FAO OPEN ARCHIVE

There is now one place for all FAO's bibliographic records as well as full text documents in the Open Archive. This easily accessible portal is your gateway to obtaining FAO documents. It replaces and improves the FAO Catalogue and Corporate Document Repository by offering a single site that can collect, manage, preserve and disseminate FAO publications.

A single entry point

The Open Archive has a comprehensive database of documents extending back to 1945. Navigating your way around these documents has been made easier. The simple but effective search facility allows people to carry out metadata and full text searches.

Guaranteeing long-term access

The Open Archive has been designed to meet the Open Archival Information System (OAIS) standard. This means that FAO takes responsibility to preserve information and make it available, in perpetuity, for its designated community.

Open access standards

It's not just a case of storing material – it's also about making it easier to organise and search that material. The Open Archive is compliant with open access standards laid down by the Open Archives Initiative (www.openarchives.org). This means content can be harvested and then put to new uses.

Harvesting data

Metadata is structured information that describes, locates or otherwise makes it easier to retrieve or manage an information resource. FAO uses the Open Archive Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) to expose for harvesting all its data from a single place. OAI-PMH has been developed by the Open Archives Initiative (www.openarchives.org/pmh) which is a leading authority on managing information.

Making the archive work for you

The Open Archive allows people to make full use of the wealth of material generated by FAO. Information is stored in many formats. The archive gives people the flexibility to bring together different data sets and exploit them for purposes far removed from their original aim. This vastly increases the power of FAO to gain extra benefits from the knowledge held in its archive.

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