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▶▶ About aRD*i*

The Access to Research for Development and Innovation (aRD*i*) program is coordinated by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) together with its partners in the publishing industry with the aim to increase the availability of scientific and technical information in developing countries.

By improving access to scholarly literature from diverse fields of science and technology, the aRD*i* program seeks to:

- reinforce the capacity of developing countries to participate in the global knowledge economy; and
- support researchers in developing countries in creating and developing new solutions to technical challenges faced on a local and global level.

Access to scholarly literature is critical to the innovation process, as it represents an important source of scientific and technical knowledge and thus complements the information contained in patent documents. Particularly in fields such as biotechnology and organic chemistry, much of the most recent and relevant information is contained in science journals and similar publications, which are therefore indispensable for understanding the current state of the art.

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▶▶ Group 1 (free access)

Afghanistan	Guinea	Samoa
Angola	Guinea-Bissau	Sao Tome and Principe
Bangladesh	Haiti	Senegal
Benin	Kiribati	Sierra Leone
Bhutan	Lao People's Democratic	Solomon Islands
Burkina Faso	Republic	Somalia
Burundi	Lesotho	Sudan
Cambodia	Liberia	Timor-Leste
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Togo
Chad	Malawi	Tuvalu
Comoros	Maldives	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mali	United Republic of Tanzania
Djibouti	Mauritania	Vanuatu
Equatorial Guinea	Mozambique	Yemen
Eritrea	Myanmar	Zambia
Ethiopia	Nepal	
Gambia	Niger	
	Rwanda	

▶▶ Group 2 (low cost access)

Albania	Guatemala	Peru
Algeria	Guyana	Republic of Moldova
Armenia	Honduras	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Azerbaijan	Iraq	Serbia
Belarus	Jamaica	Suriname
Bolivia (Plurinational States of)	Jordan	Swaziland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	Syrian Arab Republic
Bulgaria	Kenya	Tajikistan
Cameroon	Kosovo	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Cape Verde	Kyrgyzstan	Tokelau
Colombia	Marshall Islands	Tonga
Congo	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tunisia
Côte d'Ivoire	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
Cuba	Montenegro	Ukraine
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Uzbekistan
Ecuador	Namibia	Viet Nam
El Salvador	Nicaragua	West Bank and Gaza Strip
Fiji	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Georgia	Papua New Guinea	
Ghana	Paraguay	

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<http://www.who.int/hinari/en/>



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<http://www.aginternetwork.org/en/>



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<http://www.oaresciences.org/en/>



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For a list of eligible countries, please refer to the tables Group 1 and Group 2 in this brochure.

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