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Find Your Way

Discovering ACBF Library's Electronic Resources



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Presentation Outline

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- **Going Forward & New Initiatives**



What are your Sources of Information?



**There is Much More on the Web
than...**

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Visible Web Vs Invisible Web



Characteristics of the Visible Web

- **Anyone can Publish (No authority; Very Little Control)**
- **Not true that everything is Truthful, Authoritative & Accurate (Bias, opinions and inaccuracies, constant change)**
- **“Infobesity” – quality trumps quantity, junk information diet**
- **Not true that Everything worth finding is already on the Web**
- **Not true that If it can not be found on the web it is not worth finding**
- **Not true that Google searches the whole Web (Profit making)**
- **Not true that the best information is found in the first 10 results**
- **Not true that searching is easy (finding is more difficult)**
- **Search engines are not only about search, they are commercial entities**



Characteristics of the Invisible Web

- hidden from view; not readily noticed or detected by general purpose search engines because of (**size; economics, technical, spam, restrictions & complexity**)
- Huge size 500 times more than the Visible web
- 95% of the Invisible Web is publicly accessible
- Higher Quality (Good content vs great Content)



Characteristics of the Invisible Web Contd...

- **Content is Authoritative, mostly hand-picked rather than by crawlers, following inclusion criteria**
- **Much of the content is highly specialized**
- **Most of the content is real time, current and interactive**
- **More than 50% resides in topic specific databases**
- **Some content is subscription and fee based with specified contracts**
- **Some content is in specialized formats e.g excel**
- **Offer only published data**



Think about Using Library E-Resources (The Invisible Web)



Available library electronic resources

- 1. Databases**
- 2. Directories**
- 3. Portals/ Gateways**
- 4. Virtual/Digital Libraries**

(E-journals; E-Books; Statistics & Indicators; reference books)



Why Use Library E-Resources?

- **Accuracy** - Huge range of high quality information,
- **Authority** – content selected by human subject experts
- **Currency** - Timeliness, up-to-date information sources
- **Convenient** - Provides easier (quicker) access to published journals and books at your desktop.
- **Usability** - Value-added features: search facilities, links to other databases, supplementary information, graphics, statistics etc
- **Organized** - Classification and description of resources
- **Objectivity** - Subject-specific focus



Why Use Library E-Resources Databases?

- Provide information for a **specific project or topic**
- Provide an overview of research activity **in a given area**
- **Up-to-date** information on a **specific subject** area through regular scanning
- Allow searching over **large bodies of data and academic type information**



Why Use Library E-Resources – Gateways?

- Subject Based Information Gateways (SBIGs)
- Rely on **human creation** of meta data
- **Subject experts select, evaluate**, describe, classify
- Smaller and **subject-focused**
- Lower recall, **higher precision**



How can you access Library e-resources?

- ACBF Website www.acbf-pact.org
- ACBF Virtual Library <http://elibrary.acbf-pact.org>
- IP Address Authentication
- Username/Password
- Open Access
- Copyright



ACBF Virtual Library

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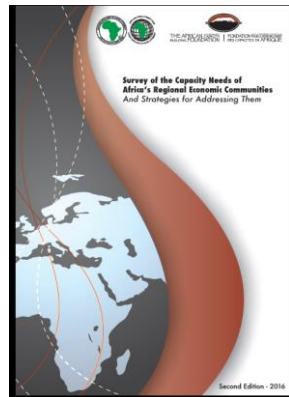
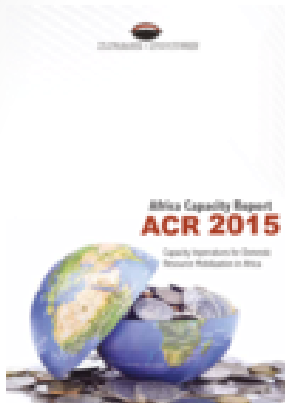
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- ACBF Knowledge
- Knowledge from ACBF Partners
- External Knowledge



ACBF Knowledge



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External Knowledge



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Access vs Collection



"That book is not available at this branch, this library system or this solar system, but we can order it for you."



New Library Initiatives

- **Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI)**
- **Research Guides**
- **Library Advisory Committee**
- **User Satisfaction Surveys**



Finally We Can

- **Help you find the right information;**
- **structure a focused question;**
- **Appraise the information you find**
- **Help you to subscribe or purchase resources you need**
- **And may more**



Thank You for Your Attention

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