



# Open Access Resources

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# Introduction

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- Open-access resources are those that can be accessed by anyone at any time without restraint



# Open Access Journals & Books (Gold road)

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- [BioOne.org](http://www.bioone.org/), the Web-based aggregation of research in the biological, ecological and environmental sciences.  
<http://www.bioone.org/>
- WHO publications – Health content  
<http://www.who.int/en/>



# Open Access Journals/Books

- Biomed Central: Open Access Publisher  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/>
- <http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1129>
- EconPapers -  
<http://econpapers.repec.org/>
- Kenya Law Reports -  
<http://www.kenyalaw.org/update/index.php>



# Open Access Journals/Books

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- AJOL – African Journal Online - <http://ajol.info/>
- Elsevier Open Access Journals - <http://www.elsevier.com/about/open-access/open-access-journals>
- Plos One – peer-reviewed science publications - <http://www.plosone.org/>



# Open Access Journals/Books

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- DOAJ - <http://www.doaj.org/> - Over 9,000 Multi-disciplinary journals
- Betham Open Journals - <http://benthamscience.com/open/index.htm>
- Pubmed Central – Medical Related <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>
- Oxford Open Access Journals - <http://www.oxfordjournals.org/oxfordopen/>



# Open Access Books

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- Directory of Open Access Books - <http://doabooks.org/>
- African Digital Library <http://www.africaeducation.org/adl/> – 8000 full text books of various disciplines – Register free if living in Africa



# Open Access Books

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- OAISTER – digitized books, journals, newspapers, audio files, photographic images, theses and research papers – <http://oaister.worldcat.org/>
- [Free books -](http://www.freefullpdf.com/)  
<http://www.freefullpdf.com/>





# Repositories (Green road)

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- Opendoar – List of world repositories archiving scholarly materials and peer reviewed journal of interdisciplinary nature - <http://www.opendoar.org/>
- CSIR Research Space - Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-  
<http://researchspace.csir.co.za/dspace/>



# Repositories( Green Road)

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- University of Stellenbosch, SA -  
<http://scholar.sun.ac.za/>
  - University of Pretoria -  
<http://repository.up.ac.za/>
  - Cornell University  
<http://arxiv.org/>
- University of Nairobi  
<http://erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/>



# Repositories (Green road)

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- UNESCO Global OA Portal –  
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/portals-and-platforms/goap/access-by-region/africa/>
- ROAR – List of Repositories-  
<http://roar.eprints.org/>



# **Kenyan Repositories**

## **Govt Funded Repositories**

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**Constitution Article 35. (1) Every citizen has the right of access**

- *(a) information held by the State*

**The African Charter on Human and People's Rights to which Kenya is a party explicitly recognizes the necessity that ;**

**“Every individual shall have the right to receive information”**



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**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which Kenya has ratified, imposes**

**“States to ensure access to information.”**

**Berlin Convention**

- having scientific knowledge and cultural heritage accessible worldwide



# Kenya Open Data Initiative Launched in July 2011

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- ▶ <https://opendata.go.ke/>
- ▶ Role of Kenya Open Data Initiative
  - Provide open access govt datasets
    - National census data
    - Government expenditure
    - Parliamentary proceedings among others



# Predatory Open Access Publishers & Resources

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- The BEALL List of Predatory Open Access publishers provides a list of such questionable publishers and advice on how to identify them.
- List of questionable scholarly open access publishers and journals at <http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>
- For more information please also visit <http://scholarlyoa.com>



# Relevant links

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- <http://www.eoearth.org/view/article/155050/>
- <http://righttoresearch.org/>
- <http://www.infodocket.com/2015/03/16/teaching-open-access-unescos-open-access-curriculum-for-library-schools-and-researchers-now-available-online/>