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**PROCEDURE MANUAL:  
Subscription to the scientific periodicals**

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## **1. Subscription to the scientific periodicals**

### **1.1 Access on free resources**

In this project, we have identified an important number of free electronic-resources such as e-journals, databases, organizational sites and other important law sites (*list of links are in the procedure manual*).

The different institutional users can access to those resources from the website of the main library (www.lib.nur.ac.rw) of the National University of Rwanda (NUR). The main library of NUR puts the links on its website and suggest the way of access.

In order to help the users to access to the e-resources, there will be a training of users from different institutions. The training is about how familiarizing with searching tools, how to identify the law e-resources, and how to evaluate the relevant information.

Other modules are also available from the website of the library in leave the users independent. The follow up can be assured by the staffs of the NUR library who are well qualified in the use of the ICT in the library.

### **1.2 Access to the resources of NUR**

The NUR libraries in cooperation with Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA/SAREC), offer to NUR users (students, lecturers, researchers, etc.) the variety of e-resources in the different areas including law since September 2003, and this will last 3 years.

INASP/PERI (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications and Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information) is an organization in charge of negotiating the access to those e-resources from important editors in the development countries.

As a reminder, PERI is a support programme to the developing countries which are initiating the use of ICT in the different areas. This programme helps developing country researchers to access to the international literature by in electronic way and develops the network of national and international libraries.

This programme gives access to the various scientific periodicals from important editors such as Blackwell, EBSCO, Emerald, Springer, Oxford University Press, CABI, Cochrane etc and these cover various disciplines.

Each country member has a coordinator in charge of the use of those resources. NUR is a institution representing PERI on national level. Consequently, NUR helps in disseminating the e-resources to other public institutions.

PERI organises workshops for different representatives from different capable countries in order to exploit and disseminate the different e-resources.

The following chart below shows some of law e-journals offered by the cooperation between NUR and SIDA/SAREC.

<b>List of e-journals</b>	<b>Editor</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Observation</b>
- Acta criminologica - Codicillus - Journal for Juridical Science	African Journals Online	-	Offered by SIDA/SAREC cooperation
- European Law Journal - Howard Journal of Criminal Justice, The - Journal of Law and Society - Law and Society Review - Law and Policy - Modern Law Review - Ratio Juris - Review of European community	Blackwell Synergy	-	SIDA/SAREC
- International journal of Law, Policy and the Family - International Journal of Refugee Law - Journal of Environmental Law - Journal of International Criminal Justice	<b>Oxford University Press</b>		<b>SIDA/SAREC</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Journal of international economic law</li> <li>- Statute law review</li> <li>- Medical law review</li> <li>- Oxford journal legal studies</li> <li>- American law and economics review</li> <li>- The journal of law, economics , and organization</li> <li>- The British journal of criminology</li> <li>- European journal of international law</li> <li>- International and comparative law quartely</li> <li>- International journal of constitutional law</li> <li>- Journal of conflict and security law</li> </ul>			
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The faculty of law of the NUR did also get the TPIR, the password to access at the WESTLAW database ([www.westlaw.com](http://www.westlaw.com)) for a long period (indefinite)

### **1.3 Access to the paying resources.**

With the support of MSD-Kigali, the libraries of various above mentioned institutions will have access to some resources (legal data bases) paying. We tried to propose several varieties on the level of the choice

#### **1.3.1 JuriClasseur resources–LexisNexis group(France)**

The group proposes encyclopaedias, the e-journals, the databases of jurisprudence and doctrines. A significant number of journals are analyzed in this law database in particular:

books law of the enterprise, administrative law, of the family law, law and society, criminal law, newspaper of the international law, re-examined of fiscal law, re-examined criminal science, quarterly journal of civil law, quarterly journal of the human law etc.

The subscription to this database is done according to the number of the users. This can be individual group subscription or global subscription for one year or more (2 years). What is interesting is that there is reduction when the one takes subscription for 2 years.

JurisClasseur – LexisNexis group (France) offers interesting reduction to the education institutions such as Universities and research centers, for e.g. the global subscription fee for 2 years is around 8.000 USD. The only problem is that JurisClasseur – LexisNexis group (France) offer only documents in French language.

The content of JurisClasseur documents is summarized in the figure below:

Content of the database	Editor	Cost (FF)	Observation
- Encyclopédies - Revues en ligne - Jurisprudence - Doctrine	JurisClasseur- LexisNexis (France)	59.141 F F	Global subscription for 2 years (special price for university libraries)

### 1.3.2 International of the LexisNexis resources (all languages)

International LexisNexis is the complete version of LexisNexis group. The product LexiNexis Academic is a very good for the research needs. It currently used by over 12 million students across the world, this product is a unique mix of 5900 resources covering news, business, law and general reference.

LexisNexis Academic allows to the fulltext publications, including those in French, German, Spanish and of course English.

The service of LexisNexis is available for annual fee of **USD 9,860** and this is a price designated for developing countries. However, if the university took a two-year agreement, LexisNexis could offer a per-year price of **USD 7,888**, for a total of **USD 15,776** over the course of two years.

## **1.4 Final recommendations**

### 1.4.1 Observations

After analyzing various suggested resources and their prices, our observations are as follow :

- 1) International LexisNexis is the convenient law database which will respond to the needs of the law library users in the sense that it gives Multilanguage documents.
- 2) The access to the database is granted by IP authentication.
- 3) The subscription of one year is not advantagous for different institutions.
- 4) The subscription fee for an non-academic institution is very expensive

### 1.4.2 Recommendations

- 1) The advice is to suscribe as an academic institution, because it offers a special fee. The fee presented in the chart is for the academic institutions.
- 2) The subscription of at least 2 years is beneficial.

To subscribe to the International LexisNexis database is beneficaill because it covers most of the areas in law and it permits the access to documents in differrent languages

- 3) The advice is that other Rwandan institutions could access to that database from the server of NUR library