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Sincerely,
ECA Library & Information Management Services (ISTD)

Featured E-Resources on African Development

News:
Africa Confidential
The Economist Intelligence Unit (includes The Economist.com, CountryData, Country Reports, and more)
The North Africa Journal

Reference:
Africa Yearbook (Brill)
Africa South of the Sahara (Europa World Plus)
Oceana Constitutions of the World

Journals:
African Journals Online (Open Access)
Africa Research Bulletin: Political, Social and Cultural Series
African studies
Food Policy
Forum for development studies
Journal of African Economies
Journal of Southern African Studies
Review of African Political Economy
South African Journal of Economics

e-Books:
Oxford Scholarship Online
World Bank e-Library

Southern Africa takes center stage, The Futurist, 46(5), Sept/Oct 2012, Lee, M.


Accelerating Growth Through Improved Intra-Africa Trade, Brookings Institution, January 2012


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Distance to Growing Markets and Sub-Saharan African Exports, African Development Review, Volume
From the latest issue (Vol.8, No.2, 2012):


An Innovative Approach to the Development of Spatial Data Infrastructures and Web 2.0 Technologies. Laosuwan, T., Ritjareonwattu, S.


At the Library:
GIM International, the global magazine for geomatics

Staff Corner: Recent Publications from ISTD, ACPC & the Library

Telecommunications development and economic growth in Africa
Information Technology for Development
DOI:10.1080/02681102.2012.694794

From the Abstract: “This study tries to assess the impact of telecommunications penetration on peoples' living standards in Africa through their impact on per capita income growth...The overall results indicate that the telephone main lines and mobile telephony have a significant impact on the people's living standards in Africa, while Internet usage does not have a significant contribution towards economic growth. However, when these countries are categorized into the three groups following the 2008 World Bank classification criteria of being upper-middle, upper-low and low-income countries, the results show that fixed telephony, mobile telephony and the Internet usage have a significant impact on growth in the upper-middle-income countries, while only the mobile telephone penetration has a significant impact on growth in both the upper-low-income and the low-income countries in Africa. The mobile growth effect is the largest among the country groups.”

Hopestone Chavula, PhD. (ISTD)

Evaluation of the climate prediction center (CPC) morphing technique (CMORPH) rainfall product on hourly time scales over the source of the Blue Nile River
Hydrological Processes
DOI: 10.1002/hyp.9330

From the Abstract: “Limited availability of surface-based rainfall observations constrains the evaluation of satellite rainfall products over many regions. Observations are also often not available at time scales to allow evaluation of satellite products at their finest resolutions. In the present study, we evaluate the 1-hourly, 8 × 8-km Climate Prediction Center morphing technique (CMORPH) rainfall product...Our results indicate that the accuracy of the CMORPH product shows a significant variation across the basin area.”

ACPC’s Alemseged Tamiru collaborated with Emad Habib (University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and Tom Rientjes (Twente University).

Addressing institutional potential loss of records and knowledge in Africa: The case of the ECA institutional repository – A knowledge base on African socio-economic development
The International Information & Library Review
http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.iilr.2012.07.006

From the Abstract: “This paper discusses the various activities that have been undertaken to realize the [Repository] …[and] also highlights lessons learnt, challenges and some of the best practices developed throughout the implementation and roll out of the ECA IR project…[The IR] is the first of its kind within the United Nations Secretariat and offers unique knowledge and information not available elsewhere.”

Library staff Irene Onyancha, Ahmed Al-awah, and Florie Cole collaborated to share ECA Library’s best practices.

Our Mission:
The mission of the ECA Library, as a central catalyst for organizational effectiveness, is to continuously enrich and add value to the Commission’s knowledge ecosystem, by providing reliable access to high quality resources and services to staff members and other stakeholders, wherever they may be.

Our Vision:
To establish, maintain and operate a regional, modern, “state-of-the-art, automated” library and documentation centre. The centre will be dynamic, flexible and more service oriented in providing access to information and will strive to meet the information needs to ECA staff as well as the research community in Africa.