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## URL

<http://www.ajol.info/index.php>

## Subject

Bibliography

## Accessibility

Free

## Language

English

## Publisher

African Journals OnLine (AJOL)

## Brief History

African Journals OnLine (AJOL) was started its journey in May 1998 as a pilot project maintained by the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publication (INASP), a Non Profit Organization in Oxford, UK. The basic aim was to promote the awareness and use of African published journals in the sciences by providing access on the Internet. At the end of 1999, this

project was evaluated and then it was recommended that AJOL be continued and expanded to include more journals in more subject areas, as well as abstracts of articles. In August 2000, it was re-launched. In 2001/2002 various titles from South Africa and Francophone Africa were added, as well as many more from the rest of African countries. By the end of 2003, it covered over 175 journals, from 21 African countries. AJOL was re-launched again with a more sophisticated database system in March 2004. In 2005, AJOL moved to African management and is now a not-for-profit company in its own right, based in South Africa. On the 1st May 2009, AJOL launched with new functionality on its website, which will allow users to download of full text articles from its partner journals. In 2015, AJOL has grown to host the content of over 500 peer-reviewed journals from 31 African countries.

### ***Scope and Coverage***

AJOL is the world's largest online collection of African-published, peer-reviewed scholarly journals. It covers free online hosting for over 500 peer-reviewed journals from 31 countries of Africa, using open source software. It covers the full range of academic disciplines with particularly strong sections on health, agriculture and African studies. It covers 519 Journals, including 211 Open Access Journals. This site includes 11 344 Issues and 131 751 Abstracts. There are 126 264 Full Text Articles for download, of which 70 146 are Open Access. According to their website the following criteria are required for inclusion on AJOL:

- ✓ The journal must be scholarly in content, and contain original research (in addition to other content)
- ✓ The content is peer-reviewed and quality controlled
- ✓ The journal has an established publishing track record
- ✓ The journal has an actively functioning Editorial Board (institutional affiliations and contact details required)
- ✓ The journal has a registered ISSN and eISSN
- ✓ The journal will provide all content for inclusion on AJOL (tables of contents, abstracts, and full text) in electronic format and in a timely manner. Partner journals are responsible for ensuring their content on AJOL is up to date.
- ✓ The journal guarantees all requisite permissions are granted to allow AJOL to operate an article download service
- ✓ The journal is published within the African continent (i.e. management of publishing strategy, business development and production operation are all run from an African country)

### ***Kind of Information***

The alphabetical list of the journals with short description and cover page are available here. An example is given below for clear understanding.



## Africa Insight

*Africa Insight* is a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal of the Africa Institute of South Africa. It is accredited by the South African National Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and is indexed in the International Bibliography of Social Science (IBSS). It is a multi-disciplinary journal primarily focusing on African Affairs.

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Under each particular journal details of the journals like home page, archives, registration option, about journal, current issues, table of content etc. present here. An example (under the journal “Africa Insight”) is given below through print screen.

**Africa Insight**  
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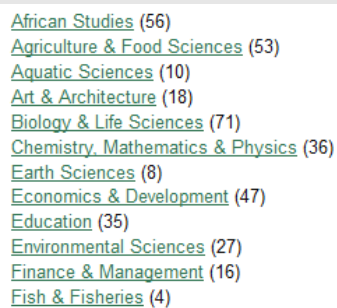
### *Special Features*

- List of most popular articles of current month are available here.
- List of recent issues on AJOL present here.
- For full text download user can register their profile.
- With general search advance search option present with some search tips.
- There are some use guidelines (“How to use AJOL”) available for researchers, authors, and librarians.
- Other resources like FAQ, AJOL jobs, News, terms & conditions etc. attached here.

### *Arrangement Pattern*

In AJOL firstly journals are arranged alphabetically under the major “Category”.

Example:



A screenshot of a list of journal categories on the AJOL website. The categories are listed in descending order of article count. Each category name is underlined and followed by the number of articles in parentheses. The categories are: African Studies (56), Agriculture & Food Sciences (53), Aquatic Sciences (10), Art & Architecture (18), Biology & Life Sciences (71), Chemistry, Mathematics & Physics (36), Earth Sciences (8), Economics & Development (47), Education (35), Environmental Sciences (27), Finance & Management (16), and Fish & Fisheries (4).

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Secondly name of journals are arranged simply alphabetically. For an example mention may be made of “Abia State University Medical Students' Association Journal”, “Acta Structilia”, “Acta Theologica” etc. which are come under the alphabet “A”.

Thirdly journals are arranged alphabetically under “Country name”.

Example:



A screenshot of a list of journals on the AJOL website, arranged by country. Each country name is underlined and followed by the number of journals in parentheses. The countries are: Algeria (5), Benin (2), Botswana (3), Burkina Faso (3), Cameroon (8), Congo, Republic (1), Côte d'Ivoire (4), and Egypt, Arab Rep. (14).

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<a href="#">Benin</a>	(2)
<a href="#">Botswana</a>	(3)
<a href="#">Burkina Faso</a>	(3)
<a href="#">Cameroon</a>	(8)
<a href="#">Congo, Republic</a>	(1)
<a href="#">Côte d'Ivoire</a>	(4)
<a href="#">Egypt, Arab Rep.</a>	(14)

Fourthly journals are arranged alphabetically under the “open access titles”.  
Example:

A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |

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**Remarks**

AJOL is the world's largest online collection of African-published, peer-reviewed scholarly journals. It helps the online visibility, access and use of African-published research output in support of quality African research and higher education.

**Comparable Tools**

- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) (<https://doaj.org/>)
- The Directory of Research Journal Indexing (DRJI) (<http://www.drji.org/>)

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