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African Internet Resource Guide

This internet resource guide is a cross section of what you might find on the web. By design, it is not meant to be comprehensive. Remember to be wary of most data you find on a web-site. Inaccuracies and distortions abound, particularly in regard to Africa. Try to triple check all information. By the way, if you find any terrific web-sites that you want to share with your fellow students, please let me know and I will add your discovery to the guide.

Portals:

These web-sites lead you to many internet resources -

www.knowingafrica.com

(This is the State Department web-site. It can lead you to country profiles and Human Rights in Africa reports)

Journalistic sources:

All these newspapers, magazines and radio services which now have a presence on the web have extensive and accurate African reporting -

New York Times@ www.nytimes.co

Washington Post@www.washingtonpost.com

The Nation@www.thenation.com

The Economist@www.economist.com

The Guardian (U.K. newspaper)@www.guardian.co.uk/guardian

BBC@www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice

(Leading Kenyan newspaper)

For an excellent web source for the latest news from Africa, consult:

Statistical Information:

These web-sites contain facts and figures about Africa

Economics:

These web-sites deal with the dilemmas and successes of African development.

Gender Issues:

www.tamtamfemme.org

Politics:

(up to the date news from one of the most important African nations)

Urban Life:

Some African cities have their own web-sites. Here are 3 examples

African Art & Fashion:

If you look, there is a lot of African art on the web. The University of Iowa web-site is a good place to start. Also, an increasing number of African designers have their own web-sites. Check them out.

(This is an essential web-site for Senegalese Haute Couture and much else besides)

(This is the website of a wonderful Nigerien designer, one of the best in Africa)

African Music:

Good African music web-sites abound. Here are some of the best and most reliable:

www.africanmusic.org (home of the African Music Encyclopedia)

www.pragmasoft.be/mamady (The famous Guinean drummer Mamady Keita's web-site)

(Great for Congolese music)

(This site has great linkages)

www.coraconnection.com (A terrific web-site for Mande music)

(A fount of information)

(Provides solid over-view)

(encyclopedic in its range)

(record label website. Sometimes has interesting information)

(worth checking)

(source for hiphop)

www.4reference.net/encyclopedias/wikipedia/African_hip-hop

Translation:

If you are shy about visiting Francophone or Lusophone African web-sites because of limited linguistic proficiency, you can now have all the contents of these web-sites instantly translated into English. Just go to:

www.world.altavista.com