Afrobarometer heads a pan-African, nonpartisan research network that conducts public attitude surveys on democracy, governance, economic conditions, and related issues across Africa. After six rounds of surveys in up to 38 countries between 1999 and 2015, Round 7 surveys included 45,823 interviews completed in 34 countries between September 2016 and September 2018. The special module on gender equality was carried out in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent’s choice with nationally representative samples that yield country-level results with margins of error of +/-2 to +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level.

Round 8 surveys are planned in at least 35 countries in 2019/2020. Interested readers may follow all our releases, including our Pan-Africa Profiles series of cross-country analyses, at #VoicesAfrica, and sign up for our distribution list at www.afrobarometer.org.

Charts

Figure 1: Evidence of a digital divide, by gender | 34 countries | 2016/2018

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<th>Men</th>
<th>Women</th>
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<tr>
<td>Own mobile phone</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>73%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Use mobile phone every day</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Mobile phone access to Internet</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>Use Internet regularly</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Regular news from social media</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regular news from Internet</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Own computer</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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Respondents were asked:
Which of these things do you personally own: Mobile phone? Computer? (% “yes”)
Does your phone have access to the Internet? (% “yes”)
How often do you use a mobile phone? (% “every day”)
How often do you use the Internet? (% “a few times a week” or “every day”)
How often do you get news from the following sources: Internet? Social media? (% “a few times a week” or “every day”)

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Figure 2: Regular Internet usage | by gender | 34 countries | 2016/2018

Respondents were asked: How often do you use the Internet? (% who say “a few times a week” or “every day”)

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Figure 3: Countries with fastest-growing regular Internet use by women | selected countries | 2011-2018

Respondents were asked: How often do you use the Internet? (% who say “a few times a week” or “every day”)

Figure 4: Countries with widening gender gaps in Internet use (percentage points) | 31 countries | 2011-2018

Figure shows differences in Round 5 (2011/2013) and Round 7 (2016/2018) surveys, in percentage points, in the proportions of men and women who said they use the Internet “a few times a week” or “every day.”
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