

**ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT DELIVERY FOR SUPPORTING
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN KENYA: THE EXPERIENCE OF EGERTON
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

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Abstract

Stringent economic conditions, coupled with the proliferation of information have incapacitated many agricultural research libraries in developing countries. Traditional means of document delivery have slumped, causing widespread user-dissatisfaction. Consequently, Compact Disc-Read Only Memory (CD-ROM) technology continues to gain preference, especially in Africa, as an electronic means of hastening document access. The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL), employing CD-ROMs, is examined in relation to its potential in promoting agricultural research at Egerton University in Kenya. A critical analysis of pertinent administrative and technical issues is made with envisaged challenges in focus. Ultimately, suitable solutions for sustainability and improvement are proffered.

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