ITOCA: Harnessing the power of ICTs
Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa
What are we all about?
MISSION

To build capacity amongst the research and education communities in the latest information tools and advocate for the adoption of new technologies that drive development in Africa.
Capacity building organization aimed at enhancing information and communications technology (ICT) skills for mainly

- African librarians,
- info specialists,
- scientists,
- researchers and
- students in SSA region
ITOCA runs several capacity building programmes:
Research4Life and TEEAL programmes
Need for increased production, access and use of research output in Africa
Increased costs of staff development /training

- F2F training is effective but expensive
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Workshops are coordinated and funded through collaborations

Collaborative effort: FAO, WHO, UNEP, WIPO, CTA, IDS, Cornell and Yale Universities, Funding agencies, local institutions

Local support (hosting, funding, etc) by universities and research institutions
Digital access challenges in Africa

- Training budgets support decreasing
- Significant rise in costs for delivering F2F training
- Distance Online courses complementing F2F
- Internet infrastructure & bandwidth challenges
Thank You

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