

AB update

May 2021 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ AB launched its **Afrobarometer SDG Scorecard** series, designed to contribute the perspectives of African citizens to the tracking of progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The first five country scorecards – for Botswana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, and Togo – were released as part of a webinar featuring Mo Ibrahim, founder and chair of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Oliver Chinganya, director at the African Centre for Statistics of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA); Margot Wallström, former Swedish deputy prime minister and foreign minister; and Solomon Mugeru, regional editor for BBC Africa. Watch for 26 more scorecards during a series of upcoming regional webinars.
- ✓ Fieldwork was completed in **Zimbabwe**, started in **South Africa**, and will begin in **Mozambique** in June as AB wraps up its 34-country Round 8 surveys.
- ✓ AB started a two-week thematic seminar on “**Conflict, violence, and democratic governance**,” in collaboration with the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa at the University of Cape Town.



In the news

A total of **202 media hits** were recorded in May across various media outlets, including [War on the Rocks](#), [Conversation Africa](#), [BBC](#), [Proshare Intelligent Investing](#), [Xinhua News](#), [News24](#), [Yahoo!](#), [Lesotho Times](#), [allAfrica.com](#), [Quartz](#), [Senepus](#), [Radio France Internationale](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [Jeune Afrique](#). ...



On digital/social media



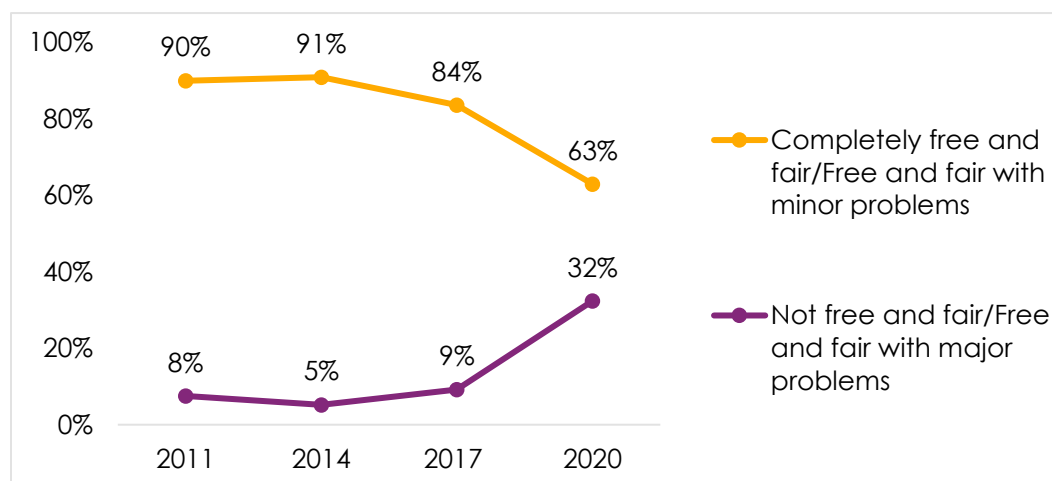
Website	17,360 users; 5,027 downloads
Online data analysis	5,870 distinct users; 42,453 pages served
Twitter	21,877 followers
Facebook	14,949 followers

Publications

- ✓ Dispatch 455: [Les Tunisiens ont confiance en leurs tribunaux mais pensent que les gens ne sont pas égaux devant la loi](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 454: [Liberians are unhappy about economic conditions, but wary of public protests](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 453: [Mauritians' assessment of election quality took a hit in 2019](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 452: [Access denied: Freedom of information in Africa falls short of public expectations](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 451: [Les Sénégalais souhaitent un accès sans restriction aux réseaux sociaux, mais déplorent les fausses informations et les discours de haine](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 450: [Manque de confiance, corruption et COVID-19, les Togolais néanmoins favorables à obéir à leur gouvernement](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 449: [Identity in Kenya: Tolerance and trust deficits point to opportunities for progress](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 448: [Ethiopians support media's watchdog role but want regulated access to Internet, social media](#)

Chart of the month

Freeness and fairness of the last election | Mauritius | 2011-2020



Respondents were asked:
On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the last national election, held in [20XX]?

Visibility

- ✓ AB CEO Joe Asunka was a panelist at the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) virtual summit on "Amplifying citizen voices in African development."
- ✓ AB continued its Washington Post Monkey Cage series with an analysis of citizens' access to information.
- ✓ AB participated in a UNDP methodology workshop and consultation on "How has the African Union contributed to the Africa we want in the last 20 years? What is the Africa we want?"



Presentations:

- ✓ On tax compliance in Ghana, for Leaders of Africa Hangouts
- ✓ On "Patrons or agents? African MPs in their districts," to the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions Workshop on Citizens' Perspectives on Accountability

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