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# **Digitisation project of the heritage collection of documents in the IDEP Library**

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# Main objective

- Digitisation of the documents produced by IDEP and its member countries and constituted since the creation of the institute's library, with a view to wide dissemination via the Web and offline devices. This digitisation also aims at preserving the original documents, in particular by avoiding their physical manipulation.

# **Objects of digitisation**

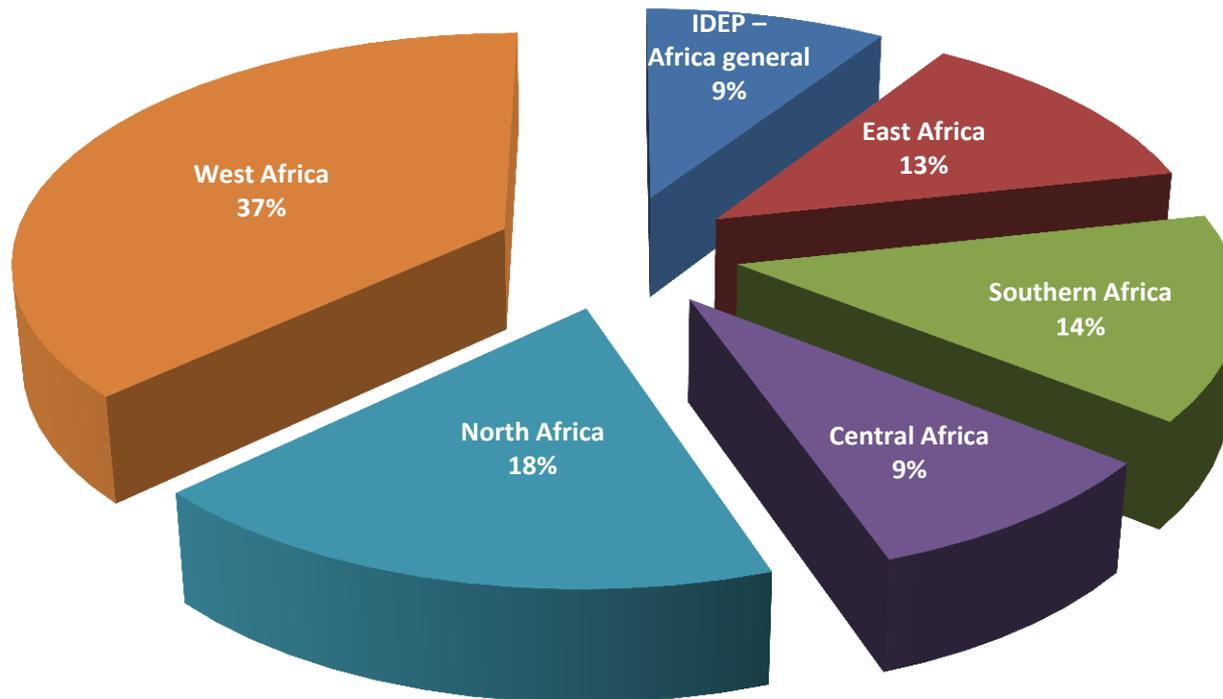
# Geographical distribution

**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)		48,000 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.

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

520,000 p.



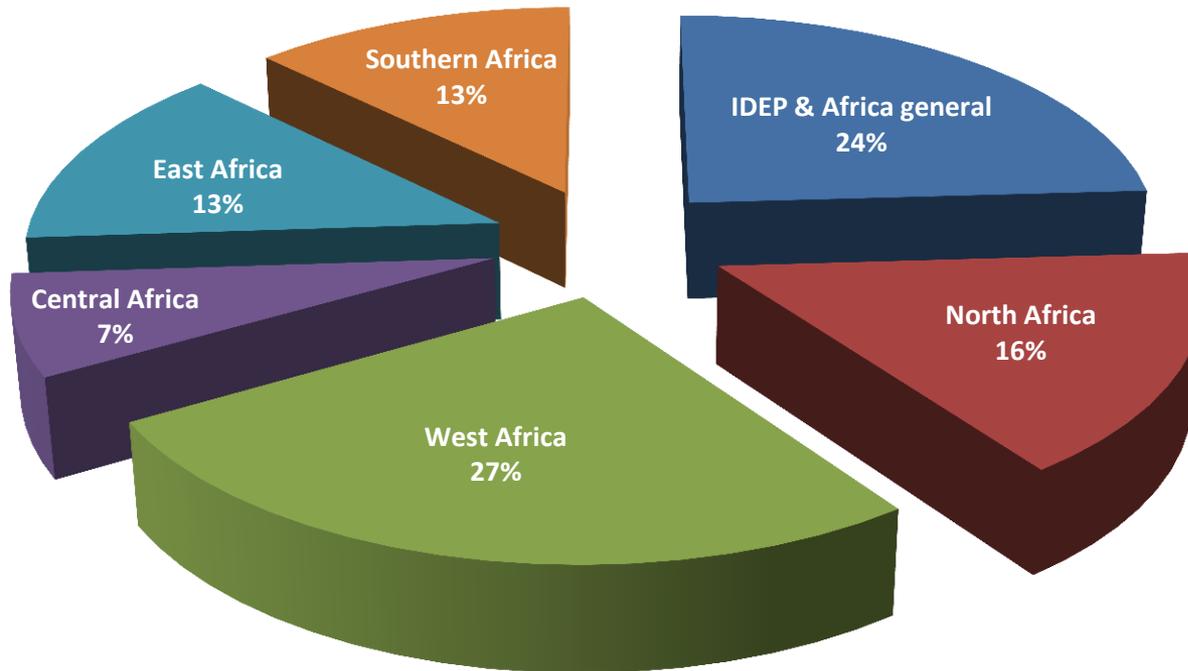
# Geographical distribution

**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**

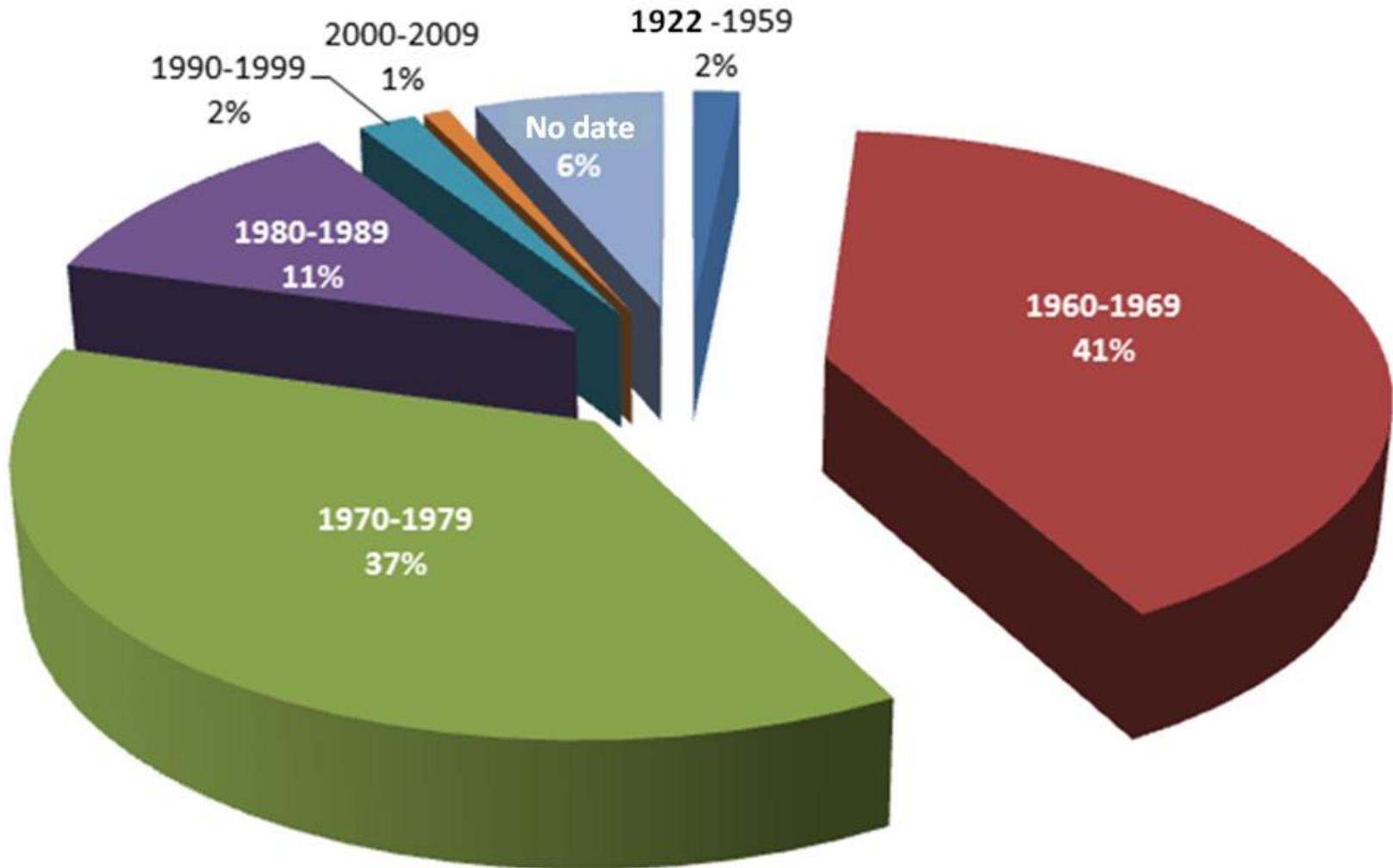
Regional areas	Number of countries	Number of titles
IDEP & Africa in general (Transnational documents)		1,400
North Africa	07	900
East Africa	10	800
Southern Africa	11	700
Central Africa	07	400
West Africa	14	1,500

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

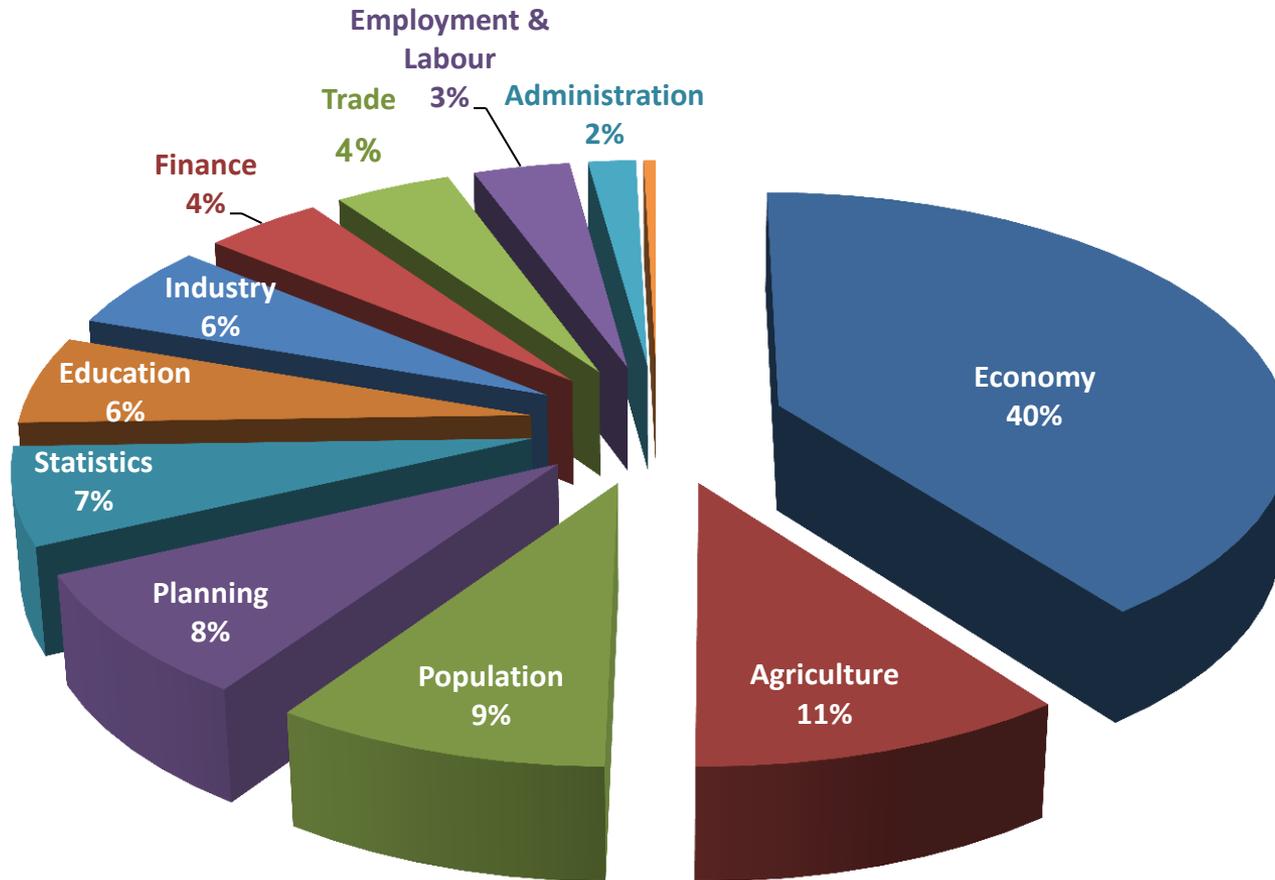
5,800 titles



# Decennial distribution of publications

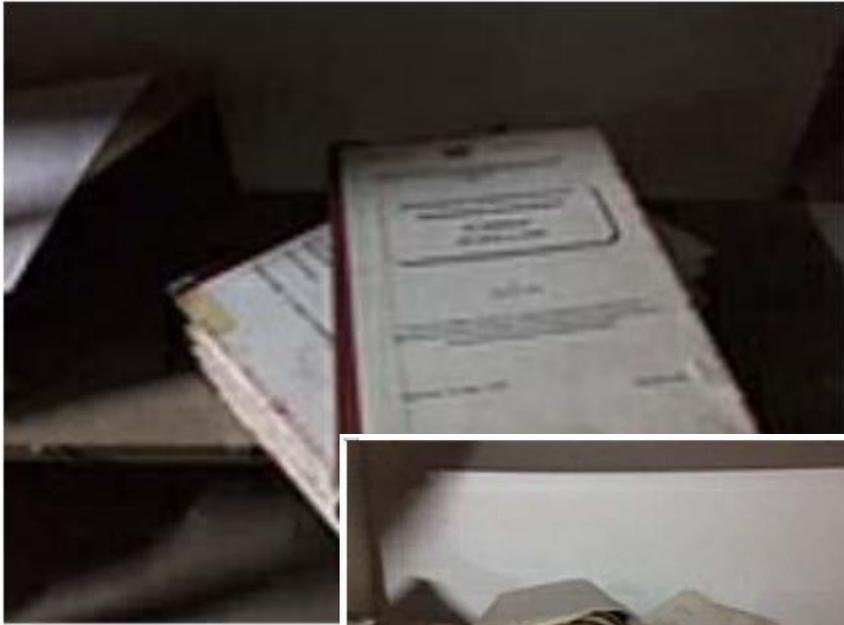


# Percentage distribution by topic & the number of titles



# **Digitisation in two phases**

# Preview of some documents before scanning



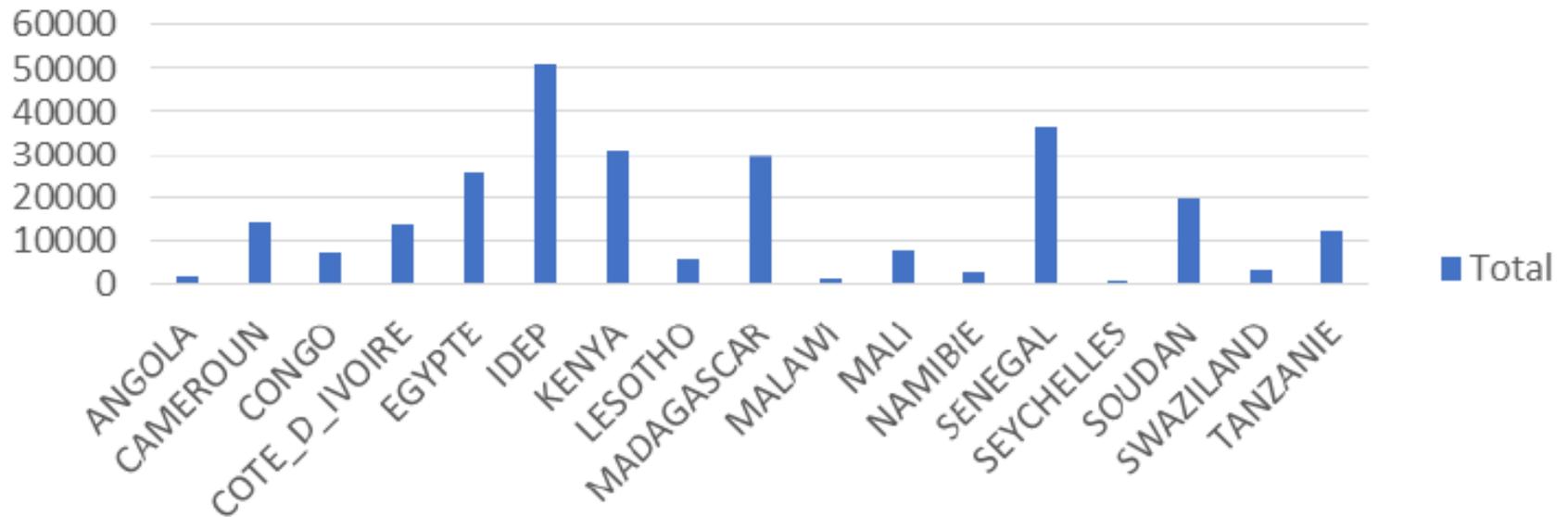
# Phase 1: June 2017 - December 2017

- **262,161** files delivered (scanned pages)
- **3323** titles
- file formats:
  - ✓ **TIFF** 300 DPI (dot per inch) for archiving
  - ✓ **PDF/A** 300 DPI with automatic indexing by OCR (optical character recognition), for consulting and fulltext search.
  - ✓ **TXT** UTF-8 with manual indexing for search in digital libraries and repositories.

## SUMMARY TABLE BY COUNTRY AND NUMBER OF SCANNED PAGES

COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF SCANNED PAGES
ANGOLA	1452
CAMEROUN	14264
CONGO	7269
COTE_D_IVOIRE	13438
EGYPTE	25341
IDEP	50869
KENYA	30860
LESOTHO	5800
MADAGASCAR	29617
MALAWI	1334
MALI	7653
NAMIBIE	2611
SENEGAL	36697
SEYCHELLES	191
SOUDAN	19420
SWAZILAND	3277
TANZANIE	12088
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>262181</b>

## Total



COUNTRY

# What Next?

- **Scanning** of **260,000** remaining pages for the second phase (in 2018)
- Creation of a collection of digital documents as a continental heritage and preserved for future generations
  - Integration of the digitised documents in digital libraries accessible online for research purposes : **IDEP Document Server** & **ECA Knowledge Repository**.
  - Provision of a portable digital library via physical electronic media (External disks, 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, internal & external conferences, professional and scientific journals and other discussion fora

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