INTRODUCTION

Scope and coverage

This bibliography records publications on Africa of interest to students of Africa, principally in the social and environmental sciences, humanities and arts. Some items from the medical, biological and natural sciences are included, and some more technical material from the major categories is excluded; in each case the criterion used is potential relevance to a reader from a social science/arts background. Thus material on AIDS (incidence, impact, and control) is included, but not that on a number of other diseases; and material on meteorology is normally excluded, but not that on climatic history or rainfall. The whole continent and associated islands are covered, but not the African diaspora. The 1994 edition aims to include material published in 1994, together with items from 1993, 1992 and 1991 not previously listed. The editor is always very glad to hear of any items omitted so that they may be included in subsequent editions. African government publications, and works of creative literature are not listed.

The principal sources of data for this issue are the book acquisitions and periodicals of Edinburgh University Library and the National Library of Scotland; use has also been made of other university libraries, notably that of the School of Oriental and African Studies and Northwestern University, and of material received by the International African Institute. Wherever possible, the periodicals listed in the next section have been scanned for the whole of the relevant period; only those issues yielding entries are however listed, and other periodicals will have been scanned without being listed (a list of journals not carrying Africanist material would, after all, be rather long).

Arrangement

The arrangement of the bibliography is by region and country, with a preliminary section for the continent as a whole. Within each section items are arranged by subject, in the order listed below; where an item might appear under more than one heading, this is indicated by cross-reference (see the ‘see also’ list immediately under each subject heading), or the subject index will guide users to it.

The subject fields are the same as last year, except that ‘Natural Resources’ is now included within ‘Environment’. Explanations of changes made in 1992 can be found in the introduction to the 1992 volume. As no classification system is perfect, and as it will not be intuitively obvious where certain subcategories of material are placed, I list below some of the main subcategories included in the fields unchanged since 1991:
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- **Demography** includes material on fertility and mortality;
- **Economic and Social History** includes demographic history but not religious or mission history;
- **Environment** includes conservation, accounts of the environment, and energy;
- **Food** includes famine (and aspects of drought), food (in)security, (mal)nutrition, and domestic food production, but not food preparation (see Sociology, and Anthropology);
- **Geography, human** is something of a residual category; where material by geographers is no less appropriately placed under another discipline, that is normally what is done;
- **Health and Welfare Services** focuses largely on health services and personal social services (see also Social Welfare);
- **Industry and Trade** includes materials on the informal sector, transport, and petty trade, except where these are better placed under Rural Economy;
- **Labour and Manpower** includes management;
- **Law** includes constitutional matters, the legal system and the judiciary, but not criminology (see Sociology);
- **Library-Documentation** includes information sciences, and some aspects of the use of information technology;
- **Social Welfare** includes community development;
- **Urban Studies** includes housing.

**Entry types**

The bibliography contains three types of entry: periodical articles, books and pamphlets, and chapters. Periodical entries give the conventional bibliographic information.

**Subject headings**

- Agriculture, scientific
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Arts
- Current Affairs

Entries give author, title, place, publisher, and pagination (but not ISBN numbers, or price). Entries for chapters in books largely not on African topics give full bibliographic information for the volume concerned. Where, however, a book contains many relevant chapters it is listed separately, and the chapter entry includes only a short version of the title, the name(s) of the editor(s), and the entry number of the book itself.

**Indexes**

The bibliography has author and subject indexes, which use the entry number to identify the relevant items. Since multiple authors are listed separately only when there are two of them (otherwise the first author is listed, followed by ‘et al’), not every author of a given piece will appear in the author index.

The detailed subject index should be seen as supplementing the arrangement by subject fields. Where an item is sufficiently described by the subject heading, it will not appear in the subject index. The index is basically of the key-word type, and will often reflect the vocabulary of the original entry, modified to group together similar items. Most items have a country designation, for ease of use, except for entries of general interest. Since indexing will always reflect to some degree the idiosyncrasies of the indexer, readers are urged to scan broadly, and particularly to check headings in the vicinity of that deemed most relevant.
Demography
Economic and Social History
Economy - Development
Education
Environment
Finance
Food
Gender
Geography, human
Geography, physical
Health and Welfare Services
History, general
History, early
History C6–18th
History, C19th
History, C20th
Industry and Trade

International Economic Relations
International Relations
Labour and Manpower
Language
Law
Library - Documentation
Literature
Media
Medical
Planning
Politics
Religion, Philosophy
Rural Economy
Science and Technology
Sociology
Social Welfare
Urban Studies