

# BAIFA

## Bibliotheca Alexandrina Information for Africa

**Bibliotheca Alexandrina Information for Africa (BAIFA)** is an information service for African countries.

Through **BAIFA**, the BA is capitalizing on a former effort started by the Royal Tropical Institute of the Netherlands (KIT) together with Elsevier based on two memoranda of understanding signed by the both of them in 2013. These two memoranda serve the best interest of researchers and research institutions in African least-developed and low-income countries.

The **BAIFA** website offers the following services:

- Full access to two of **Elsevier's** databases (ScienceDirect and Scopus) for eligible researchers and research institutions that meet **BAIFA** membership criteria.
- **Free access** to a large number of e-resources on diverse themes, such as culture, knowledge transfer, decentralization and local governance, health, and sustainable economic development.
- Diverse **training programs**, including information literacy and library professional development courses, in addition to other courses in collaboration with Elsevier.
- The **BA Resource Sharing Service**, an online service provided through African libraries to African researchers. This service allows **BAIFA** users to request **free articles** from the **Library of Congress's** databases. It also gives them access to the content of the BA Serageldin Library, which includes a collection of resources on statistics and research methods.
- The **BAIFA programs**, through which the **BAIFA** recommends topics of interest to Africans, making use of the various resources held within its collection related to the annual topic theme. A closing event is held at the end of each program.

The BA will not only work on keeping the **BAIFA** resources frequently updated but will also strive to fulfil the scholarly needs of its members.



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