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“The United Nations Depository Libraries Program as an “Open Community”

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“Access to business and economic information without paywall”

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The United Nations Depository Libraries System

1947-now, a 75 years' long history

United Nations Depository Library Programme



The System

It was born in 1947, to share UN documents and publications with a network of libraries spread in the world

So far, the Depository Library Programme consists of 351 depository libraries located in 135 countries and 1 territory

Once documents were sent by mail overseas from New York and Geneva, today the sharing is done mainly online

UCSC Library inside the System

Our Library has been part of the United Nations Depository Library Programme for more than fifty years, since 17th April 1969

We opened our United Nations Reference room giving access to it from outside the room thanks to a visualization accessible on campus (INCONECSS Conference 2019), we are now connecting our collection of historical documents to the United Nations Digital Library bibliographic records (work in progress)

The future of the Programme

Reformed in 2015-2016, in the next future the Programme is deemed to further develop into a «Knowledge network». During Covid-time the Programme developed in a *de facto* «Open Community», aiming to use more online instruments, transforming the System from collections driven to a connections one

The United Nations Digital Library is central in this evolution: it is the instrument giving access to Open access documents and publications

The United Nations Digital Library: <https://digitallibrary.un.org/>

The **United Nations Digital Library** and online Catalogue of UN documents and publications content, the Digital Library has recently been awarded the 2021 edition of the “*Jus Gentium* Reseach Award”

Contents

- Official Records: Public Domain Official Documents
- Publications: United Nations Periodicals at disposal in Open access, also by the Unpaywall <https://www.un.org/en/library/unpaywall-and-open-access>
- Voting data: a database of voting records collecting during General Assembly sessions
- Speeches held during General Assembly sessions
- Maps enclosed to International Agreements between the United Nations States and deposited at the General Secretariat

How to search

- by linked data between related documentation (resolutions, meeting records, voting, databases), in particular for SDGs using the service «Linked SDGs» <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/LinkedSDGs/about>
- by filters: UN body, agency or type of document
- using meta-data: exploring the Catalog and importing chosen meta-data encoded in MARC format in excel



The Dag Hammarskjöld Library website: <https://www.un.org/en/library>

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library' services offered to the Depository Library System:
consulting, training, supporting

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library' activity inside the Programme: sharing and networking



Sharing

United Nations produced materials (United Nations' intellectual property products reusable against citation):

- Promotional material for United Nations Celebrations days, updates on digitalization projects
- Related research Guides or research guides dedicated to specific topics (f.i. SDGs)
- Bibliographic records: for print UN documents available since 1979 and continuingly updated by digitalization projects, for digitally born documents available since 1993 (f.i. <https://www.un.org/en/library/digitization-update-world-food-conference>)

Networking

- Twitter communications, contacts via video-conferences, emails, ...
- Training online and Series of Keynote speeches
- Networks of depository libraries' activities (<https://www.un.org/library/page/united-nations-depository-library-programme>)