



Celebrating 10 years since the Entry into force of the Marrakesh Treaty!

The Treaty

The WIPO-administered [Marrakesh Treaty](#) makes the production and international transfer of specially-adapted books for people with blindness or visual impairments easier. It does this by establishing a set of limitations and exceptions to traditional [copyright law](#).

The Marrakesh Treaty was adopted on June 27, 2013, and entered into force on September 30, 2016.

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Has your country joined the Marrakesh Treaty?

Marrakesh Treaty @10 Flashback

This year, we commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Marrakesh Treaty's entry into force, a significant milestone in enhancing access to published works for people who are blind and visually impaired. We acknowledge the progress the members made in implementing the Marrakesh Treaty over the past decade, and look forward to continuing to improve lives of those in need of accessible publishing, everywhere.



Marrakesh Treaty: A promise of a better life

Watch a quick overview of the history of Marrakesh Treaty and the importance of its adoption for over 285 million blind or visually impaired people in the world.

The Marrakesh Treaty in Action



Video on YouTube: Bringing Accessible Textbooks to Visually Impaired Students in India



Video on YouTube: Tiflonexos – a digital library for the blind in Buenos Aires



Video on YouTube: The Road to Accessible Publishing; One Publisher's Story in Mexico – Spanish original with English sub-titles (Dubbed version in English)

News

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[ABC International Excellence Awards Recognize Zanichelli Editore S.p.A. \(Italy\) and Fundação Dorina Nowill para Cegos \(Brazil\)](#)
APRIL 13, 2026

[More Than Just a Reading System](#)
JANUARY 2, 2026

[Shortlist Announced for the 2025 ABC International Excellence Award for Accessible Publishing](#)
JULY 31, 2025

Notifications

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[Accession by the Republic of Albania \(No 106\)](#)
June 30, 2026

[Accession by the Republic of Cuba \(No 105\)](#)
March 3, 2026

[Ratification by the Republic of Mozambique \(No 104\)](#)
January 26, 2026

Become a member of the Marrakesh Treaty

All [WIPO member states](#) are eligible to become party to the Marrakesh Treaty. To become a member, a state must deposit an "instrument" declaring its intention with the [Director General of WIPO](#). This instrument must be signed by the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Legislative assistance

As part of its mission, WIPO is always ready to respond to member state requests for review of national legislation in light of treaty provisions.

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"Help others beat the odds like I did; Join the Marrakesh Treaty."

Video: Stevie Wonder speaks about the Marrakesh Treaty at the UN (December 2016).

The Accessible Books Consortium



The [Accessible Books Consortium](#) (ABC) aims to increase the number of books worldwide in accessible formats (braille, audio and large print) and to make them available to people who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled.

ABC involves advocacy organizations, authors, libraries for the blind, publishers and standards bodies.

[Find out more about the ABC.](#)

Organizations supporting VIPs ("Authorized entities")

Both governmental and non-governmental organizations play an important role in providing persons who are blind or visually impaired with access to alternative format materials. In recognition of their role, the Marrakesh Treaty sets up some exceptions to copyright that allow such organizations to better serve their beneficiaries.

Become an "Authorized Entity"

The Marrakesh Treaty itself does not require an organization to fulfill any formalities or undertake specific procedures to be recognized as an "[authorized entity](#)". However, it also does not limit such measures, meaning that states can decide for themselves.

Organizations wishing to become authorized entities should therefore refer to the applicable national laws, some of which can be found in the results to the questionnaire on cross-border accessibility.

Questionnaire on cross-border accessibility

We send a questionnaire to each Marrakesh Treaty Contracting Party to better understand how they are implementing the Treaty and enabling the cross-border exchange of printed works. The following results are available so far:

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| • Afghanistan (2020) | • Lithuania (2022) |
| • ARIPO (2021) | • Luxembourg (2021) |

- Barbados (2023) [PDF](#)
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- Croatia (2021) [PDF](#)
- Czech Republic (2021) [PDF](#)
- Denmark (2021) [PDF](#)
- Ecuador (2017) [PDF](#) (in Spanish)
- El Salvador (2021) [PDF](#)
- Estonia (2021) [PDF](#)
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- Liberia (2021) [PDF](#)
- Liechtenstein (2021) [PDF](#)
- Mexico (2021) [PDF](#) (in Spanish)
- Mongolia (2022) [PDF](#)
- Morocco (2022) [PDF](#) (in French)
- Netherlands (2021) [PDF](#)
- New Zealand (2021) [PDF](#)
- Norway (2021) [PDF](#)
- Panama (2017) [PDF](#) (in Spanish)
- Peru (2019) [PDF](#) (in Spanish)
- Philippines (2019) [PDF](#)
- Poland (2021) [PDF](#)
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- Qatar (2021) [PDF](#)
- Republic of Belarus (2021) [PDF](#)
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- Singapore (2019) [PDF](#)
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- Sweden (2021) [PDF](#)
- Switzerland (2021) [PDF](#) (in French)
- Thailand (2019) [PDF](#)
- Trinidad and Tobago (2021) [PDF](#)
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- Zanzibar (2021) [PDF](#)

Find out more about the Marrakesh Treaty

In videos

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Video on YouTube: "Books for blind" Marrakesh Treaty - Ending the book famine.



Video on YouTube: ABC explains: a digital file is not necessarily accessible.

Publications

[All publications](#)



Helping to end the global book famine
Introduction to the Marrakesh Treaty

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Related links

Legal resources

[Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled](#)

[Main Provisions and Benefits of the Marrakesh Treaty](#)

[Contracting Parties of the Marrakesh Treaty](#)

Information resources

[Copyright](#)

[Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights](#)

[Development Agenda for WIPO](#)

Diplomatic Conference

[Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities \(June 2013, Marrakesh\)](#)



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