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

- Individual collection growth (1950’s-1980’s)
- Cooperative collection & preservation (1980’s-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?

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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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