

# AB update

August 2019 highlights

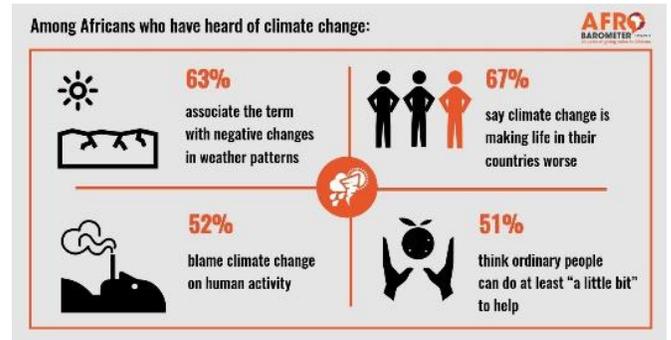


## In the field

- ✓ Released our ninth Pan-Africa Profile, on [climate change](#)
- ✓ Botswana completed Round 8 fieldwork
- ✓ Kenya and Namibia began fieldwork
- ✓ Next: Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire

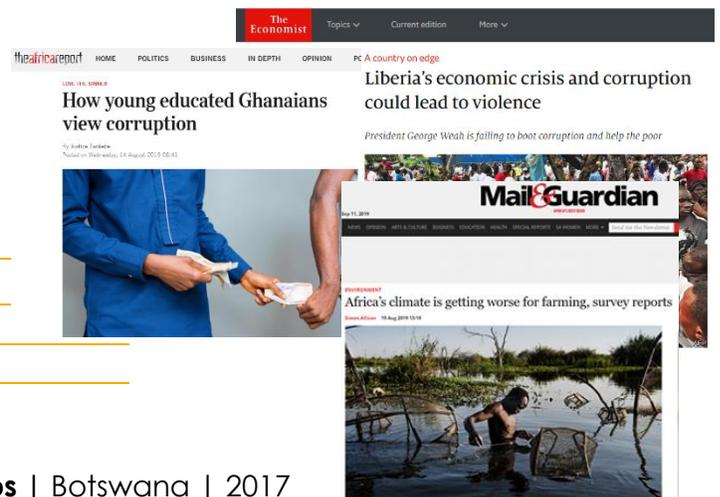
## “AB stories”

As we enter our third decade, wrap up R7, start R8 fieldwork, build our new organizational structure and staff, and mentor new national partners, we take a moment now and then to enjoy some family stories from our first 20 years. See the first installments of our “AB stories” video series: [“Starry night”](#) and [“Survey me, too!”](#)



## In the news

We recorded 156 media hits in August across various outlets, including the [Mail & Guardian](#), [Atlantic](#), [Economist](#), [Africa Report](#), [Times Live](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [DW](#), [NewsDay Zimbabwe](#). ...

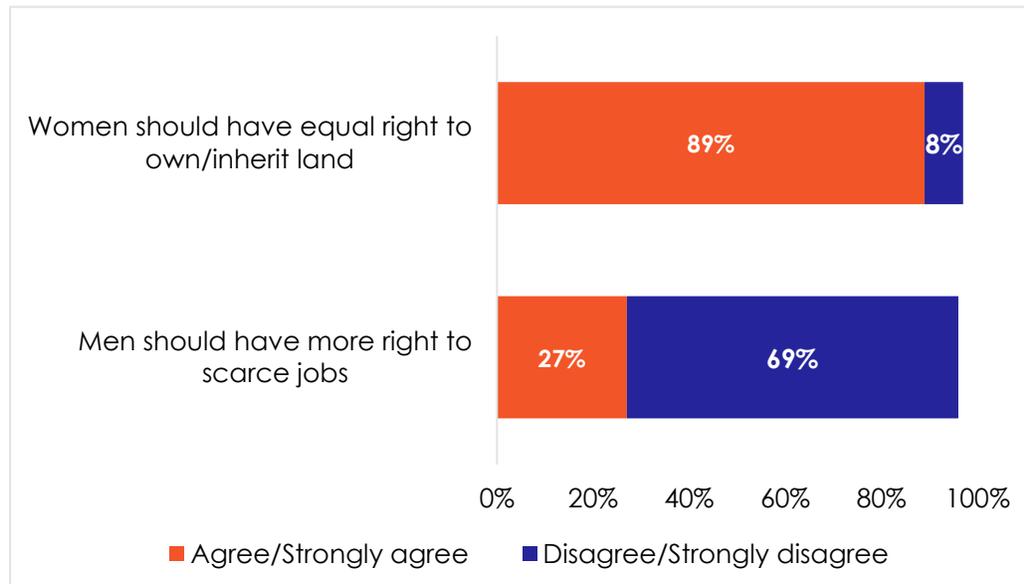


## On digital/social media

Website	11,179 users; 3,644 downloads
Twitter	245 new followers
Facebook	11,820 total followers

## Chart of the month

Support for gender equality in land and jobs | Botswana | 2017



**Respondents were asked:** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree:

Women should have equal right to land?

When jobs are scarce, men should have more right to a job than women?

## New publications

- ✓ Policy Paper 60: Change ahead: Experience and awareness of climate change in Africa
- ✓ Policy Paper 59: La création d'emplois: Un défi majeur au Bénin
- ✓ Dispatch 318: Batswana report improving gender equality and approve of government efforts
- ✓ Dispatch 317: Gambians trust the armed forces but are split over the presence of ECOMIG
- ✓ Dispatch 316: São Toméans support taxes but don't trust tax officials
- ✓ Dispatch 315: Le Niger sur les ondes: La radio, première source d'information
- ✓ Policy paper 59: La création d'emplois: Un défi majeur au Bénin
- ✓ Dispatch 314: La violence politique a encore le vent en poupe en Guinée
- ✓ Dispatch 313: Les milieux d'affaires et politique vus comme le siège d'une corruption croissante au Niger

## Visibility

- ✓ The Editors' Forum of Namibia cited AB findings on dwindling popular support for media freedom in reviving its Journalism Awards to celebrate and promote professional excellence.
- ✓ Survey Warehouse, Afrobarometer's national partner in Namibia, launched a weekly series of newspaper columns on survey findings that may have a bearing on voters and parties leading up to the November general election.
- ✓ AB joined representatives of the Arab Barometer, Latin American Public Opinion Project, and Comparative Study of Electoral Systems in a roundtable discussion about survey research at the American Political Science Association annual meeting (see photo at right).
- ✓ Acting CEO E. Gyimah-Boadi chaired the launch of Ghana's Civil Society Organizations Coalition on the National Referendum and Election of MMDCEs.
- ✓ AB published a post on declining public support for media freedom on the Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA) blog.
- ✓ AB participated in a panel discussion at Resolve and Change Systems' "Deepening democracy" event.
- ✓ AB conducted online data analysis training at Cape Peninsula University of Technology in Cape Town.
- ✓ Presentations:
  - On "Popular support for democracy," at the Conference on the Consolidation or Deconsolidation of Democracies in Bali, Indonesia
  - On Gambians' perception of the military, to the Gambian Armed Forces
  - On climate change, to SouthSouthNorth in Cape Town
  - On "Cost of corruption beyond the money," at the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria



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