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# Access to Print, Digitized, and Born-Digital Newspapers from Africa

The North American / Global Conundrum





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# Background



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## Outline

- Historical and current collecting trends of African newspapers
- Online availability of current African news
- Digital availability of historical African news
- The “global conundrum”
- A global cooperative agenda



## Collection Trends (1955-2015)

- Individual collection growth (1950's-1980's)
- Cooperative collection & preservation (1980's-2000's)
- Shift to electronic availability (2000's- )



# Online Availability of Current African News

- Publishers' sites
- E-Prints
- Aggregator Databases

<http://www.crl.edu/collections/topics/news>



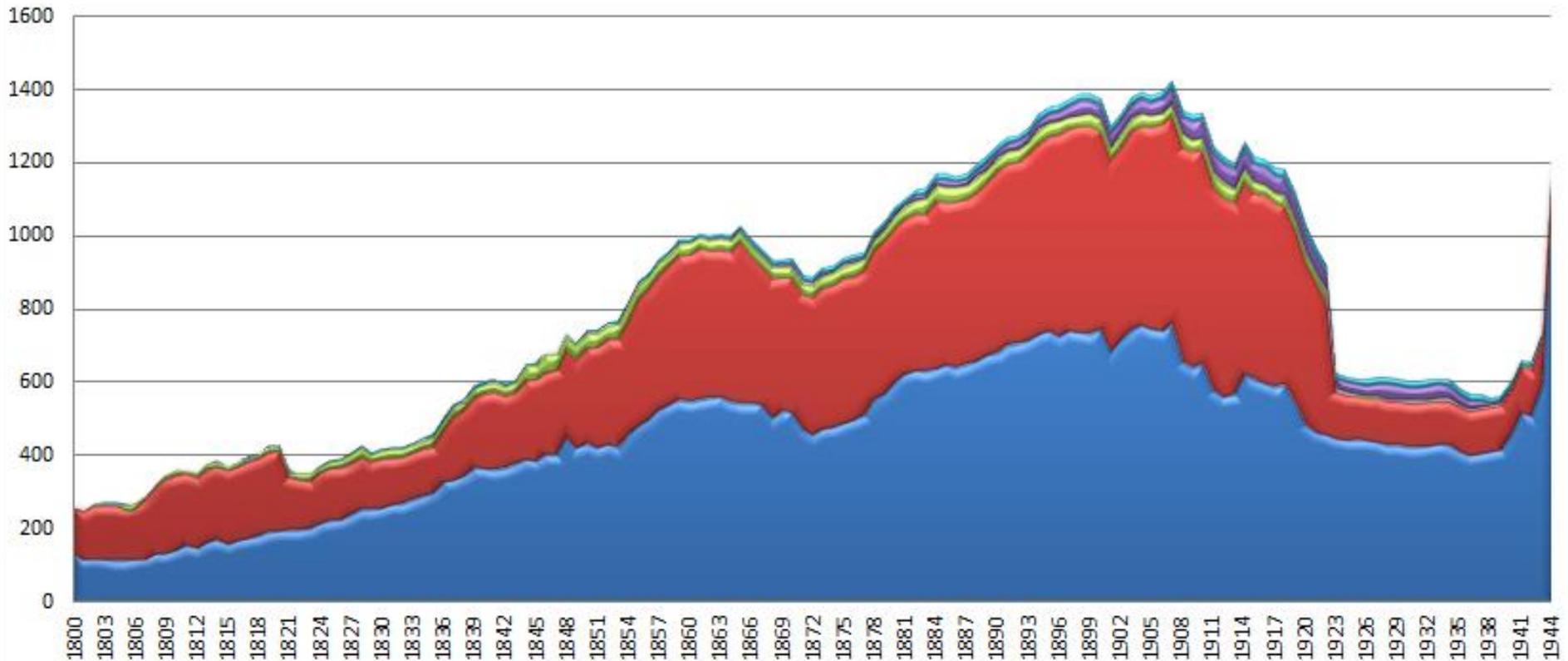
# Digital Availability of Historical African News

- World Newspaper Archive (CRL/Readex)
- Selected titles: European libraries
- African institutions?

<http://www.crl.edu/collections/topics/news>

## Digitized Newspaper Coverage Worldwide (1800-1944)

■ Europe ■ North America ■ Latin America & Caribbean ■ Africa ■ Asia



Data from ICON "Comparative Analysis of Newspaper Digitization to Date"  
(2015)



## North American / Global Conundrum

- Print news collecting in decline
- Online availability uneven, unstructured, unpreserved
- Current / historical collections “at risk”



## Towards a global cooperative agenda

- Sharing information about news collections
- Cooperative preservation and digitization
- Shared approaches to digital news preservation



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