

BIDOC

Library,
Information and
Documentation Centre
on Southern Africa



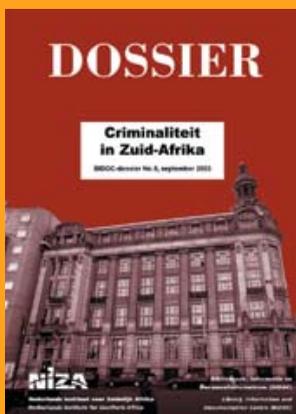
Netherlands institute for Southern Africa

Bidoc Bidoc is the Library, Information and Documentation Centre of the Netherlands institute for Southern Africa (NiZA). Bidoc holds an extensive collection of documentary information on southern Africa from 1970 to the present. This collection contains both interesting historical materials and current documentation – in recent years mainly collected through the internet – and is highly accessible through the detailed description of the sources in our databases.

COLLECTION

Bidoc provides information on a wide range of socio-economic and political issues in southern Africa and the international relations with the region. The collection includes some 50 000 referenced articles and documents and 5 000 books. Bidoc currently subscribes to 175 newspapers and periodicals, and has a large collection of travel guides, photographs, slides and posters, as well as over 1 000 documentaries, television items and films from and on southern Africa on video. Bidoc cooperates closely with a number of other documentation centres and has exchange agreements with libraries in the Netherlands, southern Africa and Europe.

Bidoc also possesses unique historical archival records and documentation materials on southern Africa. These materials originate from the former Dutch solidarity and anti-apartheid organisations which merged into NiZA, and from other groups in the Netherlands active from the 1960s to the 1980s. This part of the collection contains a lot of materials on the international sanctions campaign against South Africa and the liberation struggle against apartheid and colonialism in southern Africa.



DOSSIERS

Twice a year, Bidoc produces a dossier. A Bidoc dossier is a reader with a selection of articles on a topical issue, complemented with an introduction and a list of additional sources on the subject available at Bidoc. In recent years Bidoc published dossiers on press freedom and HIV/Aids in southern Africa, Nelson Mandela, land reform in Zimbabwe, criminality in South Africa and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Dossiers cost € 5 each. Recent Bidoc dossiers are also available in pdf-format on the NiZA website (www.niza.nl/bidoc).



CATALOGUE

The Bidoc collection has been made accessible through two databases; since 1999 Bidoc uses the professional Adlib documentation programme. These databases contain over 50 000 records describing the documentary sources, mainly from 1991 and later. All records include short abstracts of the sources as well as keywords, which makes the vast collection highly accessible and facilitates the identification of required sources. Older materials are referenced through a card system.

Additionally, visitors can use very extensive bibliographical databases provided on two cd-roms from NISC: *South African Studies* and *African Studies*, together covering over 600 000 records.

SPECIAL SERVICE: LISTS OF SOURCES

On request, the Bidoc staff provides lists of sources on a wide range of subjects. These lists may contain all articles, documents, books and videos on this subject available at Bidoc. Often references to relevant websites are included. The sources are presented in chronological order – in either short or extended (including abstracts and keywords) format. Lists of sources can also be provided by e-mail.

Regularly required subjects include issues like democratisation, human rights, gender relations, criminal, political and sexual violence, development policy, the situation of youth and children, culture, media, education, Dutch policies towards southern Africa, regional cooperation, tourism, environmental problems and migration.

SERVICE

NiZA-Bidoc distinguishes itself by the up-to-date and systematically accessed collection and highly personal assistance to our clients. Bidoc staff members are experienced and well-informed on the current situation in southern Africa and its history. They will gladly assist you with your search for information – whether you are a student, teacher, researcher or journalist, or otherwise interested in the region. Bidoc staff can also be reached by telephone and e-mail. On request we provide you with information such as lists of sources, research tips, etcetera.

OTHER LIBRARIES IN THE NETHERLANDS WITH INFORMATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

African Studies Centre (ASC)

Scientific library focusing on socio-economic, political and constitutional development issues in Africa. The collections covers anthropology, sociology, religion, law, education, linguistics, history and literature. Books and videos can be borrowed.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday,
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pieter de la Court Building
Room O.B53 (ground floor)
Wassenaarseweg 52, Leiden
+31 (0)71 527 33 54
asclibrary@fsw.leidenuniv.nl
<http://asc.leidenuniv.nl/library>

KIT Library

Large collection of scientific and popular books, periodicals, articles and maps concerning developing countries. There are 4 themes for which special information products, such as CD-ROMs, databases and resource books are composed: Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, Gender and Women, Agriculture and the Environment. Within the Tropical Museum the KIT Resource Centre is located, with an

interesting collection of non-western literature, country information and special travel guides.

KIT Library is open to visitors Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.
KIT Resource Centre is open Tuesday to Friday and Sunday 10 a.m. until 4.45 p.m.
Visiting address:
Mauritskade 63, Amsterdam
Telephone: +31 (0)20 568 8462
library@kit.nl
www.kit.nl/ils

SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE (SAI)

The most extensive library on South Africa in the Netherlands, with a historical collection focused on history, language and literature in South Africa.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Keizersgracht 141, Amsterdam
Telephone: +31 (0)20 624 93 18
bibliotheek@zuidafrikahuis.nl
www.zuidafrikahuis.nl

LIBRARY

Opening hours of NiZA-Bidoc are from Monday to Friday, 10.00 to 17.00 hrs. Membership is not required. Books, documents and periodicals are directly available to the public; there is a reading table with computer to access the catalogue.

Books can be borrowed, but only when Bidoc has two copies. Articles and documents may not be borrowed, but consulted at the library. A photocopy machine is available; photocopies cost € 0.10 per copy. Visitors can also watch the videos from our collection in the library. Videos can only be borrowed for non-commercial educational purposes.

WEBSITE

The NiZA website provides a lot of information on southern Africa and Bidoc. The website for instance presents hundreds of continuously updated links to relevant websites on southern Africa (www.niza.nl/links). Another important internet service of Bidoc are the collections of electronic documents on Zimbabwe and the Fatal Transactions campaign on conflict diamonds and the illegal exploitation of natural resources, most of which are presented in pdf-format. From 2005 the current Bidoc catalogue will also be available online. A large number of lists of sources from our previous database are already available in pdf-format (www.niza.nl/bidoc).

websites from and about southern Africa

541 items >>

- A-Z of African studies on the internet**
East Lansing, MI, USA: Michigan State University
Pleasant and annotated directory with a good overview of mailing lists and discussion groups one can subscribe to. Maintained by Peter Limb
<http://www.lib.msu.edu/limb/a-z/az.html>
- Action for Southern Africa**
London, Great Britain
ACTSA, former Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM). Member of the European Network for Information and Action on Southern Africa (www.eniasa.org). Campaigns on Angola, debt, HIV/AIDS, trade etc. Website contains publications among which all issues from April 1995 of the Angola Peace Monitor, in English and Portuguese
<http://www.actsa.org>
- ADRA**
Luanda, Angola
Acção para o Desenvolvimento Rural e Ambiente / Action for Rural Development and Environment. Angolan NGO.
Chapters: ADRA-Luanda - adra-anq@angonet.org
ADRA-Huambo - adra-huambo@angonet.org
ADRA-Lubango
<http://www.adra-ao.org>

NiZA

The Netherlands institute for Southern Africa is a politically independent organisation committed to the solidarity with 'ordinary' people in southern Africa. NiZA helps them to structurally fight poverty, injustice and inequality. To attain this objective NiZA primarily collaborates with organisations in southern Africa that promote the freedom of expression, media freedom, human rights, peace building and economic justice. Together with and on behalf of these organisations NiZA works towards strengthening their capacity and influencing the policy-making process in the South as well as in the North. Furthermore NiZA promotes the involvement of the Dutch people in southern Africa by collecting and disseminating documentation and information, and by informing the press and the public on issues concerning the region.



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