AB update

November 2021 highlights

In the field and around the network
✓ AB’s national partners in Namibia, Kenya, and Gabon completed Round 9 data collection. Côte d’Ivoire is in the field, and Uganda and Madagascar are expected to head out in December.
✓ An Afrobarometer-World Bank Authorship Workshop provided guidance and mentorship in data analysis and writing for 11 World Bank Africa Fellows.
✓ AB Hackathons at the University of California, Riverside and Pepperdine University introduced students to two decades’ worth of data on what Africans think – all accessible via our free online data analysis tool.

In the news
A total of 268 media hits were recorded in November across various media outlets, including the Daily Maverick, Quartz, South China Morning Post, Agence Ecotin, Yahoo News, MarketScreener, Le Monde, OECD Development Matters, Foreign Policy, Mail & Guardian, New Zimbabwe, Paris Match, DW, Vision Guinée, Le Point, TV5Monde, Jeune Afrique, ...

On digital/social media
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Chart of the month

People risk retaliation if they report corruption | 34 African countries | 2019/2021

Respondents were asked: In this country, can ordinary people report incidences of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out? (% who say they risk retaliation)
Publications

✓ Dispatch 492: Beyond borders? Africans prefer self-reliant development but remain skeptical of free trade and open borders
✓ Dispatch 491: Most Gambians value elections, but fewer trust the institution that manages them
✓ Dispatch 490: Moroccans embrace COVID-19 vaccination but are dissatisfied with pandemic assistance
✓ Dispatch 489: Africans welcome China’s influence but maintain democratic aspirations
✓ Dispatch 488: Africans see growing corruption, poor government response, but fear retaliation if they speak out
✓ Dispatch 487: Les Nigériens soutiennent le respect des lois et tribunaux, mais une bonne partie perçoit des traitements inéquitables devant la justice
✓ Dispatch 486: Africans say governments aren’t doing enough to help youth

Visibility

✓ China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson discussed AB findings on China’s influence in Africa during a media briefing at the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.
✓ Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright cited AB in her article on “The coming democratic revival” in Foreign Affairs.
✓ The European Commission’s Joint Research Centre highlighted AB data in its report on “Population exposure and migrations linked to climate change in Africa.”
✓ CEO Joseph Asunka provided “An African perspective on migration and diaspora” for the Institut Montaigne blog.
✓ Board Chair E. Gyimah-Boadi delivered Kent University’s John Burton lecture on democratic backsliding in West Africa. A master class focused on using AB for research and teaching.
✓ Gyimah-Boadi laid out AB’s vision in a lengthy interview with MakersAfrica.
✓ AB continued its pre-Summit for Democracy series on African democracy in the Washington Post Monkey Cage, focusing on term limits, elections, corruption, and at-risk democracies.
✓ AB also continued its series in the Continent with “Data” pages on climate change, access to digital platforms, and the impact of social media.
✓ “Africans’ perceptions of Africa-China engagement” was the focus of a webinar in the AB #VoicesAfrica series.
✓ AB released Pan-Africa Profiles on globalization, China-Africa relations, corruption, and youth.

Presentations:

✓ On AB Round 8 findings to staff of the U.S National Security Council, State Department, USAID, and Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as well as to the All Party Parliamentary Group (UK) and the Division of Social Science, New York University Abu Dhabi
✓ On ill health and economic hardship during COVID, to the Third African Research Universities Alliance Biennial Conference on Public Health Challenges
✓ As panelists at the African Studies Association annual meeting, the World Association for Public Opinion Research 74th Annual Conference, and an “Africa and COVID-19: Disinfodemic” roundtable organized by the International Development Research Center
✓ On AB as a resource for effective Africanist research and policy making, to UN-WIDER.

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