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Chat protocol

Social Cohesion in Africa: Where do we stand? Where are we heading to?

Webinar, April 26, 2022
3:00 – 4:00 pm (GMT+2)

15:03:13 From Nik Myint to all:

Good morning and good afternoon everybody -- a pleasure to have you here

15:03:26 From Nik Myint to all:

Please use this chat for any questions you may have as we go along the session

15:18:36 From Eli Wortmann to all:

Could you explain what might have caused the positive changes in Levels o popular trust in some countries? Thank you

15:18:51 From Dennis Puorideme to all:

How has AB helped decolonise the study of African Societies as it relies heavily on traditional methods - interviews and questionnaires, which are mostly power laden?

15:24:22 From Eli Wortmann to all:

It is very exciting to see how many different countries are within the survey. Do you see whether common concepts of society, such as Ubuntu, etc, are relevant for social cohesion or do these kinds of concepts only play a theoretic role in scientific discourse? Thank you

15:27:22 From Leonidas Maniraho to all:

how can we get this document ?

15:27:59 From Gianluca Grimalda to all:

Didn't you look at discrimination by ethnicity?

15:32:57 From Audrey Sacks to all:

Joe - great presentation! Did you look at the correlations between perceptions of fairness and social cohesion?

15:33:41 From Thomas Isbell to all:

thanks for the presentation, Joe. Could you reflect on the usefulness of possibly computing a single index of social cohesion or do you think that the relation between the different components of social cohesion are too different across countries and time for a single aggregate index to be useful?

15:36:36 From Paula Zuluaga to all:

Thanks for the presentation. I would like to know if you have explored some differences by sex/gender of the respondents? Are women more or less tolerant, trusting etc than men?

15:36:49 From Uwagaga Kayigamba to all:

I wonder if the Youth was consulted as part of the social cohesion, how they perceive their leaders and especially how they see themselves as part of the community. Challenges for the young generation to get a decent job and a future is a threat to social and political cohesion.

15:40:46 From Nobre de Jesus Canhanga to all:

1. I didn't quite understand how they sample the surveys;
1. Did you look at the level of trust and perceived sense of belonging?
3. Among the indicators, is there a distinction between demand and support indicators?

15:40:50 From Armin von Schiller to all:

Sorry, my camera and mic seem not to work but I can hear the responses

15:41:39 From patricia oliveira to all:

Swiss Development Development Agency in Mozambique has funded a Social Cohesion Barometre (quantitative and qualitative) undertaken by IESE where we developed a conceptual framework of social cohesion and divided in by six domains and operationalized each area. It will be interesting for us to cross check some of the findings with the Afrobarometre but then again the starting point of any research on social cohesion is the conceptual framework that is being used.

15:43:41 From Taies Nezam to all:

Did you interview displaced populations—refugees and idps?

15:47:55 From Thomas Columkill Garrity to all:

Joseph - wonderful presentation! (and as you presented was curious about a few data questions - as I'd been part of AB's inclusion in Dani Kaufmann's Governance indicators): 1) Data over time (i.e., measuring change): How has "belonging" (Trust, tax payment) changed over time - and (as Audrey asks re correlations) can it be correlated to changes in business start-up data, SOGI laws (Kees Waldie; Women/Business & the law data); and 2) IF Trust = "Belonging" = "Connection" - could this data be coorelated/compared with that of Brene Brown on "Shame"?

15:49:38 From Thomas Columkill Garrity to all:

(oh, forgot one) 3) Have any private sector companies used AB data for Advertising Purposes? (i.e., targeting consumers to purchase X product; or Govt Y to get peeps to pay more taxes)?

15:50:33 From frings to all:

Does your conceptual framework include social cohesion and violent conflicts? If yes, have you found out how they shape social trust, do they increase or rather decrease in-group trust?

15:51:22 From Gianluca Grimalda to all:

The Bertelsmann Foundation has developed an index of social cohesion:
https://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/fileadmin/files/BSt/Publikationen/GrauePublikationen/GP_Social_Cohesion_Radar.pdf?msclid=c6d3e745c56711eca82c1d058bdb9997

15:51:44 From Fletcher Cox to all:

If useful for anyone on the call, this report describes prior attempts across the UN system to develop a social cohesion index: <https://www.undp.org/publications/strengthening-social-cohesion-conceptual-framing-and-programming-implications>

15:53:39 From Gianluca Grimalda to all:

The standard question on trust "Do you feel others can be trusted..." is valuable, but technically it's a measure of beliefs of trustworthiness rather than trust. Trust proper would be captured by questions like "do you leave your door open?", "Do you lend money to friends / neighbours / colleagues?" or something of this type that is relevant.

15:55:52 From Daniel Nowack to all:

Dear all - check out the conceptualization and measurement of social cohesion by DIE in cooperation with Afrobarometer here if you are interested:
<https://www.socialcohesion.info/library/publication/social-cohesion-africa-die-gdi>

15:56:08 From Thomas Columkill Garrity to all:

(Good point Gialunca: My concern here on TRUST was also partly linguistic - in French it's translated as "CONFIANCE" - which to me has a different meaning (i.e., "confidence" (eg., in a contract) vs 'In God We Trust" (on the US1\$) - so your questions would provide a way around this translation issue.

15:57:10 From Daniel Nowackto all:

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15:57:48 From Thomas Isbellto all:

<https://afrobarometer.org/publications/ad516-ties-bind-evidence-unity-and-division-34-african-countries>

15:57:52 From Thomas Columkill Garrityto all:

Joseph: simple Y/N Q: Has AB data been used by the private sector (i.e., not the Malawi/corruption media- but businesses)?

15:58:36 From Paul Francisto all:

Minor comment: the meaning of being reluctant to wear traditional dress in countries where a nation-building project is important to the culture may be very different from that in a country which is fragmented and where there is prejudice or hostility.

15:59:06 From Eli Wortmannto all:

Thank you very much for the great session. Much appreciated