



# Access to **RESEARCH** for **DEVELOPMENT** and Innovation – ARDI

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## Access to Research for Development and Innovation – ARDI

### ▶▶ About ARDI

The Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI) program is coordinated by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) together with its partners in the publishing industry with the aim to increase the availability of scientific and technical information in developing countries.

By improving access to scholarly literature from diverse fields of science and technology, the ARDI program seeks to:

- reinforce the capacity of developing countries to participate in the global knowledge economy; and
- support researchers in developing countries in creating and developing new solutions to technical challenges faced on a local and global level.

Access to scholarly literature is critical to the innovation process, as it represents an important source of scientific and technical knowledge and thus complements the information contained in patent documents. Particularly in fields such as biotechnology and organic chemistry, much of the most recent and relevant information is contained in science journals and similar publications, which are therefore indispensable for understanding the current state of the art.

## ▶▶ Group A (free access)

Afghanistan	Guinea	Papua New Guinea
Angola	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Moldova
Bangladesh	Guyana	Rwanda
Benin	Haiti	Samoa
Bhutan	Honduras	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Kenya	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Cameroon	Lesotho	Sudan
Cape Verde	Liberia	Swaziland
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Chad	Malawi	Tajikistan
Comoros	Maldives	Timor-Leste
Congo	Mali	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Tokelau
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tuvalu
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mongolia	Uganda
Djibouti	Morocco	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Mozambique	Uzbekistan
Eritrea	Myanmar	Vanuatu
Ethiopia	Namibia	Viet Nam
Gambia	Nepal	West Bank and Gaza Strip
Ghana	Nicaragua	Yemen
Guatemala	Niger	Zambia
	Nigeria	Zimbabwe

## ▶▶ Group B (low cost access)

Albania	Fiji	Suriname
Algeria	Georgia	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Armenia	Iraq	Tonga
Azerbaijan	Jamaica	Tunisia
Belize	Jordan	Turkmenistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo	Ukraine
Colombia	Marshall Islands	
Cuba	Nauru	
Dominican Republic	Paraguay	
Ecuador	Peru	
El Salvador	Sri Lanka	

## ▶▶ Other partner UN Programmes



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[www.research4life.org/](http://www.research4life.org/)



The HINARI Programme of the World Health Organization (WHO) enables developing countries to gain access to one of the world's largest collections of biomedical and health literature.

[www.who.int/hinari/en/](http://www.who.int/hinari/en/)



The AGORA program, set up by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) together with major publishers, enables developing countries to gain access to an outstanding digital library collection in the fields of food, agriculture, environmental science and related social sciences.

[www.aginternetwork.org/en/](http://www.aginternetwork.org/en/)



Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE) is coordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and enables developing countries to gain access to one of the world's largest collections of environmental science research.

[www.oaresciences.org/en/](http://www.oaresciences.org/en/)



## ▶▶ Partners

ARDI is a public-private partnership coordinated by the World Intellectual Property Organization together with its partners in the scientific and technical publishing community, including:

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Elsevier

John Wiley & Sons

National Academy of Sciences

National Institute of Science Communication and  
Information Resources (NISCAIR)

Oxford University Press

Royal Society of Chemistry

Sage Publications

Springer Science+Business Media

Taylor & Francis

## ▶▶ Eligibility

Local, not-for-profit academic and research institutions and national intellectual property offices in two groups of countries may register for access to resources made available through ARDI. The groups of countries are generally based on three factors: gross national income (GNI) per capita, Human Development Index (HDI) figures, and United Nations Least Developed Country (LDC) status.

For institutions based in Group A countries, access through ARDI is free.

For institutions based in Group B countries, access through ARDI is available for 1000 US dollars per institution per calendar year (from January through December). Institutions based in Group B countries may benefit from a six-month free trial period.

For a list of eligible countries, please refer to the tables for Group A and Group B in this brochure.

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