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**ABSTRACT:** This research guide has been compiled by the USAID Knowledge Services Center staff for review by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The guide is a focused selection of resources on Africa.

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## Internet Resources on Africa South of the Sahara

### **Africa South of the Sahara, Stanford University**

<http://library.stanford.edu/africa/guide/html>

Prepared by Karen Fong for the Information and Communications Technology Group, African Studies Association, this is a site rich in links to specific countries or topics. It includes links to discussion groups, news, human rights, travel, politics, statistics, and numerous other topics.

### **African Development Bank Group**

<http://www.afdb.org/>

The African Development Bank Group is a multilateral development bank established in 1967. The site describes the Bank's programs in a variety of sectors, including education, health, rural development, natural resource management, governance, and urban development.

### **African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)**

<http://www.accord.org.za/web/home.htm>

ACCORD is a South African-based civil society organization working throughout Africa to bring creative African solutions to the challenges posed by conflict on the continent. It was established in 1992 to transfer skills in conflict analysis, conflict management and conflict resolution in Africa. The site includes full-text journal articles from *Conflict Trends* and the *African Journal on Conflict Resolution*, as well as a series of occasional papers. African Governance

### **Monitoring and Advocacy Project (AfriMAP)**

<http://www.afrimap.org>

AfriMap works with national civil society organizations to conduct audits of government performance in the justice sector and rule of law, political participation and democracy, and effective delivery of public services. The site includes a library of full-text documents, AfriMAP reports, a news archive, and survey instruments.

### **African Union**

<http://www.africa-union.org/>

The African Union was founded in 1999 to accelerate the process of integration within the continent while addressing social, economic, and political problems. The website includes conferences and events, reports by the 53 member states, speeches, and press releases.

## **Afrobarometer**

<http://www.afrobarometer.org>

Afrobarometer is an independent, nonpartisan research project that measures the social, political, and economic atmosphere in Africa. The site consists of results of national public attitude surveys in more than 20 countries, including briefing papers, working papers, books, and the raw data itself.

## **Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA)**

<http://www.adeanet.org>

ADEA is a network of partners promoting the development of effective education policies based on African leadership and ownership. The site features newsletters, toolkits, videos, and studies on education in Africa produced by ADEA and other international organizations.

## **Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)**

<http://www.codesria.org>

Headquartered in Dakar, Senegal, CODESRIA is an independent Pan-African research organization established in 1973 with a focus on the social sciences. The site includes information on CODESRIA publications in English and French, news on events, fellowships, and grants; links to African Studies programs in universities around the world; and lists of recent acquisitions from the documentation and information center. It also features some full-text articles from the following CODESRIA journals: Africa Development, Africa Media Review, Africa Review of Books, African Journal of International Affairs, African Sociological Review, Africa Zamani, and Journal of Higher Education in Africa.

## **Earthwire Africa**

<http://www.earthwire.org/africa>

An environmental news portal on Africa that aggregates news stories from a wide variety of newspapers around the world, this site features current and archived news on environmental issues such as biodiversity, agriculture, energy, forests and wetlands, and transportation.

## **Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA)**

<http://www.eisa.org/za>

Established in 1996, EISA promotes credible elections, participatory democracy, human rights and strengthening of governance institutions for the consolidation of democracy in Africa. The site includes country profiles of 16 African countries, election observer reports, election calendars, EISA occasional papers, and a media center.

### **Institute for Security Studies**

<http://www.iss.co.za/>

A regional research institute established in 1991, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) operates across SubSaharan Africa, covering human rights, governance, justice, personal security, refugees, food security, and sustainable livelihoods. Its website features key economic and political data, ISS reports and publications, international documents on African states, and e-mail alerts.

### **IRIN Africa**

<http://www.irinnews.org/Africa-Region.aspx>

Published by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, IRIN Africa offers the latest news on countries throughout the region, as well as interview transcripts, in-depth reports, humanitarian country profiles, and maps.

### **News from Africa**

<http://www.newsfromafrica.org/>

News from Africa, published by Koinonia Community in Nairobi, Kenya, was the first electronic news bulletin in Africa. It strives to promote peace, justice, human rights, and poverty alleviation through the use of information and communication technologies. The site is a rich source of news articles and editorials written from the perspective of the African grassroots. It includes archival articles from 2000 to the present.

### **Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC), OECD**

<http://www.oecd.org/swac>

Originally founded by OECD member countries as the Club du Sahel in 1975, SWAC supports the development and implementation of action-oriented policies and investments to promote development in all 17 West African countries. The website includes studies and documents published by SWAC on subjects such as biotechnology, migration, livestock, natural resources, and food security.

### **UN Economic Commission on Africa**

<http://www.uneca.org/>

Established in 1958 to promote the economic and social development of its member states, UNECA focuses on regional integration, poverty reduction and growth, sustainable development and gender, governance, information & communications technology, and statistics. The site includes news, publications, speeches, and UNECA events.

**World Bank – African region**

<http://www.worldbank.org/Africa>

The World Bank Africa regional site provides information on World Bank work in the region, including news, events, publications and statistics. The site also offers a set of development indicators for Africa.

**World Health Organization—Regional Office for Africa**

<http://www.afro.who.int/>

The WHO/AFRO site offers information on WHO-funded programs on AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, communicable diseases, reproductive health, environmental health, health systems, and prevention. It includes treatment guidelines, country-specific data and statistics, and WHO reports.

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