

News release

CDD-Ghana, seven other African research organizations honored by Afrobarometer

The **Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana)** has won Afrobarometer's Best Conversation Starter Award for its outstanding achievements in promoting visibility and use of survey findings. CDD-Ghana was celebrated for attracting particularly strong attention by the media and elected leaders and enriching the national policy discourse with Afrobarometer data.

Awards were presented during Afrobarometer's planning meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, with researchers from across the continent who will conduct its next round of surveys in 2019-2020. Other awards include:

Star of the Round Award: Zimbabwe's **Mass Public Opinion Institute (MPOI)** for best overall performance among the network's three dozen national partners during Round 7 surveys.

Best Stakeholder Engagement Award: South Africa's **Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR)**, for its successful efforts to promote stakeholder engagement and data use.

Best Face Forward Award: One to One Research and Polling of Tunisia, for its exemplary outreach and communications efforts.

Best Publications Award: Togo's **Center for Research and Opinion Polls (CROP)**, for its diverse, timely, and high-quality publications.

Best Newcomer Award: The Gambia's **Centre for Policy, Research and Strategic Studies (CepRass)** as the top-performing new member of the network.

Extra Mile Award: **Advison Lesotho**, for its extraordinary efforts to ensure the success of its Round 7 survey.

On Time Award: The **Centre for Social Research**, University of Malawi, for its timeliness in executing all aspects of the survey.

Afrobarometer, which is marking its 20th anniversary this year, is a non-partisan survey research project that measures public attitudes and perceptions on democracy, governance, economic conditions, and related issues in Africa. In its seventh round of national surveys in 2016-2018, the network overcame funding challenges to complete surveys in 34 countries while successfully transitioning from paper-based to electronic data collection.

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