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WHY YOUR INSTITUTION SHOULD SUBSCRIBE



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OVERVIEW

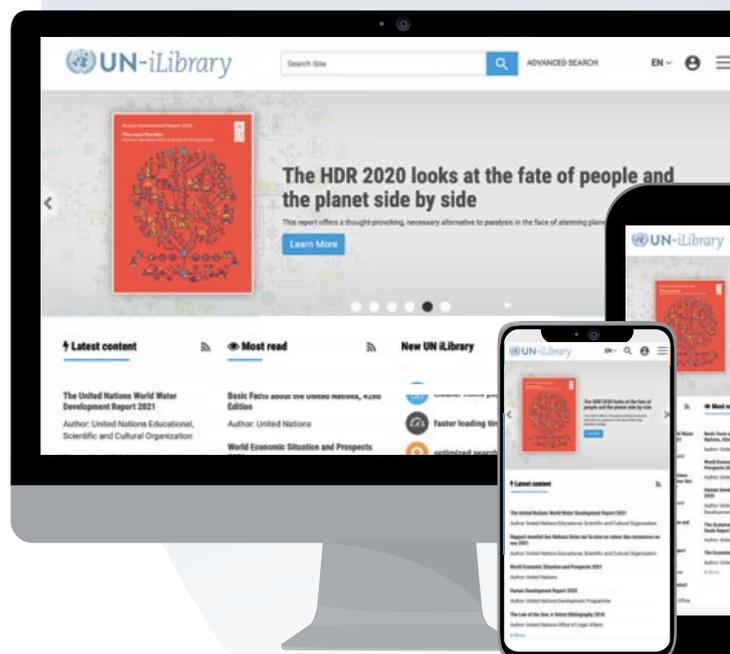
The United Nations iLibrary is an online, subscription-based platform that provides comprehensive search tools along with a user-friendly interface that allows users to access a collection of more than 9,000 books, reports, and journals created by the United Nations (UN)—all in one place.

The iLibrary brings together authoritative content created by leading subject experts and researchers across the UN under 20 subject categories. The platform aims to provide research and analysis to influence policy and practice among the UN's 193 Member States as well as to inform international development and academic communities about the UN's work.

Covering a wide range of UN priority issues—including international peace and security, human rights, sustainable development, and climate change—the iLibrary includes a diverse collection of books, series, periodicals, monographs, journals, and databases from more than 50 United Nations departments and agencies. New content is updated on a regular basis to reflect developments and progress on the world's most pressing issues, including the most recent research on the COVID-19 pandemic. Various tools and enhanced functionality are available for researchers to find and use UN content efficiently and quickly. New features and improvements are continuously added to the platform.

Highlights of UN iLibrary features:

- Full-text search with chapter-level access.
- Chapter-level search results that take you straight to the content you need to view.
- Citation exporting.
- New and improved, mobile-responsive user interface.
- Multilingual site navigation in the UN's six official languages.
- The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) search tool which allows users to browse UN Publications by each of the 17 SDGs.
- Personal accounts for saving search results and content alerts.
- Free access to read all content on the platform for non-subscribers.



SUBJECT CATEGORIES



United Nations publications are grouped into 20 broad subject categories that cover issues including COVID-19, climate change, poverty, international peace and justice, education, migration and gender equality.

Agriculture, Rural Development and Forestry	Environment and Climate Change	Natural Resources, Water and Energy
Children and Youth	Human Rights and Refugees	Outer Space
Democracy and Governance	Human Settlements and Urban Issues	Peace and Security
Disarmament	International Law and Justice	Population and Demography
Drugs, Crime and Terrorism	International Trade and Finance	Public Health
United Nations	Economic and Social Development	Migration
Transportation and Public Safety	Women and Gender Issues	

FEATURES FOR USERS



The iLibrary is developed to make finding, reading, using, saving, and sharing UN content as quickly and efficiently as possible for researchers, students, professors, and librarians.



Multiple Ways to Find What You Need

The platform offers iLibrary users numerous ways to find the content they are looking for:

- browse by subject, country, and SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) as well as by different content types such as books, databases, journals, and periodicals.
- filter search results by content type (chapter, book, article, working paper, periodical, or book series); by 17 SDGs; author; publication date; language (all 6 official UN languages); book series; and subject.
- discover the most popular and most recent publications listed in real time on the homepage.
- search content with a variety of tools including full text, boolean and advanced search then sort results by relevance, newest or oldest first.



Multilingual Content

A growing collection of titles is available in the UN's six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) with filters to narrow search results by your preferred language. Additional languages are displayed when available.



Better Reading Experience

A new and improved, mobile-responsive user interface offers a better reading experience on tablet and mobile devices.



Enhanced Built-in e-Reader

The UN iLibrary platform contains a new e-Reader that transforms PDFs of each publication into a fully responsive online reading format.



Citation tool

The UN iLibrary offers convenient exporting of citation information into formats that are compatible with reference management software such as BibTeX, Endnote, Zotero, RefWorks, and Mendeley. Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) are also available in the content metadata.



Easy Sharing

One-click links for popular social media sites and email are available on UN iLibrary search results and publication pages for sharing abstracts, search results, and reports with colleagues and friends.

FEATURES FOR SUBSCRIBERS

Institutional subscribers enjoy the following premium tools and features:



Unlimited Printing and Downloading

Subscribers may download and print all content in the UN iLibrary in whole or in part. PDFs may also be downloaded, shared, and saved in perpetuity according to the site's Terms of Use and Copyright.



Institutional Re-use without Additional Permission or Cost

Subscribers may re-use content from the UN iLibrary for courses or academic work with no additional permissions required, and at no additional cost to the institution.



ePubs

The UN iLibrary contains more than 200 titles in ePub and accessible ePub formats, available to subscribers only. New eBooks are added regularly, as they are published. While these titles are available for purchase from eBook retailers worldwide, UN iLibrary subscribers get access to them at no additional cost.



Benefits for Librarians and Administrators

The UN iLibrary offers valuable features and services for librarians, including:

- MARC records
- KBART files
- COUNTER-compliant usage reports
- indexing in library discovery services
- Sushi reports

Acquisition costs are reduced considerably, as the UN publishes about 500 new publications per year.

The digital collection of the UN iLibrary is a more environmentally friendly way of acquiring, accessing, and disseminating UN content than print. It also allows libraries to free up space in their print collections.

SUMMARY

The UN iLibrary is the ideal platform for any institution that is seeking to build a collection of the world's premier research and statistics on international relations and global issues. A subscription to the UN iLibrary provides immediate access to an extensive collection of reliable, primary source content that is both up-to-date and historical, from across the United Nations system. This state-of-the-art platform provides the unique tools and resources that librarians need while offering a variety of tools and enhanced functionality for researchers to make finding and using United Nations content as efficient and easy as possible.

Sign up for a free trial or a subscription now by contacting iLibrary@un.org and gain instant access to more than 9,000 unique titles and a plethora of valuable features.

Subscribing to the UN iLibrary supports the work of the United Nations.



REVIEWS

The award-winning UN iLibrary platform has been reviewed and praised by many reputable industry publications.

"A treasure for anyone interested in current and world affairs."

CHOICE Magazine

"...the UN iLibrary collection is the most comprehensive, centrally located repository of the UN's digital publications, offering better discoverability of their content."

The UN iLibrary received Choice Magazine's annual Outstanding Academic Title award for 2019.

CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS



Leading universities and institutions worldwide consider UN iLibrary to be an essential service in building a successful research collection for their patrons. Here is a snapshot of some of our current institutional subscribers:

- New York University
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of British Columbia
- Princeton University
- Canadian Forces College
- Miami University
- York Universities Library
- Stanford University
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- Universität Zurich
- The University of Warwick
- Business Academy Copenhagen
- Xi'an Jiaotong University
- Université de Genève
- Chinese Academy of Social Science
- University of South Africa
- Saudi Fund for Development
- German Development Institute

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE

Subscriptions to the UN iLibrary are currently available at the institutional level. Institutions can place orders through a vast network of [iLibrary subscription agents](#) worldwide or contact the UN iLibrary Customer Service team directly at iLibrary@un.org.

Pricing

Please email our Customer Service team at iLibrary@un.org or contact your preferred [subscription agent](#) to request a price quote.

Subscription License Agreement

Before subscribing, please review our [Copyright](#) and [Standard Terms of Use](#).

Request a Free Trial

Institutions and libraries may request a free trial at any time. Please contact our Customer Service team at iLibrary@un.org, or contact your preferred subscription agent for assistance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below you will find a list of the most frequently asked questions and answers for librarians and account administrators. If you cannot find your question answered here, please contact our Customer Service at iLibrary@un.org, who will be happy to respond to you directly. Visit un-ilibrary.org/librarian-resources for a complete list of updated resources.

Q. Why do institutions have to pay for the UN iLibrary subscription?

A. The subscription fees allow us to cover the costs associated with creating and maintaining the UN iLibrary platform, an important resource for institutions, but also anyone anywhere with an internet connection. This would not be possible without the continuous support of institutions. Prices for the UN iLibrary subscription have been significantly reduced to make this trustworthy and reliable source of information available at a reasonable cost to institutions worldwide.

Q: What happens to our access if we don't renew our subscription?

A: If your subscription has lapsed, you will retain access to the years to which you subscribed. For example, a subscription in 2020 will mean you retain access to the 2020 content in perpetuity.

Q: As a librarian/administrator, do I need a username and password to access the UN iLibrary?

A: Individual users at institutions do not need usernames and passwords, as authorized IP addresses generally arrange access. As a library administrator, you will need your username and password to update your registration account details and access your usage statistics.

Q: How can I manage my institution's account?

A: Sign in with your username and password and go to My Profile.

If you have been assigned administrative rights for your institution, you will now see Institutional Account options and My Profile options. If you do not see this option, please contact the Customer Service team at iLibrary@un.org.

Q. What are the authentication options for UN iLibrary?

A. We offer your library users multiple ways to access the UN iLibrary content they need, wherever they are.

Institutional IP ranges and referring URLs. It allows authorized users to access UN iLibrary via their institution's IP address or referring URLs.

Institutional remote access using a login. Library user can get remote access to their institution's UN iLibrary subscription by signing in to the user account created by the account admin.

Proxy access. If an institution has a proxy server, the library admin can add the proxy's IP address(es) like any ordinary IP address using the admin account. UN iLibrary will automatically recognize this and grant access to their institution's subscribed content.

SAML solutions. Accessing your institution's UN iLibrary subscription using SAML authentication will be available in summer 2021.

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