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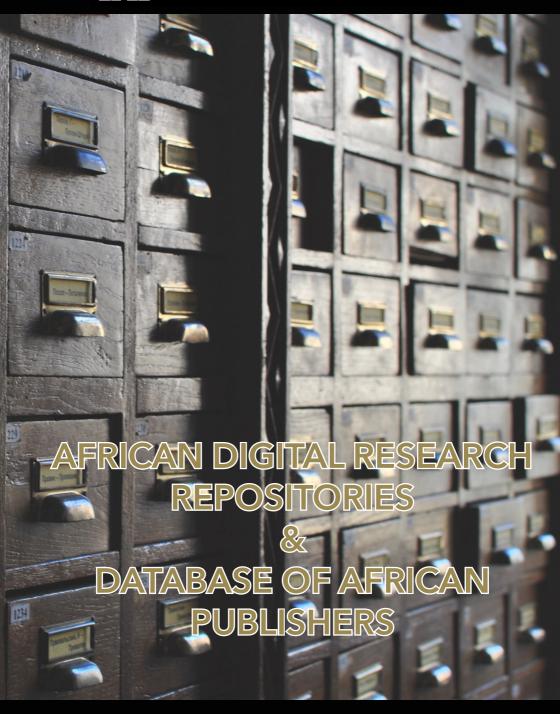# DATABASE OF AFRICAN PUBLISHERS

African Digital Research Repositories

Institutional repositories are a significant component in the provision of academic publication and information resources. They are being developed throughout the world as a consequence of the availability of scholarly resources in digital formats, and in response to Open Access policies.

In contexts where resources for traditional publications are lacking, freely accessible research outputs via such repositories may offer considerable potential.

To gain a better sense of the existing institutional repository landscape in Africa, the International African Institute (IAI) has collated and published on its website a list of all known institutional repositories, which can be found at internationalafricaninstitute.org/repositories.

Illustration by Elena Urizar from 'Open access electronic resources play a part in today's research ecosystem, and African repositories are part of this' - Interview with Stephanie Kitchen

Resources on African repositories

- [African Digital Research Repositories: Survey Report](#)

- [Interactive map of African digital research literature repositories](#)

- [Digital Research Repositories](#) - article published in *Realising Research* (ACU publication) by Stephanie Kitchen

- [Directory of Data Repositories in Africa](#) (DODRIA)

- [Digital Repositories - Making Africa's Intelligentsia Visible?](#) by Robert Molteno

The list of known repositories within the African continent was compiled by the International African Institute as a service to African studies research and scholarship in line with our remit to promote the dissemination of knowledge from and on Africa. It is unlikely to be comprehensive and is being regularly reviewed and updated.
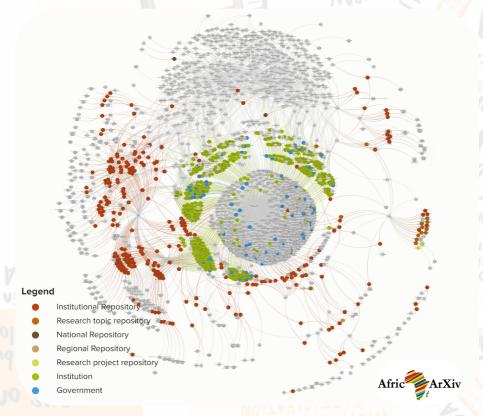
Known repositories are listed by country, ordered alphabetically. The list, based on our own research, has drawn on information made available by the African Studies Centre, Leiden, including its 'Connecting Africa' project, a gateway to African research information and materials produced worldwide (and particularly useful for consulting material in European university repositories). We have also drawn quite extensively on data from OpenDOAR and roar.eprints.org, authoritative directories of Open Access repositories.

Interactive map

The International African Institute in collaboration with AfricarXiv present an interactive map of African digital research literature repositories. This drew from IAI's earlier work from 2016 onwards to identify and list Africa-based institutional repositories that focused on identifying repositories based in African university libraries.

The interactive map extends the work of the IAI to include organizational, governmental and international repositories. It also maps the interactions between research repositories. In this dataset, we focus on institutional repositories for scholarly works.

Legend

- 🔴 Institutional Repository
- 🟠 Research topic repository
- ⚫ National Repository
- 🟤 Regional Repository
- 🟡 Research project repository
- 🟢 Institution
- 🔵 Government

Overview of the visual map on African digital repositories. Nodes represent various types of repositories as distinguished by color code (see legend).

Additional Readings

Here you can find a series of online publications created in relation to out repositories database project:

- The African University Press

- Full datasets (including downloadable data on repositories at African universities)

- Interview with Francois van Schalkwyk, co-author of 'The African University Press'

- 'Le libre accès vu d'Afrique francophone subsaharienne' (Open access seen from francophone sub-Saharan Africa)

- 'Open access electronic resources play a part in today's research ecosystem, and African repositories are part of this' Interview with Stephanie Kitchen

- Open access publications of the universities of Burkina Faso: analysis of impact and international visibility by Pier Luigi ROSSI (IRD), Minata TRAORE (Université de Bobo Dioulasso)

- Open Science in Africa: Challenges, Opportunities, Perspectives by Justin Segbedji Ahinon and Jo Havemann

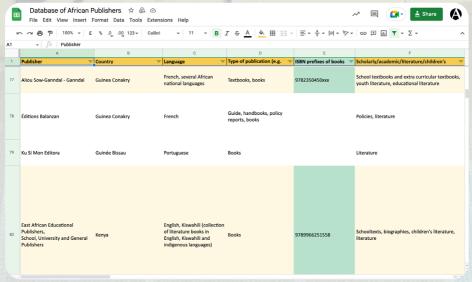For more info visit: **info.africarxiv.org**

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This freely accessible resource was developed by the International African Institute (IAI) in association with the African Books Collective.

It is pursuant to the Publishing and co-publishing books in African studies: guidelines for authors published by the IAI in 2020 and the ASA[US]/ASAUK statement of guiding principles the sale of rights in African Territories

It is aimed as a resource for authors and publishers of books on African topics and countries to locate possible co-publishers for their work in the African continent.

Users can sort the database and search by country (field B), Publisher name (field A), language (field C), type of publisher (scholarly/academic/literary) (field D), or subject discipline (field G). Full contact details and further information are provided for the Publisher where publicly available.

	Publisher	Country	Language	Type of publication (e.g.	ISBN prefixes of books	Scholarly/academic/literature/children's
77	Aliou Sow-Ganndal - Ganndal	Guinea Conakry	French, several African national languages	Textbooks, books	9782350450xxx	School textbooks and extra curricular textbooks, youth literature, educational literature
78	Éditions Balanzan	Guinea Conakry	French	Guide, handbooks, policy reports, books		Policies, literature
79	Ku Si Mon Editora	Guinée Bissau	Portuguese	Books		Literature
80	East African Educational Publishers, School, University and General Publishers	Kenya	English, Kiswahili (collection of literature books in English, Kiswahili and indigenous languages)	Books	9789966251558	Schooltexts, biographies, children's literature, literature

A screenshot of the online database of African publishers

The database is accessible to the public at our webpage **internationalafricaninstitute.org/about/african-publishers** or at this link: **https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eY_oZ71PfyJ6CdhZKoFpqqU_dW3dxevTMr9X2cw-acs/edit?usp=sharing**

We are aware this list will not be comprehensive. Whilst selected publishers in languages other than English (e.g. French, Portuguese, Swahili and other African languages) have been added, it may be that not all publishers listed are fully active. The IAI will maintain this resource and would be pleased to hear about additional suitable African Publishers for addition.

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