

USEFUL INTERNET RESOURCES

To keep up with the day-to-day politics there is a host of new on-line resources available through the University of Ottawa library system.

There is no excuse not to keep up with the news. Regular news sources available include:

- <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/default.stm>
- <http://allafrica.com/>
- <http://www.africanews.org>

In addition you can sign up for the United Nations IRIN (<http://www.irinnews.org/>) news bulletins for Africa here: <http://www.irinnews.org/subscriptions/subslogin.asp>. These will give you regular feeds of news on the continent as soon as it comes in, and offers important insights on socio-political realities from the perspective of ordinary Africans. IRIN also has a video database that highlights important themes from the perspective of ordinary people: <http://www.irinnews.org/filmtv.aspx>.

Another good source that include the lived experiences of ordinary Rwandans in their analyses are the publications of international non-governmental organisations like Médecins sans Frontières (<http://www.msf.org>), Oxfam International (<http://www.oxfam.org>), Panos Illuminating Voices (<http://www.panos.org.uk/>).

There are a number of **radio stations** you can listen to:

- <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/radio.html>
- http://allafrica.com/partners/rfi/en_rfi.html (RFI)

Other rich **portals** for information on Africa include:

- http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/AS.html
- <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>
- <http://www.worldbank.org/afr/>
- <http://www.afrika.no/>
- <http://www.africaonline.com/site/>
- <http://worldviews.igc.org/awpguide/>
- *Country Pages:* http://www.africa.upenn.edu//Home_Page/Country.html

You can also keep up with **blogs** of academics, journalists and other observers of African political issues. Some of my favourites include:

- Africa: Politics and Societies South of the Sahara (<http://rubeneberlein.wordpress.com/>)
- Reuters Africa News Blog (<http://blogs.reuters.com/africanews/>)
- African Arguments (<http://africanarguments.org/>)

Some professional associations also maintain useful websites. One of particular interest is the Association of Concerned Africa Scholars. The group publishes a regular bulletin: <http://www.concernedafricascholars.org/bulletin>. Another excellent site that regularly publishes work by African academics is the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA):

http://www.codesria.org/Links/Publications/Journals/codesria_bulletin.htm

A good **historical source** is Africa Past and Present. This website offers regular podcasts about African history, culture, and politics: <http://afripod.aodl.org/>

You can also check out **thematic websites** for their Africa country pages. Examples include human rights: Amnesty International (<http://www.amnesty.org/>) and (Human Rights Watch (<http://www.hrw.org/>); corruption: Global Integrity (<http://www.globalintegrity.org/>) and Transparency International (<http://www.transparency.org/>); climate change: International Institute for Sustainable Development (<http://www.iisd.org/climate/>); sexual violence against women: (<http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol21no2/212-violence-aganist-women.html>).

Facebook is home to a variety of Africa-specific resources, including country- and thematic-specific groups. “The Africa Report” is one group you can join for analysis on contemporary socio-political events.

And fortunately too, many of the **academic journals** writing on Africa are available on-line to UOttawa students:

- Africa
- Africa Confidential
- Africa Insight
- Africa Research Bulletin (Political)
- African Studies Review
- Africa Today
- African Affairs
- African Studies Quarterly
- African Studies Review
- The Journal of Modern African Studies
- Review of African Political Economy