

ALL - Championing free access to law & Governance as a catalyzer for change

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About AIF

AIF purpose is catalyzing the innovation spirit in Africa. Flagship programs include:

- Innovation Prize for Africa (Innovation and Technology)
- Social Impact Program for Angola (Social Impact Development)
- African Law Library (Governance and Compliance)
 - Improve access to administrative information and judicial decisions
 - Make doing business in Africa easier and regional integration effective
 - Become the reference platform on African governance and legal information

ALL - A few facts

- Set up in 2012 and publicly launched at the African Union HQ in November 2013
- Over 100k governance and legal materials published (Kenya: 40%; South Africa: 32%; Mauritius: 13%)
- Close to 200 collections, incl. constitutions, countries, institutions, journals & thematic collections
- 47 partnerships in 21 African countries
- Over 20k registered users, 79% Africa-based
- Content free to subscribers at the point of use and available in original languages (ENG-FR-PORT)

Library Content

Types

- Legislation
- Court decisions
- Legal writings / secondary sources

Sources

- Partners and members bulk submissions
- Direct XML feeds
- OAI-sourced content
- Commercially-produced content

Technology

- Open source (Freely available documents)
- Simple database search and browsing
- Can be extensively customised

Community engagement

The community

- Over 20k registered subscribers
- Partners institutions in 21 African countries
- Supporters

Engagement

- Networking event and social media for greater interactions
- Online thematic workgroups
- Face to face workshops for knowledge exchange
- Development of use cases and avatars to which target audience could relate to
- Joint publication to establish thought leadership

The way ahead

- Content will remain free at the point of use
- Keep growing the collection with effective partners and supporters
- Mobile version of the website and Apps for offline access and greater interactions
- Diversification of funding sources over time
- Facilitated access to legal information for everyone across Africa and in the diasporas

Thank you!



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