

SWAZILAND: COUNTRY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Swaziland is a small landlocked Country that lies between South Africa and Mozambique in Southern Africa.

The report is based on what obtains at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), which has the most comprehensive collection, in the Country, housed on three campus libraries.

The acquisition and cataloguing of library materials is centralized at the Kwaluseni Main Campus Library.

Other institutions, such as the Teacher Training Colleges and High Schools have libraries which are supplied and managed by the Swaziland National Library Services (SNLS), a Government-funded public library that has branches across the Country.

Unlike other multi-ethnic and multi-lingual African states, Swaziland does not experience any cataloguing problems or peculiarities with regard to language because the Country has one ethnic group, one language (siSwati) and one university, the University of Swaziland. There are two official languages; namely: English and siSwati languages.

CATALOGUING

There is no cooperative cataloguing in Swaziland. Each institution catalogues its own resources, even though both the UNISWA and the SNLS use the AACR (2) for bibliographical description and DDC for classification.

SCRIPTS

Mainly English language; however, siSwati language is also used for siSwati publications.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Swaziland uses the following international standards: MARC 21, ISBD, ISBN, and ISSN.

Further, the University of Swaziland assigns ISBN & ISSN to locally published materials; as well as publishing the annual Swaziland National Bibliography.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

The University of Swaziland uses LCSH list of subject headings for indexing.