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Africa online portal launched

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Researchers and leaders can now share ideas on Africa with the public for improved governance after an online knowledge resource was launched yesterday.

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) launched the Africa Portal, to offer a forum for opinion leaders and researchers to share insights on Africa and publish their work on pressing issues to policy makers and the public.

“The Africa Portal is a landmark addition to Africa’s knowledge repository that will contribute to the making of informed decisions by policymakers,” Dr. Nelson Sewankambo, the director of the Africa Initiative and principal of Makerere University’s College of Health Sciences said.

He said important research and analysis across the continent that was previously inaccessible will now be available to all Africans and other interested users.

“The Africa Portal aims to fill the gap in accessibility to research and information on policy issues critical to the continent,” Dr Ssewankambo said in a press statement.

The project is a collaborative undertaking between CIGI, Makerere University and the South African Institute of International Affairs in Johannesburg.

The Africa Portal offers an online library collection, issues section, experts' directory, and

international events calendar to equip users with research and information on Africa's current policy issues.

The library collection holds over 2,500 books, journals and digital documents. The entire online repository is open access and available for free with a full-text download.

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