

# AB update

August 2021 highlights

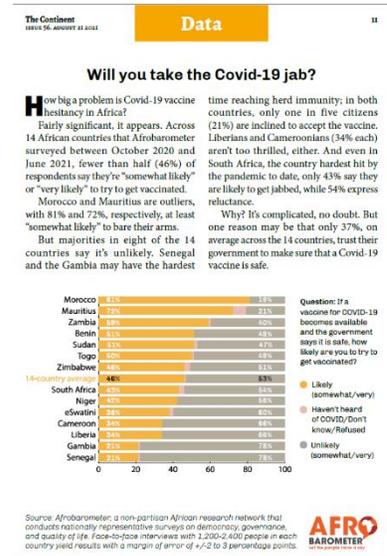


## In the field and around the network

- ✓ Fresh off its successful completion – despite a pandemic – of Round 8 data collection in 34 countries, AB is pivoting straight into **Round 9**. Fieldwork is planned in at least 35 countries in 2021/2022 with a questionnaire containing **new modules** on COVID-19, environmental governance, gender-based violence, social services, and responsive government, among others. Meanwhile, watch for our **R8 Pan-Africa Profiles**.
- ✓ AB launched a weekly **“Data” series in the Continent**, a newspaper written by journalists across Africa in partnership with the Mail & Guardian and distributed largely via WhatsApp.

## In the news

A total of **662 media hits** were recorded in August across various media outlets, including the Economist, Associated Press, SABC News, Daily Maverick, News Chant, Gabonews, International Business Times, MaliJet, Pulse.ng, Washington Post, Al Jazeera, Christian Science Monitor, Tagesschau, South African. ...



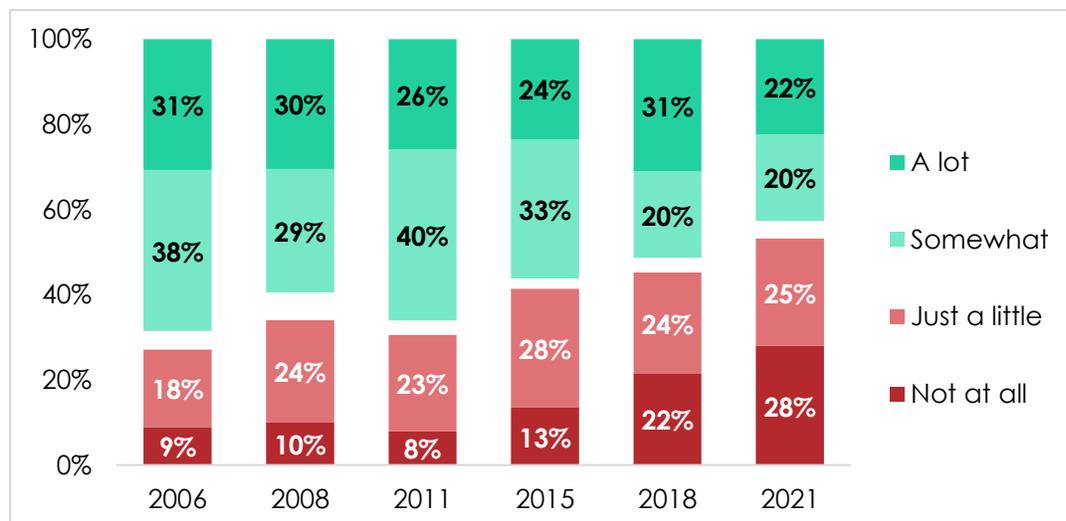
## On digital/social media

Website	16,643 users; 4,971 downloads
Online data analysis	3,084 distinct users; 21,188 pages
Twitter	22,669 followers
Facebook	14,819 fans



## Chart of the month

Trust in courts of law | South Africa | 2006-2021



**Respondents were asked:**  
How much do you trust courts of law, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?

## Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 188: Partisanship in a young democracy: Evidence from Ghana
- ✓ Policy Paper 75: Chefferie traditionnelle en Côte d'Ivoire: Quel bilan après l'institutionnalisation?
- ✓ Dispatch 474: South Africans' trust in institutions and representatives reaches new low
- ✓ Dispatch 473: Les Gabonais font peu confiance à la police et à la gendarmerie
- ✓ Dispatch 472: In Zimbabwe, citizens call for free cross-border movement and open trade
- ✓ Dispatch 471: Majority of Gambians say their country is heading in the wrong direction
- ✓ Dispatch 470: Emaswati approve of government's COVID-19 response, but remain skeptical about vaccines
- ✓ Dispatch 469: Zimbabweans see traditional leaders as influential but want them to stay out of politics
- ✓ Dispatch 468: ARP: Les évaluations citoyennes avaient déjà tiré la sonnette d'alarme en Tunisie

## Visibility

- ✓ An AB **#VoicesAfrica webinar on youth** asked “Are youth voices heard in policy making?”
- ✓ AB released **Afrobarometer SDG Scorecards** for seven more countries with a webinar for Southern Africa. National partner Stat View International also organized a webinar on the SDG Scorecard for Guinea.
- ✓ AB continued its Washington Post Monkey Cage series with a report on citizens' views on the **COVID-19 response and vaccines**.



## Presentations:

- ✓ On COVID-19, international relations, and volunteerism, at the African Philanthropy Conference
- ✓ On civic space, to the National Endowment for Democracy

## Support for Afrobarometer



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