

AB update

October 2017 highlights



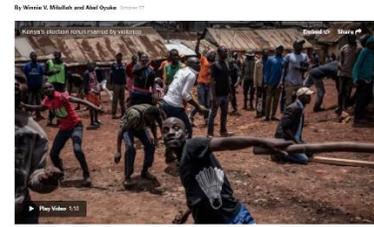
In the field

- ✓ Burkina Faso, Gabon, and Mauritius completed Round 7 fieldwork.
- ✓ Namibia conducted training and was headed into the field in early November.
- ✓ Botswana conducted its first R7 release event on electoral reforms, state funding of political parties, and opposition viability.
- ✓ Next up for R7 training and fieldwork: Lesotho, Togo, Senegal, Cape Verde. ...

In the news

AB in the media: 136 media hits were recorded in October across various media outlets, including the [Washington Post](#) (at right), [Le Monde Afrique](#), [WMNews24](#), [Pan-African News Wire](#), [Weekend Post](#) (Botswana), [Black Star News](#), [Open Democracy](#) (UK), [Mail & Guardian](#), [Notre Voie](#) (Togo), [Mali Actu](#) (below right), [Mali Jet](#), RTI (Côte d'Ivoire). ...

Kenya's support for democracy and rule of law offers hope despite electoral upheaval



Mali : Corruption, insalubrité, occupation anarchique des voies... Les Maliens veulent le changement mais ne sont pas prêts à changer

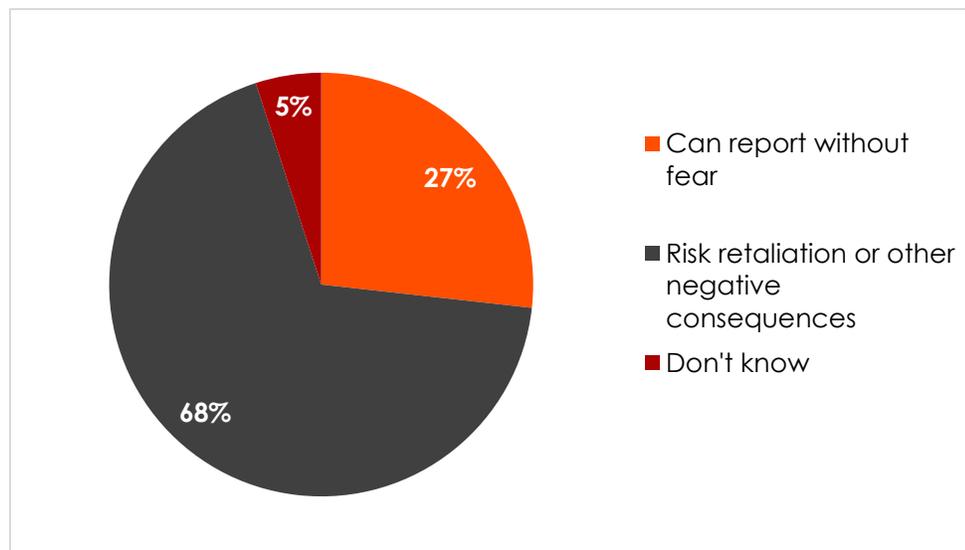


On digital/social media

Website	- 9,298 users, 3,553 data/publication downloads - Most popular download: PP41: Efficacy for fighting corruption: Evidence from 36 African countries
Twitter	145 new followers
Facebook	7,794 impressions

Chart of the month

Fear of retaliation for reporting corruption | Côte d'Ivoire | 2017



Respondents were asked: *In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?*

New publications

- ✓ WP175: Wartime educational loss and attitudes toward democratic institutions
- ✓ PP42: Public service delivery in South Africa: Councillors and citizens critical links in overcoming persistent inequities
- ✓ AD168: Amid declining trust in IEC, Batswana skeptical of electronic voting but favour other reforms
- ✓ AD167: Les Ivoiriens demeurent insatisfaits de la lutte des autorités contre la corruption
- ✓ AD166: In Mali, citizens' access to justice compromised by perceived bias, corruption, complexity
- ✓ AD165: Majority of Zimbabweans want government out of private communications, religious speech

Presentations

- ✓ On citizen perceptions in Southern Africa, at the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, in Cape Town, South Africa
- ✓ On local government service delivery, at the Development Bank of Southern Africa in Johannesburg
- ✓ On trust in political parties, at the African School of Economics in Cotonou, Benin (photo at right)



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