

# AB update

February 2020 highlights

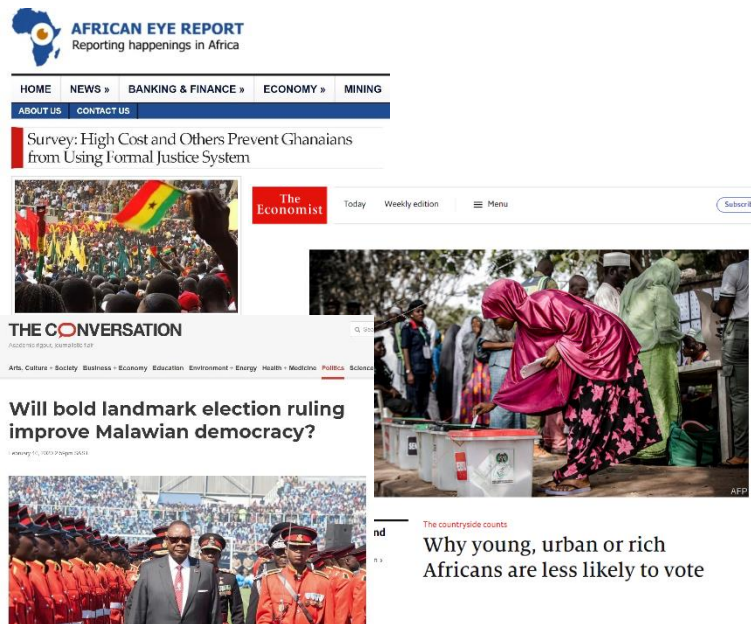


## In the field and around the network

- ✓ Gabon and Nigeria completed Round 8 data collection, while Lesotho and Tunisia headed into the field. Next up: Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Mali, Niger, Mauritius. ...
- ✓ Results dissemination continued in Malawi, Botswana, Namibia, and Ghana.
- ✓ AB is partnering with the African Union's African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) to strengthen technical capacities and collaboration. An agreement signed on the sidelines of the AU Summit in Addis Ababa provides a framework for linking AB's research expertise and data on citizen attitudes to the APRM mandate of promoting good governance and monitoring progress toward AU Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.
- ✓ AB has been selected as an innovator by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Innovation Challenge Fund to help model the economic and social contributions of volunteers to the Sustainable Development Goals.

## In the news

A total of 155 media hits were recorded in February across various media outlets, including [The Conversation Africa](#), [Economist](#), [GhanaWeb](#), [Brookings](#), [Daily Times Malawi](#), [African Mining Brief](#), [Council on Foreign Relations](#), [Bloomberg](#), [News24](#), [Namibian Sun](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [African Eye Report](#), [Soundcloud](#). ...

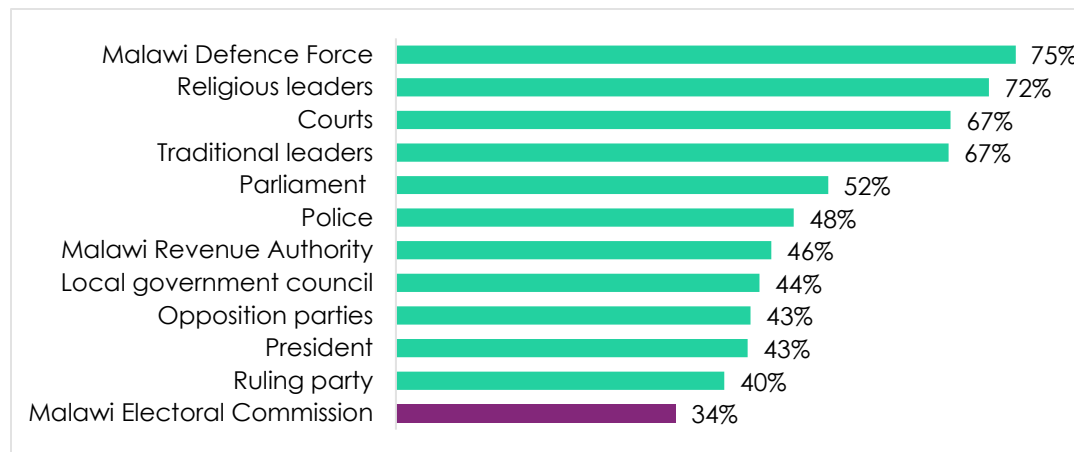


## On digital/social media

Website	15,580 users; 4,862 downloads
Online data analysis	2,852 distinct users
Twitter	212 new followers
Facebook	12,359 total followers

## Chart of the month

Popular trust in the electoral commission and other institutions | Malawi | 2019



**Respondents were asked:**  
How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say? (% who say "somewhat" or "a lot")

## New publications

- ✓ Dispatch 347: Ghanaians cite high cost, bias, and long delays as barriers to using formal justice system
- ✓ Dispatch 346: Sierra Leoneans say health care hard to access, beset by corruption – especially for the poor
- ✓ Dispatch 345: Fear of political violence soars in Sierra Leone
- ✓ Dispatch 344: Sierra Leoneans strong on democracy, but split on whether dual citizens should participate
- ✓ Dispatch 343: Climate change: Few Moroccans see it as making life worse, feel empowered to fight it
- ✓ Dispatch 342: Free vs. false: Namibia's changing media landscape presents tough choices for citizens
- ✓ Dispatch 341: Malawians see declining quality of elections, express little trust in the electoral commission
- ✓ Dispatch 340: Most Malawians see legal challenge to election results as justified, courts as impartial and trustworthy

## Visibility

- ✓ AB signed a publishing partnership with Columbia University Press allowing its work to be featured by Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO).
- ✓ AB hosted a panel with the World Justice Project on regional user-centered approaches to assessing judicial performance, at the UNODC 2nd High Level Meeting of the Global Judicial Integrity Network in Doha, Qatar.
- ✓ AB shared insights on links between good governance and prosperity at the launch of the Legatum Institute's Africa Prosperity Report 2019/20 in Addis Ababa.
- ✓ AB data on corruption was cited in the concept note for the High-Level Conference on the Promotion of Good Governance and Fight against Corruption, organized by the AU and IMF.
- ✓ Presentations:
  - On "Malawi's path-breaking verdict: Reflections on the presidential election court case," to NORAD management in Oslo, Norway
  - On Ghanaians' policy priorities, evaluations of government performance, and views on development assistance, at the CDD-Ghana Manifesto Project's Expert Consultative Meeting in Accra
  - On access to justice, to visiting Sophia University students, at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in Cape Town

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