AB update

September 2019 highlights

In the field and around the network...

✓ Round 8 fieldwork wrapped up in Namibia and Kenya and started in Ghana and Uganda. Up next: Côte d’Ivoire and Nigeria.
✓ Results dissemination will start in Botswana and Namibia in October.
✓ Bruno van Dyk, an international leader in resource mobilization and development, has joined the network as director of engagement.
✓ More “AB stories”: Check out the latest installments in our video series: “Entering our third decade,” “Adrift on Lake Malawi ... without a paddle,” and “The best GPS is a 6-year-old child.”

In the news

A total of 381 media hits were recorded in September across various media outlets, including Conversation Africa, allAfrica.com, Al Jazeera, The Economist, BBC, Voice of America, AFP.com, Mail & Guardian, Africa Kontakt (Denmark), Morocco World News, Afrikalink, National Catholic Reporter, ABS-CBN News, Daily Maverick ...

On digital/social media

Website 13,575 users; 3,824 downloads
Most popular download: Global Corruption Barometer – Africa 2019

Online data analysis 2,487 distinct users; 29,736 pages served

Twitter 130 new followers

Facebook 11,866 total followers

Chart of the month

Satisfaction with democracy | Cabo Verde | 2002-2017

Respondents were asked: Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Cabo Verde?
New publications
✓ Dispatch 321: Is Benin’s democracy living up to its reputation?
✓ Dispatch 320: Les services de base et les infrastructures du Niger ne sont pas encore suffisants
✓ Dispatch 319: Despite freedoms, Cabo Verdeans dissatisfied with democracy as economic performance worsens

Visibility
✓ Afrobarometer and Transparency International’s Global Corruption Barometer – Africa 2019 was cited by:
  o Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, in a statement on Twitter to condemn the alleged coup attempt in Ghana.
  o Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo, as proof of his government’s commitment to fighting corruption.
✓ South Africa’s Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries cited AB findings on “climate change literacy” in her widely reported keynote address at the 10th Oppenheimer Research Conference.
✓ AB and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation published their first joint research paper, “‘Updata-ing’ the narrative about African migration.”
✓ AB data was featured extensively at the “State of Democracy in Central and Southern Africa” conference in Cape Town, including in Graça Machel’s keynote address and in a related op-ed, “Defending democracy,” by Kofi Annan Foundation President Alan Doss and Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance Director Faizel Ismail.
✓ E. Gyimah-Boadi gave the keynote address, on linkages between democratic governance and socioeconomic development, at the ESID Research Centre Conference, Manchester, UK.
✓ Presentations:
  o On AB Round 7 highlights, to key stakeholders in Washington, D.C.
  o On unemployment, regional integration, and climate change, at a side event to the World Economic Forum Africa
  o On the supply of democratic governance and social/economic goods, at the Legatum Institute Prosperity Roundtable
  o On Gambians’ perception of the armed forces and the presence of ECOMIG, at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung’s conference on the political role of ECOWAS in the transition of the Gambia
  o On AB online data analysis, to Watch Benin

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