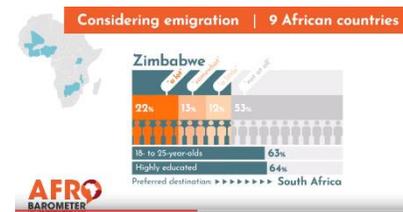
**Respondents were asked:** How much, if at all, have you considered moving to another country to live?  
(% who say "a little bit," "somewhat," or "a lot")

## New publications

- ✓ Dispatch 231: One in three Nigerians have considered emigration, most to find economic opportunity
- ✓ Dispatch 230: Citizen engagement in Botswana: Beyond voting, how much interest in participation?
- ✓ Dispatch 229: Les changements climatiques rendent la vie pire, selon les Gabonais
- ✓ Dispatch 228: Batswana support democracy, but satisfaction and perceived freedom of speech decline
- ✓ Dispatch 227: Only one in three Tanzanians aware of climate change
- ✓ Dispatch 226: eSwatini citizens see more severe weather, but almost half are not aware of climate change
- ✓ Dispatch 225: Mauritius strong – but far from perfect – on gender equality and social tolerance

## New video

On International Youth Day, AB released its new video on migration, based on Round 7 data from nine African countries showing that young and well-educated citizens are most likely to have considered leaving their country.



## Visibility

- ✓ "Making democracy work for the people: Reflections on Ghana's 25-year journey toward democratic development," CDD-Ghana's 14th Kronti ne Akwamu Lecture, in Accra
- ✓ Seminar on Zimbabwe's 2018 elections, for Georgetown University MBA students, in Cape Town
- ✓ Presentation on local government in three African countries, University of Cape Town
- ✓ Presentation on the value of data at the Centre for Public Service Innovation Conference, Cape Town
- ✓ Presentation on local councillors in Benin, at the Local Governance Day celebration in Cotonou

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