

# AB update

November 2019 highlights



## In the field and around the network...

- ✓ Côte d'Ivoire completed R8 data collection, while Angola, Malawi, and Guinea headed into the field and Togo started training. Next up: Ethiopia, Cabo Verde, Burkina Faso, Nigeria. ...
- ✓ Results dissemination continued in Botswana, Namibia, and Ghana.
- ✓ AB continued to build its professional staff with appointments of (left to right) Felix Biga as chief operating officer, Carolyn Logan as director of analysis, and Kuukuah Baiden as human resources manager.
- ✓ AB wrapped up its Francophone Summer School in Bamako, Mali, and started its Anglophone Summer School in Cape Town, South Africa.



## In the news

A total of 326 media hits were recorded in November across various media outlets, including [Ghanaweb](#), [Gabon Review](#), [World Economic Forum](#), [Council on Foreign Relations](#), [Climate Tracker](#), [New Zimbabwe](#), [Modern Ghana](#), [Banking Industry Today](#), [Pulse](#). ...

**EDGAR LUNGU: The African century calls for a renewal of pan-African leadership**

The continent has achieved many successes, but huge challenges remain. To overcome these, modern African leaders need to work together, and should place the same value on brotherhood and co-operation as their nations' founder.

**Afrobarometer report shows 72% Ghanaians feel safe saving in their mobile money wallets**

An Afrobarometer survey has shown that 72% of Ghanaians feel safe saving their money in their mobile money wallet.

## On digital/social media

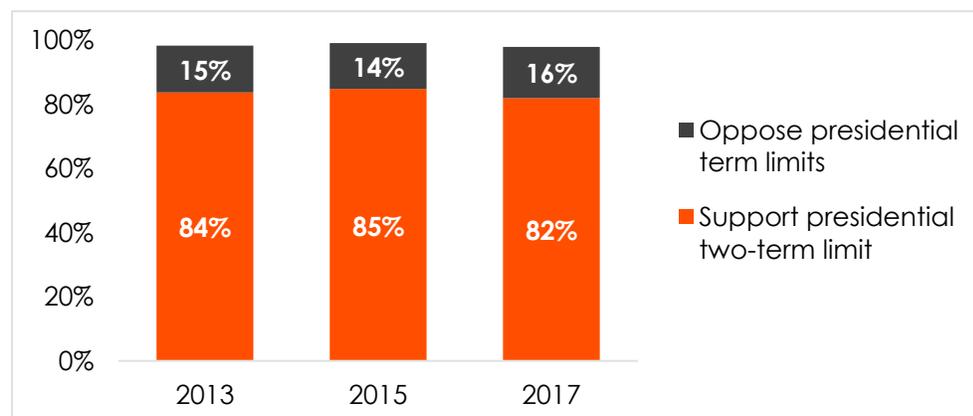
Website	17,218 users; 6,252 downloads
Online data analysis	3,372 distinct users; 59,728 pages
Twitter	242 new followers
Facebook	12,018 total followers

**L'inquiétant chômage de la jeunesse africaine**

**African women face persistent gender gaps in education, jobs, control of assets, and digital access.**

## Chart of the month

Views on presidential term limits | Guinea | 2013-2017



**Respondents were asked:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

**Statement 1:** The Constitution should limit the president to serving a maximum of two terms in office.

**Statement 2:** There should be no constitutional limit on how long the president can serve.

## New publications

- ✓ Policy Paper 61: Gains and gaps: Perceptions and experiences of gender in Africa
- ✓ Dispatch 331: Despite recent banking shake-up, Ghanaians still see banks as their safest option
- ✓ Dispatch 330: Party identification and trust are declining, but Namibians have not lost faith in voting
- ✓ Dispatch 329: Tanzania Revenue Authority earns good marks but still earning citizens' trust
- ✓ Dispatch 328: Guineans want accountable government and presidential term limits
- ✓ Dispatch 327: Despite concerns about electoral commission and conflict, Mauritians value open elections
- ✓ Dispatch 326: Sudanese voice support for elections, accountability, limits on presidential powers

## Visibility

- ✓ Development leaders gathered in Washington, D.C., to recognize AB's achievements over the past 20 years and hear about its ambitions for a third decade of giving voice to ordinary Africans. Voices of support included Liberia's former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf; Amb. Johnnie Carson, senior adviser to the U.S. Institute of Peace; and U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee staff member Lesley Warner.
- ✓ In Ghana, Vice President Mahamudu Bawumia cited AB findings on citizens' priorities at a groundbreaking ceremony, and Deputy Minister for Information Pius Enam Hadzide told the media that AB's report on perceptions of the economy was good feedback that will inform the government's planning.
- ✓ The UNDP Africa Center has developed a youth socioeconomic and political disengagement index based on AB data from 12 countries.
- ✓ AB data was featured in South Africa's 25-year review evaluating government performance and promoting Mapungubwe Vision 2044, released by President Cyril Ramaphosa.
- ✓ The Millennium Challenge Corporation's 2020 indicators will again include AB data to assess control of corruption, government effectiveness, and the rule of law.
- ✓ **Presentations:**
  - On "Mapping state capacity in Africa," at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association in Boston
  - On "Experience and awareness of climate change in Africa," at the Pre-African Ministerial Conference on the Environment Civil Society Dialogue in Durban, South Africa
  - On corruption, at a panel discussion hosted by Corruption Watch and Civic Tech Innovation Network, in Johannesburg
  - On political scientists in Africa, at a conference organized by the Nordic Africa Institute, in Accra



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