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**Annex 4 to the 2016 Director's report :  
Library digitization project**

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# **Inventory Report of the heritage collection of documents in the IDEP Library**

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## **Main objective of the inventory**

- Preparation for the preservation and digitization of the collection of documents in the IDEP library, produced by IDEP and its member countries as far back as the 1960's, with a view to widely disseminating them on-line and via other electronic methods.

## Specific objectives

- **Identify** qualitatively and quantitatively (number of titles and pages) the documents to be digitised
- **Gather** the documents according to their origin and publishing location (country, IDEP)
- **Physically prepare the** documents for digitisation: dusting, cleaning, physical conditioning.
- **Retire those** no longer used or that exist in multiple copies
- **Catalogue** documents by title, author, date of publication, state of conservation, physical location, etc.

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## Functional and material organisation

- **Human resources:** five contractual librarians and archivists mobilised on a full-time basis and supervised by staff of the library
- **Duration:** three months

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## Results

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## Geographical distribution

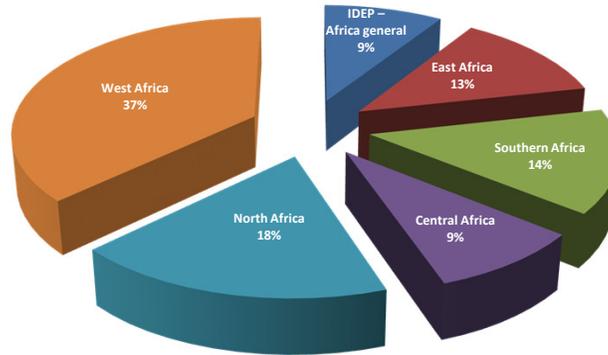
**Total number of pages to be scanned** : approximately **520,000 p.** with content from **49** countries, except **Cape Verde, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe** and **South Sudan**

Regional areas	Number of countries	Number of pages
IDEP & Africa in general (Transnational documents)		47,000 p.
North Africa	07	94,000 p.
East Africa	10	64,000 p.
Southern Africa	11	73,500 p.
Central Africa	07	46,300 p.
West Africa	14	191,000 p.

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## Pages to be scanned by region as percentage of the total

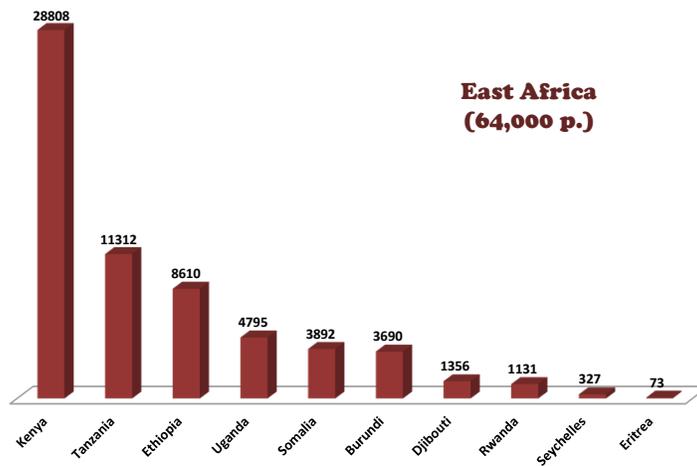
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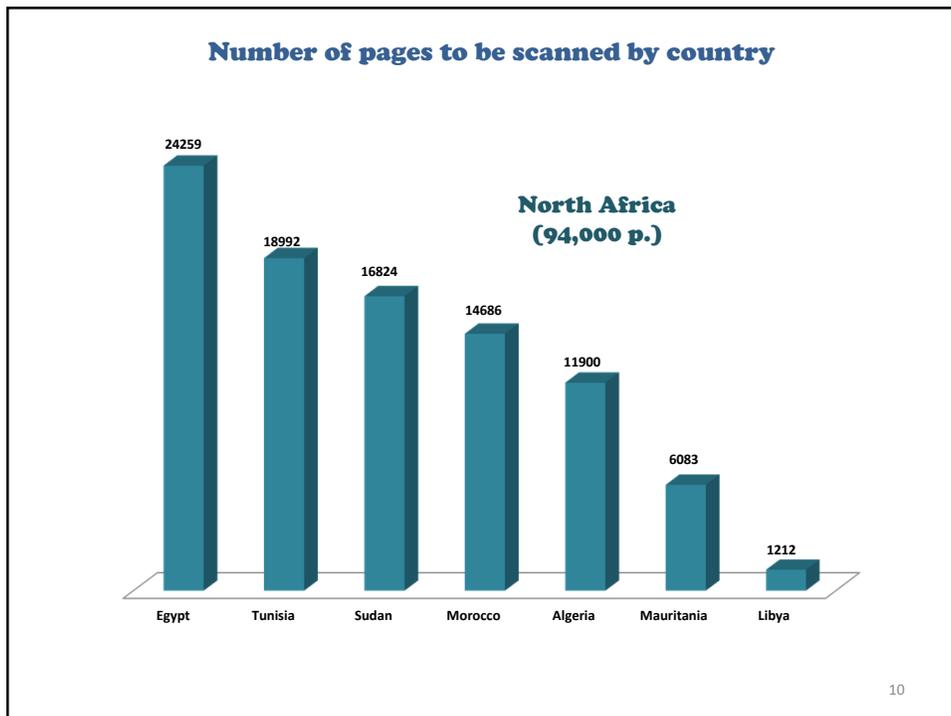
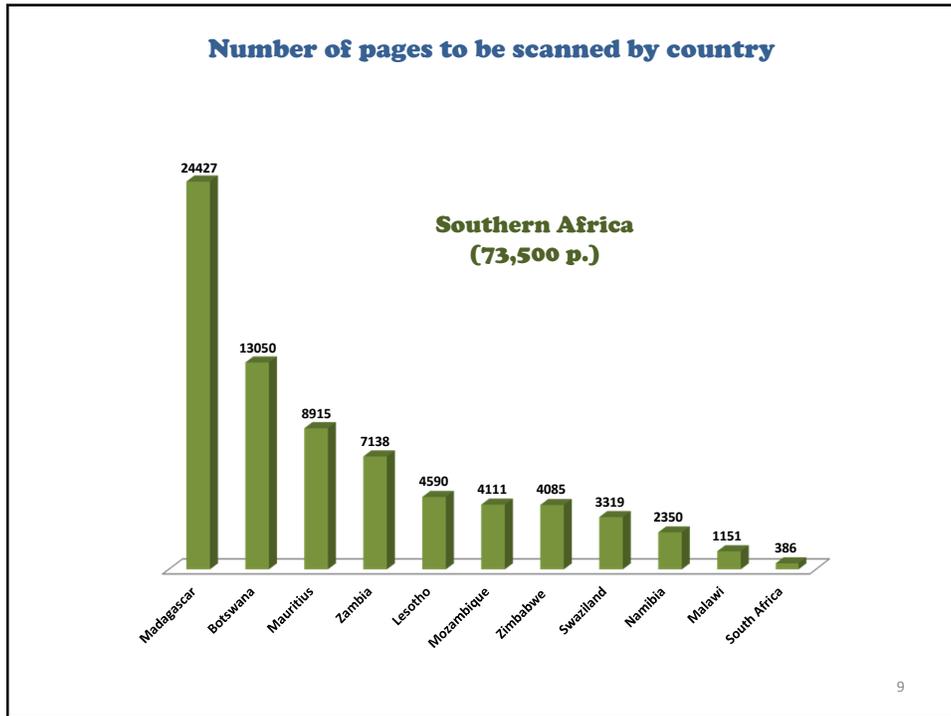
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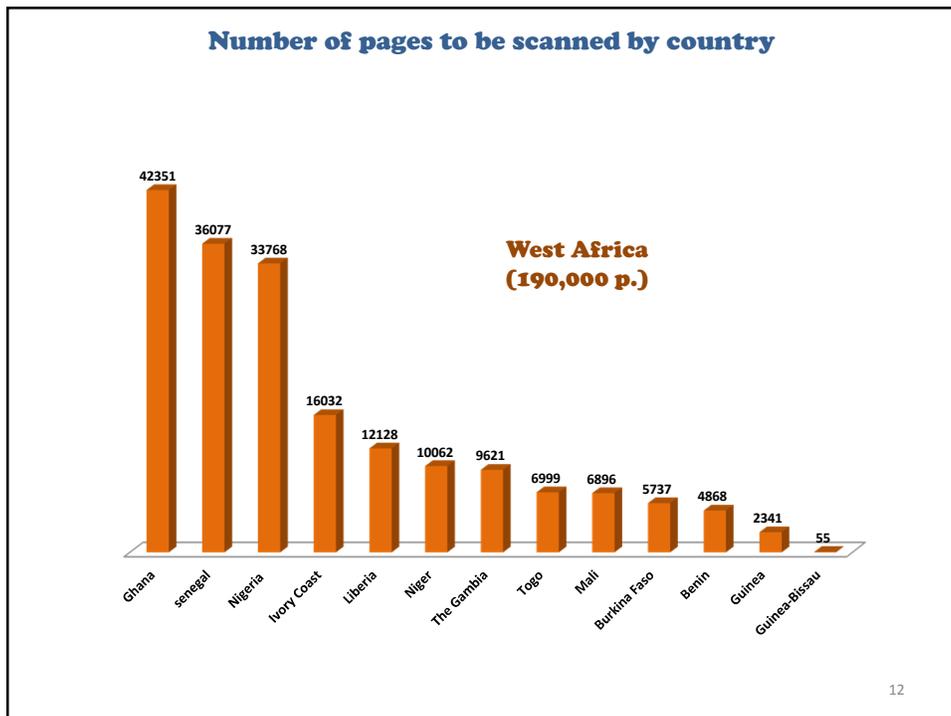
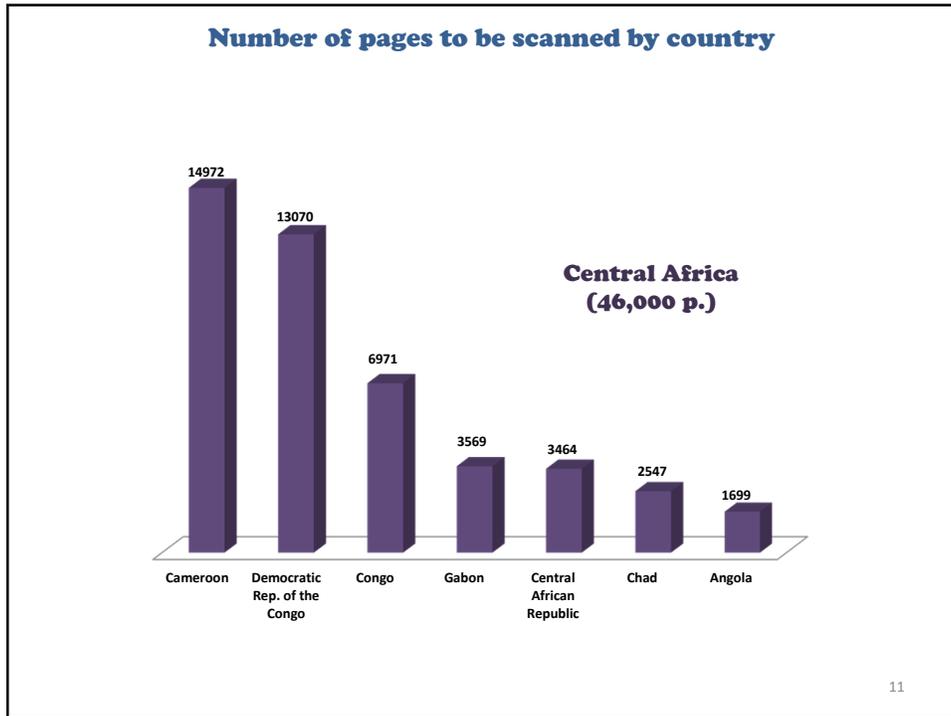
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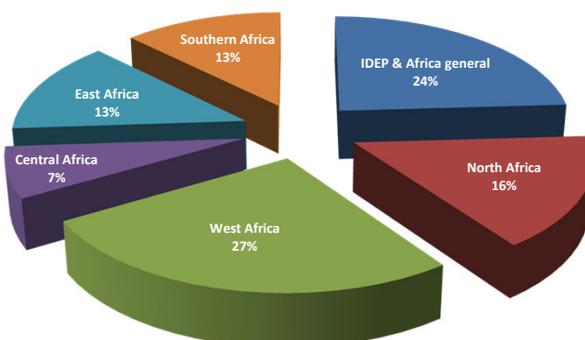
**Total number of Titles to be scanned** : approximately **5,800** titles with content from **49** countries, except **Cape Verde, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe** and **South Sudan**

Regional areas	Number of countries	Number of titles
IDEP & Africa in general (Transnational documents)		1,400
North Africa	07	900
East Africa	10	800
Southern Africa	11	700
Central Africa	07	400
West Africa	14	1,500

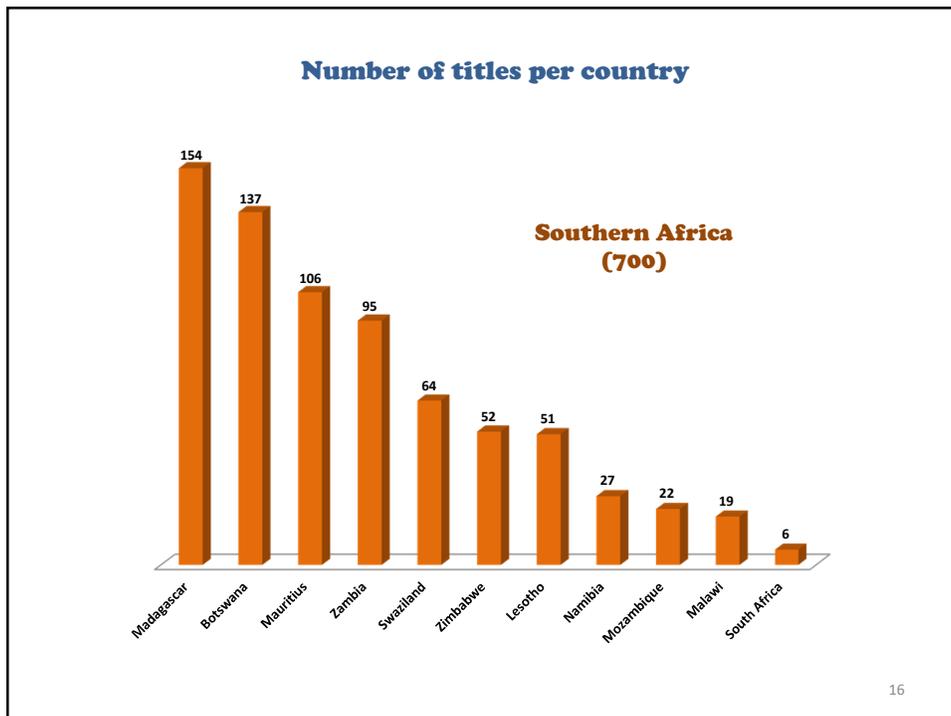
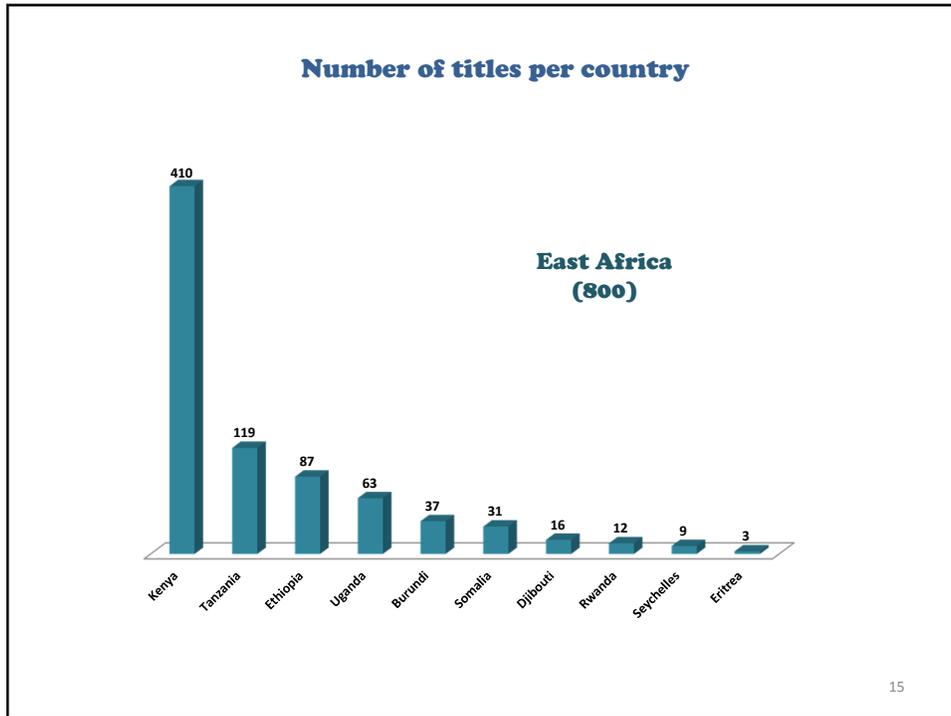
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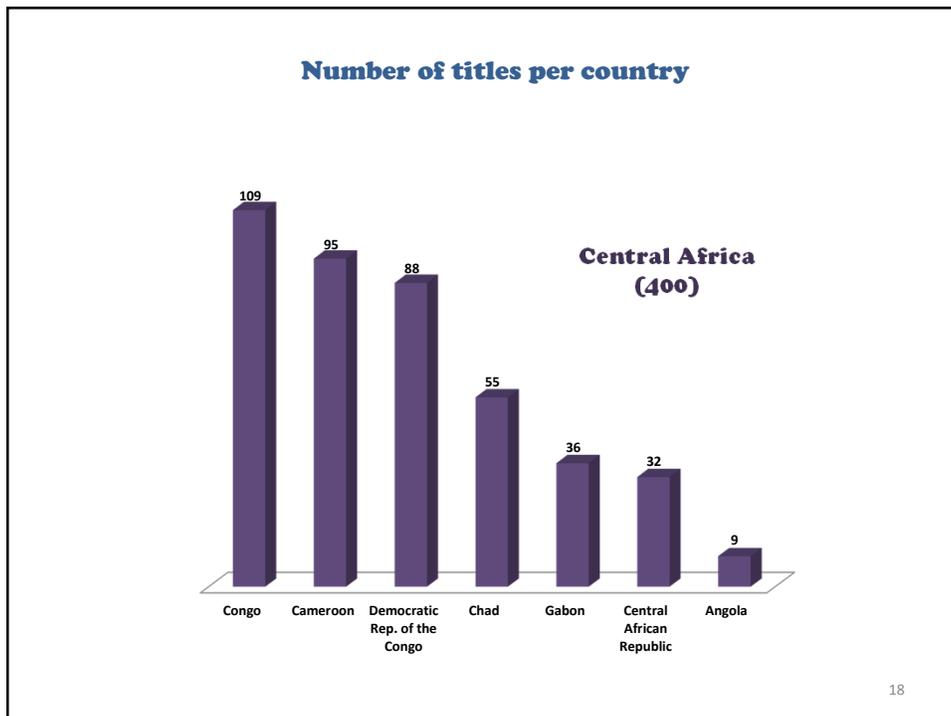
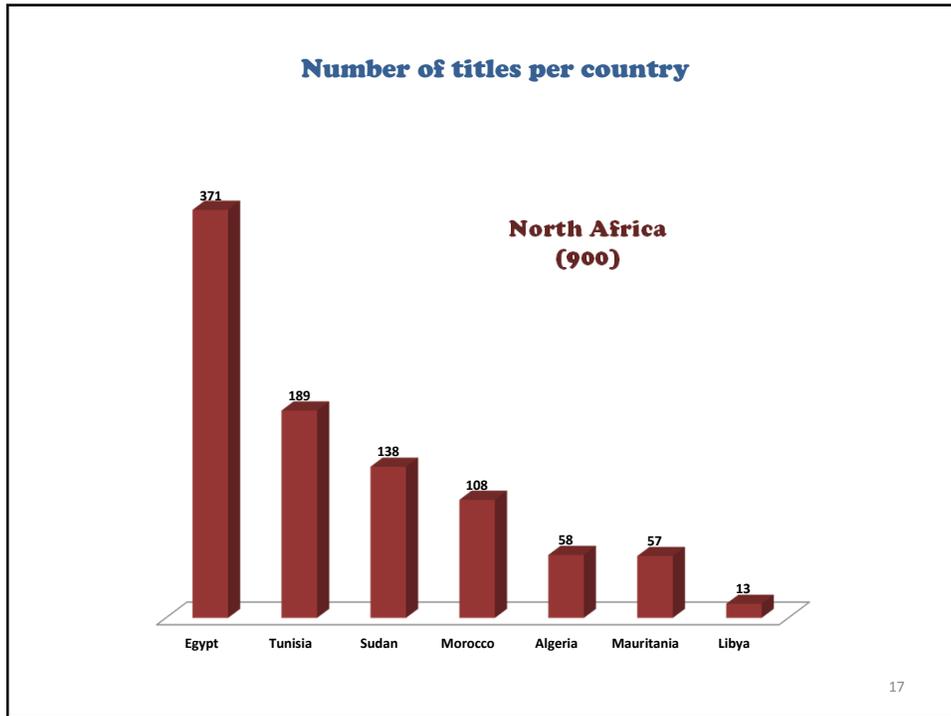
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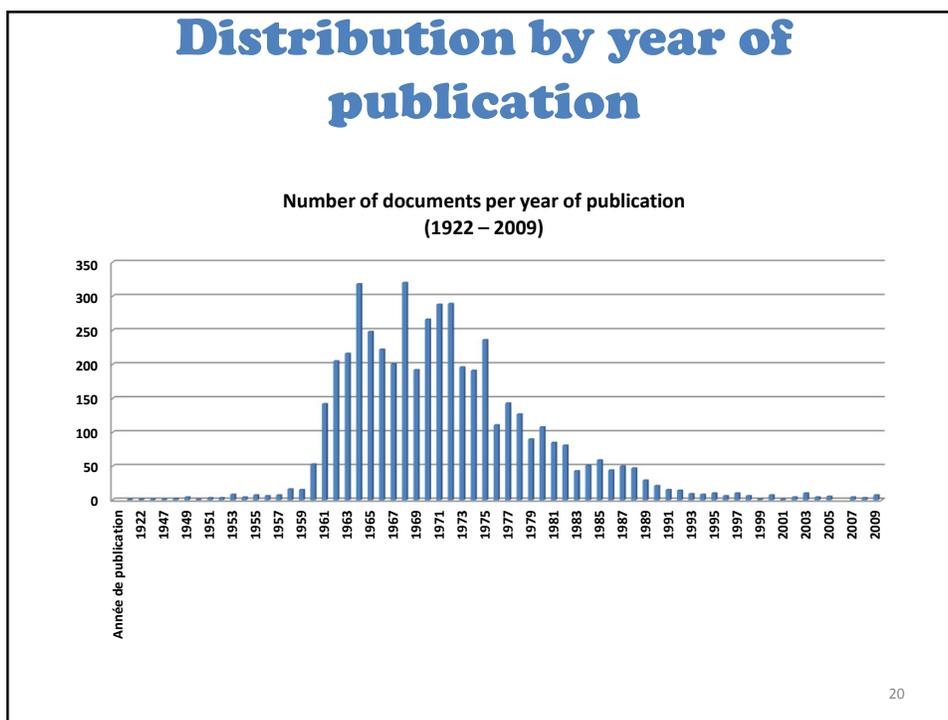
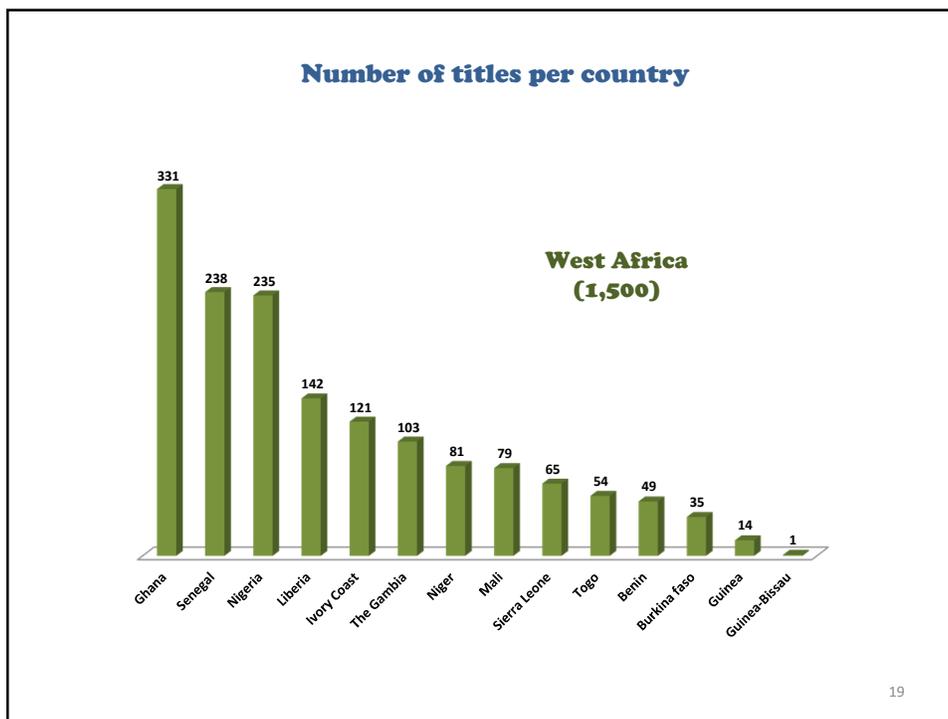
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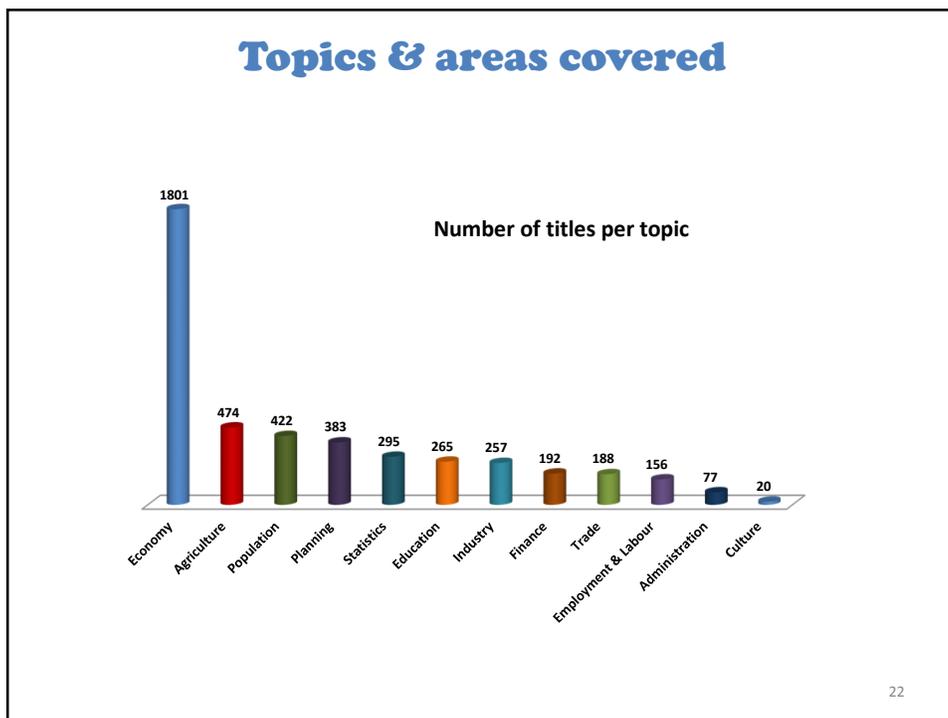
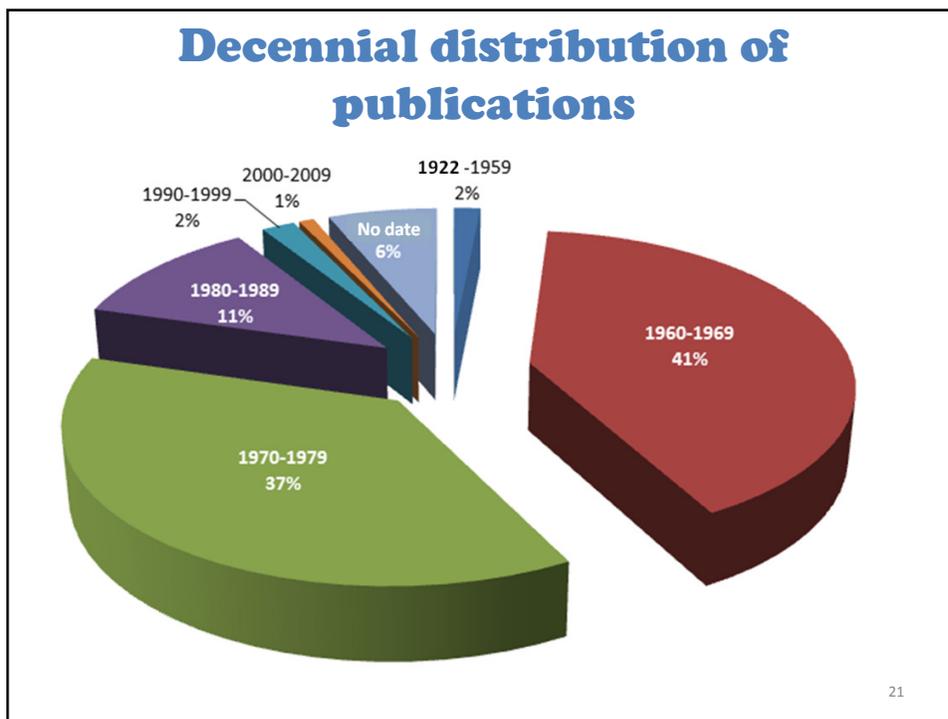


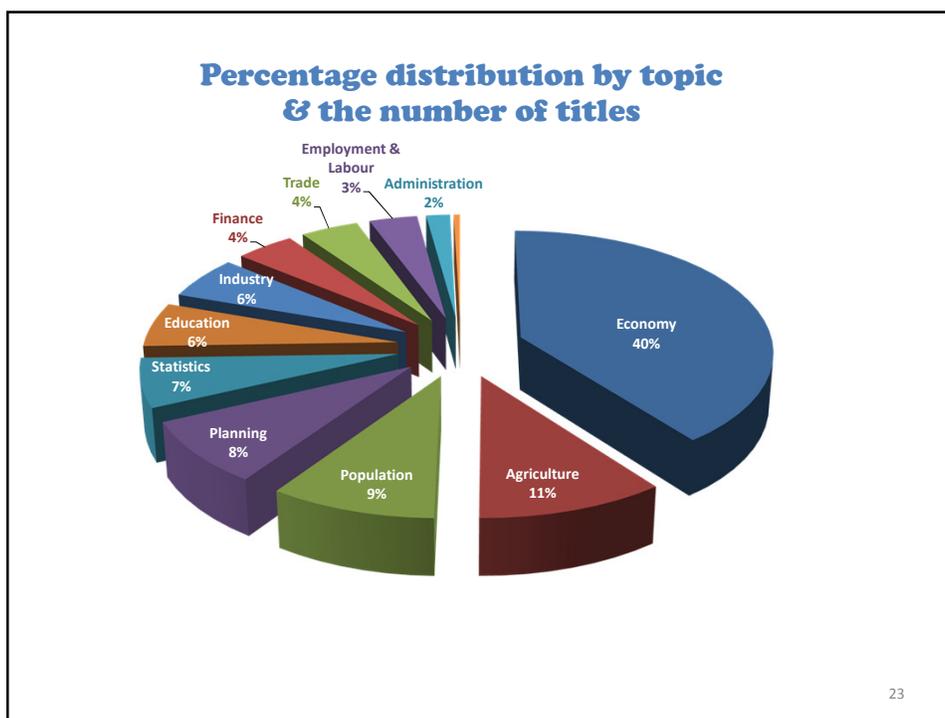
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## What Next?

- Scanning of the 520,000 + pages
- Creation of a collection of digital documents as a continental heritage and preserved for future generations
- Integration of the digitised documents in a digital library accessible online for research purposes
- Provision of a portable digital library via physical electronic media (DVD, USB keys) for member countries (national libraries and similar institutions, academic and research libraries) and partners
- Presentation of the collection in relevant scientific discussion e.g, conferences, professional and scientific journals and other discussion fora

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