

AB update

December 2016 highlights



In the field

While fund-raising efforts continue in hopes of improving country coverage, Round 7 surveys proceed on a limited basis:

- ✓ Kenya set to start R7 dissemination.
- ✓ Fieldwork completed in Benin.
- ✓ Fieldwork under way in Uganda, Malawi, Côte d'Ivoire.
- ✓ Fieldwork to begin in January in Mali.

In the news

AB in the media: 137 media hits across various media outlets, including [CNN](#), [CCTV](#), [the Star](#), [Le Point Afrique](#), the [Washington Post Monkey Cage](#). ...

On digital/social media

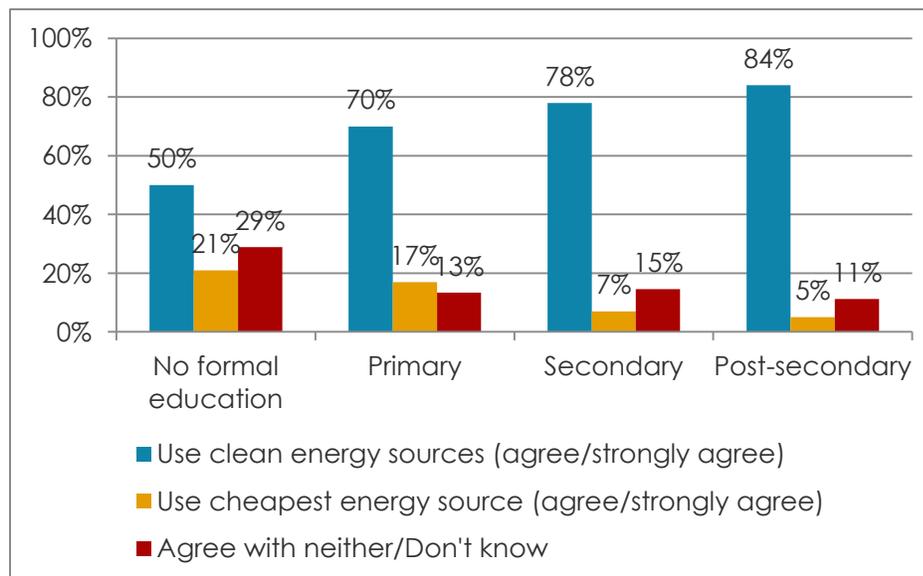
Website	- 6,782 users; 2,515 data/publication downloads - Most popular download: Do Africans still want democracy?
Online data analysis tool	1,514 distinct users 22,764 pages served
Twitter	154 new followers (8,598 total)
Facebook	22,750 impressions

Do #Africans still want democracy? New findings warn of democratic recession, point to long-term gains bit.ly/2f1uhPq
#VoicesAfrica pic.twitter.com/59o0LHgo0W



Chart of the month

Attitudes toward renewable energy | by educational attainment | Mauritius | 2014



Respondents were asked: Which of the following statements is closest to your view?
Statement 1: The government should produce electricity from the cheapest possible source even if doing so harms the environment.
Statement 2: The government should invest in the production and use of clean energy such as solar or wind, even if this means we have to pay more for electricity.

New publications

- ✓ After 50 years, freedom of association is firmly established, though far from absolute, in Africa?
- ✓ Are Africans willing to pay higher taxes or user fees for better health care?
- ✓ Zimbabweans demand accountability in governance, doubt efficacy of elections
- ✓ Winds of change? Attitudes toward renewable energy policy in Mauritius
- ✓ En Guinée, l'intérêt à la vie politique est faible, mais la perception des libertés est forte



Presentations and events

- ✓ Media training in Benin on data access and use.
- ✓ 2nd Civil Society Forum on Combatting Corruption in Africa, sponsored by the Pan-African Lawyers Union (Arusha, Tanzania).
- ✓ AfricaNow! session on "Declining democracy assistance and the future of Afrobarometer: Addressing threats to a research and activist agenda" at African Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Support for Afrobarometer



Thanks to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. State Department, the National Endowment for Democracy, and the World Bank, Afrobarometer surveys will continue in 2017. But planned country coverage is still very limited, and Afrobarometer's longer-term survival remains uncertain. Voices of support for our work will continue to be essential.



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