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Interrogating the Authority control and Library templates: knowledge equity behind the frontlines by African Libraries

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From today's featured article

Homo antecessor ('pioneer man') is an archaic human species from 1.2 to 0.8 million years ago during the Early Pleistocene. Fossils have been found in the Sierra de Atapuerca in Spain, the first in 1994. The species was one of the first humans to colonise Western Europe. They followed savanna habitats prevalent in the area when frigid glacial periods were transitioning to warmer interglacials, and vacated at other times. Despite being so ancient, they had a face unexpectedly similar to that of a modern human. Brain volume could have been 1,000 cm^3 (61 cu in) or more, compared with present-day human averages of 1,270 cm^3 (78 cu in) for males and 1,130 cm^3 (69 cu in) for females. Stature estimates range from 162.3 to 186.8 cm (5 ft 4 in to 6 ft 2 in). *H. antecessor* manufactured simple pebble and flake stone tools out of quartz and chert, although they used a variety of materials. Many of the specimens found were cannibalised, perhaps as a cultural practice. There is no evidence of fire usage. (Full article...)

Reproduction of the most complete known skull of *Homo antecessor*

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Did you know ...

- ... that holocaust survivor **Edward Mosberg** *(pictured in his concentration camp uniform)* was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland for his efforts recognizing the Polish war-time rescue of Jews?
- ... that "**Look at the world**" is a 1996 choral harvest anthem with text and music by John Rutter, written for CPRE "on the theme of the environment and our responsibility towards it"?
- ... that although Austrian model **Greta Hofer** was only discovered in 2020, she was chosen to work exclusively for Prada that year?
- ... that a "frustration walk" connected Chicago Union Station with the rapid transit **Canal station**?
- ... that during the **Avar Wars**, disease killed 90 per cent of Charlemagne's horses?
- ... that in 1919 **Ethel Hampson Brewster** compared dropping ancient history from school curricula to "knock[ing] out the first two stories of a skyscraper"?
- ... that the United States severed diplomatic ties with Finland in 1944 because of a personal letter sent to Hitler?

Edward Mosberg

In the news

- One person is killed and nine others are injured in a failed assassination attempt targeting former Pakistani prime minister Imran Khan *(pictured)*.
- **Tropical Storm Nalgae** leaves more than 150 people dead in the Philippines.
- In the **Brazilian general election**, two-term former president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva defeats incumbent Jair Bolsonaro.
- In India, **a footbridge collapse** in Morbi, Gujarat, results in the deaths of at least 135 people.
- In baseball, the Orix Buffaloes defeat the Tokyo Yakult Swallows to win **the Japan Series**.

Imran Khan

**Ongoing**: Mahsa Amini protests · Russian invasion of Ukraine
Recent deaths: Ray Guy · Andrey Titenko · Martine Djibo · Mauro Forghieri · Takeoff · Julie Powell

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On this day

November 5: Guy Fawkes Night in Great Britain and some Commonwealth countries (1605)

- 1605 — The arrest of **Guy Fawkes**, found during a search of the Palace of Westminster, foiled the **Gunpowder Plot**, which planned to blow up the House of Lords.
- 1757 — Seven Years' War: Prussian forces led by Frederick the Great defeated the allied French and Habsburg armies at the **Battle of Rossbach**.
- 1950 — Korean War: The 27th British Commonwealth Brigade succeeded in preventing a Chinese breakthrough at the **Battle of Pakchon**.
- 2009 — U.S. Army major **Nidal Hasan** went on a **shooting rampage** at Fort Hood, Texas, the worst shooting ever to take place on an American military base, killing 13.
- 2013 — The Indian Space Research Organisation launched the **Mars Orbiter Mission** *(depicted)*, the nation's first interplanetary probe.
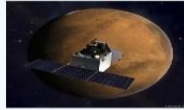
Mars Orbiter

Ida Tarbell (b. 1857) · **James Clerk Maxwell** (d. 1879) · **Vivien Leigh** (b. 1913)

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Ghana

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Coordinates: 7°49'N 1°03'W

This article is about the country. For other uses, see Ghana (disambiguation).
Not to be confused with Gana.

Ghana (/ˈɡɑːnə/ (listen)), officially the **Republic of Ghana**, is a country in West Africa.[9] It abuts the Gulf of Guinea and the Atlantic Ocean to the south, sharing borders with Ivory Coast in the west, Burkina Faso in the north, and Togo in the east.[10] Ghana covers an area of 238,535 km^2 (92,099 sq mi), spanning diverse biomes that range from coastal savannas to tropical rainforests. With nearly 31 million inhabitants (according to 2021 census), Ghana is the second-most populous country in West Africa, after Nigeria.[11] The capital and largest city is Accra; other major cities are Kumasi, Tamale, and Sekondi-Takoradi.

The first permanent state in present-day Ghana was the Bono state of the 11th century.[12] Numerous kingdoms and empires emerged over the centuries, of which the most powerful were the Kingdom of Dagbon in the north[13] and the Ashanti Empire in the south.[14] Beginning in the 15th century, the Portuguese Empire, followed by

Republic of Ghana
Gaana Adehyeman (Akan)

Flag   Coat of arms

Motto: "Freedom and Justice"
Anthem: "God Bless Our Homeland Ghana"
▶ 0:58

Capital and largest city	Accra 5°33'N 0°12'W
Official languages	English[1][2]
Recognised national languages	Dagaare Dagbanli Dangme Ewe Frafra Ga Gonja Nzeema Twi Fante Ghanaian Sign Language
Ethnic groups (2021 census[3])	45.7% Akans 18.5% Mole-Dagbon 12.8% Ewe 7.1% Ga-Adangbe 6.4% Gurma 3.2% Guan 2.7% Gurunsi 2.0% Mande 1.6% Other / Unspecified
Religion (2021 census[3])	71.3% Christianity —49.0% Protestantism —22.3% Other Christian 19.9% Islam 3.2% Traditional faiths 1.1% No religion 4.5% Other / Unspecified
Demonym(s)	Ghanaian
Government	Unitary presidential republic
· President	Nana Akufo-Addo
· Vice-President	Mahamudu Bawumia
· Speaker of Parliament	Alban Bagbin
· Chief Justice	Kwasi Anin-Yeboah
Legislature	Parliament
Independence from the United Kingdom	
· Dominion	6 March 1957
· Republic	1 July 1960
Area	
· Total	238,535 km^2 (92,099 sq mi) (80th)
· Water (%)	4.61 (11,000 km^2; 4,247 mi^2)
Population	
· 2022 estimate	32,103,042[4] (47th)
· 2021 census	30,792,608[5]
· Density	101.5/km^2 (262.9/sq mi) (103rd)

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Back of the house:

Where the cooking is going on for this exploratory presentation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bDjEAxSgps

Keep an eye on the circle

Authority Control

1. Establishment & maintenance of consistent forms for names, subjects, titles and terms for use as index terms used as headings in description of information resources or metadata *similar to the Dewey Decimal Classification scheme.*

2. This helps in organization of knowledge as the chosen words or heading (unique identifiers) are distinctly & consistently used

3. Used for associating a unique identifier to articles on Wikipedia where authority control data links can be found near the bottom of Wikipedia pages, linking to bibliographical records on worldwide library catalogues.

5–13 December 1958 including Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana ⤤, addressing the conference, the American Committee on Africa delegati̇
with Nkrumah, and of Patrick Duncan and Alfred Hutchinson ⤤ of South Africa at the conference.

Key Development Forecasts for Ghana ⤤ from International Futures

ade   [edit | edit source]

Ghana 2012 Summary Trade Statistics ⤤

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Ghana articles

Articles relating to Ghana

Authority control ✏

General	ISNI (1 ⤤) · VIAF (1 ⤤) · WorldCat ⤤
National libraries	Spain ⤤ · France ⤤ (data) ⤤ (2 ⤤ (data) ⤤) · Germany ⤤ · Israel ⤤ · United States ⤤ · Japan ⤤ · Czech Republic ⤤
Other	Faceted Application of Subject Terminology ⤤ · Historical Dictionary of Switzerland ⤤ · MusicBrainz area ⤤ · National Archives (US) ⤤ · RERO (Switzerlan̄ SUDOC (France) (1 ⤤)

ategories: Ghana │ Republics in the Commonwealth of Nations │ Economic Community of West African States │ English-speaking countries and territories
Member states of the African Union │ Member states of the Commonwealth of Nations │ Member states of the United Nations
States and territories established in 1957 │ West African countries │ 1957 establishments in Ghana │ Countries in Africa

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National Library of Israel Names and Subjects Authority File

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	Gana
	Republic of Ghana
	Ganah
	Government of Ghana
S.A. Geo. Name	Togoland (British)
	Gold Coast
	Ashanti
	Northern Territories of the Gold Coast
Source Data Found	Jopp, K. Ghana, 1957.
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	The child cannot wait, 1992: t.p. (Government of Ghana)
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Alma MMS ID	98700754818540517 1

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ašantská říše

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English
Ghana

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Wikipedie (Ghana)

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ISNI

Status
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The Library of Congress > Linked Data Service > LC Name Authority File (LCNAF)

Ghana

URI(s)
- http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n80061117

Instance Of
- MADS/RDF Geographic
- MADS/RDF Authority
- SKOS Concept

Scheme Membership(s)
- Library of Congress Name Authority File

Collection Membership(s)
- Names Collection - Authorized Headings
- LC Names Collection - General Collection

Variants
- Chia-na
- Dēmokratia tēs Gkanas
- Gáana
- Gana
- Gana ka Fasojamana
- Gana Konghwaguk
- Gana Respublikaȟy
- Ganæ
- Ganah
- Ganao
- Ganmudin Orn
- Ghana Vabariik
- Ghanako Errepublika
- Ghaney
- Ghanská republika
- Gkana
- Government of Ghana
- Gweriniaeth Ghana

A closer look...

Authority control is usually set up by librarians who catalogue information resources. They create index terms separately which relates to and which are used to govern the headings used in the cataloguing of information resources. This separate index is often referred to as an "authority file."

These authority files may be created nationally and then linked up to form a single virtual authority file such as the **Virtual International Authority File (VIAF)** where identical records from the different data sets from libraries all are linked together. A VIAF record has a standard data number, the primary "see" and "see also"(access points) as well as records from the original national file

We are still cooking

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The only African libraries connected to VIAF presently
are Alexandrina Biblotheca and the National Library of
South Africa.
But...
Let's go to the back of the house again.

The systems and structures of cataloguing and classification of information materials in libraries which feeds into **VIAF** can be said to be culturally inadequate and not inclusive in describing African knowledge as they reflect biases of the period and locations of those who created them.

Two examples
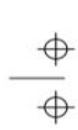
Summaries

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200	Religion	250	Christian orders & local church
201	Religious mythology & social theology	251	Preaching
202	Doctrines	252	Texts of sermons
203	Public worship & other practices	253	Pastoral office & work
204	Religious experience, life & practice	254	Parish administration
205	Religious ethics	255	Religious congregations & orders
206	Leaders & organization	256	[Unassigned]
207	Missions & religious education	257	[Unassigned]
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210	Philosophy & theory of religion	260	Social & ecclesiastical theology
211	Concepts of God	261	Social theology
212	Existence, knowability & attributes of God	262	Ecclesiology
213	Creation	263	Days, times & places of observance
214	Theodicy	264	Public worship
215	Science & religion	265	Sacraments, other rites & acts
216	[Unassigned]	266	Missions
217	[Unassigned]	267	Associations for religious work
218	Humankind	268	Religious education
219	[Unassigned]	269	Spiritual renewal
220	Bible	270	History of Christianity & Christian church
221	Old Testament (Tanakh)	271	Religious orders in church history
222	Historical books of Old Testament	272	Persecutions in church history
223	Poetic books of Old Testament	273	Doctrinal controversies & heresies
224	Prophetic books of Old Testament	274	History of Christianity in Europe
225	New Testament	275	History of Christianity in Asia
226	Gospels & Acts	276	History of Christianity in Africa
227	Epistles	277	History of Christianity in North America
228	Revelation (Apocalypse)	278	History of Christianity in South America
229	Apocrypha & pseudepigrapha	279	History of Christianity in other areas
230	Christianity & Christian theology	280	Christian denominations & sects
231	God	281	Early church & Eastern churches
232	Jesus Christ & his family	282	Roman Catholic Church
233	Humankind	283	Anglican churches
234	Salvation & grace	284	Protestants of Continental origin
235	Spiritual beings	285	Presbyterian, Reformed & Congregational
236	Eschatology	286	Baptist, Disciples of Christ & Adventist
237	[Unassigned]	287	Methodist & related churches
238	Creeds & catechisms	288	[Unassigned]
239	Apologetics & polemics	289	Other denominations & sects
240	Christian moral & devotional theology	290	Other religions
241	Christian ethics	291	[Unassigned]
242	Devotional literature	292	Greek & Roman religion
243	Evangelistic writings for individuals	293	Germanic religion
244	[Unassigned]	294	Religions of Indic origin
245	[Unassigned]	295	Zoroastrianism
246	Use of art in Christianity	296	Judaism
247	Church furnishings & articles	297	Islam, Babism & Bahai Faith
248	Christian experience, practice & life	298	(Optional number)
249	Christian observances in family life	299	Religions not provided for elsewhere

Consult schedules for complete and exact headings

https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/oclc/dewey/resources/summaries/deweysummaries.pdf

400

400 Language	450 Italian, Romanian & related languages
401 Philosophy & theory	451 Italian writing systems & phonology
402 Miscellany	452 Italian etymology
403 Dictionaries & encyclopedias	453 Italian dictionaries
404 Special topics	454 [Unassigned]
405 Serial publications	455 Italian grammar
406 Organizations & management	456 [Unassigned]
407 Education, research & related topics	457 Italian language variations
408 Kinds of persons treatment	458 Standard Italian usage
409 Geographic & persons treatment	459 Romanian & related languages
410 Linguistics	460 Spanish & Portuguese languages
411 Writing systems	461 Spanish writing systems & phonology
412 Etymology	462 Spanish etymology
413 Dictionaries	463 Spanish dictionaries
414 Phonology & phonetics	464 [Unassigned]
415 Grammar	465 Spanish grammar
416 [Unassigned]	466 [Unassigned]
417 Dialectology & historical linguistics	467 Spanish language variations
418 Standard usage & applied linguistics	468 Standard Spanish usage
419 Sign languages	469 Portuguese
420 English & Old English	470 Italic languages; Latin
421 English writing system & phonology	471 Classical Latin writing & phonology
422 English etymology	472 Classical Latin etymology
423 English dictionaries	473 Classical Latin dictionaries
424 [Unassigned]	474 [Unassigned]
425 English grammar	475 Classical Latin grammar
426 [Unassigned]	476 [Unassigned]
427 English language variations	477 Old, postclassical & Vulgar Latin
428 Standard English usage	478 Classical Latin usage
429 Old English (Anglo-Saxon)	479 Other Italic languages
430 Germanic languages; German	480 Hellenic languages; classical Greek
431 German writing systems & phonology	481 Classical Greek writing & phonology
432 German etymology	482 Classical Greek etymology
433 German dictionaries	483 Classical Greek dictionaries
434 [Unassigned]	484 [Unassigned]
435 German grammar	485 Classical Greek grammar
436 [Unassigned]	486 [Unassigned]
437 German language variations	487 Preclassical & postclassical Greek
438 Standard German usage	488 Classical Greek usage
439 Other Germanic languages	489 Other Hellenic languages
440 Romance languages; French	490 Other languages
441 French writing systems & phonology	491 East Indo-European & Celtic languages
442 French etymology	492 Afro-Asiatic languages; Semitic languages
443 French dictionaries	493 Non-Semitic Afro-Asiatic languages
444 [Unassigned]	494 Altaic, Uralic, Hyperborean & Dravidian
445 French grammar	495 Languages of East & Southeast Asia
446 [Unassigned]	496 African languages
447 French language variations	497 North American native languages
448 Standard French usage	498 South American native languages
449 Occitan & Catalan	499 Austronesian & other languages

Consult schedules for complete and exact headings

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Nobody is at fault

No one is to be blamed for these lapses because a lot has changed since these systems and structures of organising and classifying knowledge were created.

Nonetheless, as we aim to have the sum total of all human knowledge freely available, we also need to take another look and possibly a closer look at macro-level changes that need to be instituted in describing and linking up knowledge in order to ensure equity.

So many questions

https://incafrica.com/jim-haudan/20-questions-to-make-meaningful-connections.html

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But first...

https://stock.adobe.com/za/images/handwriting-text-writing-continuous-improvement-conceptual-photo-ongoing-effort-to-improve-products-or-processes-randomly-scattered-blue-hexagons-seamless-sexangles-matching

Authority control is not about creating immutable headings but should be considered 'an ongoing effort' to keep up with changing times in bringing "structure and order" while organising information and assisting people have easy access.

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Question 1

Using the construct of **knowledge equity,** we need to interrogate; how can we link content on Wikipedia and sister projects about Africa to African libraries as a means of advancing Africa's agenda in the implementation of the 2030 Movement Strategy?

Equality

Equity

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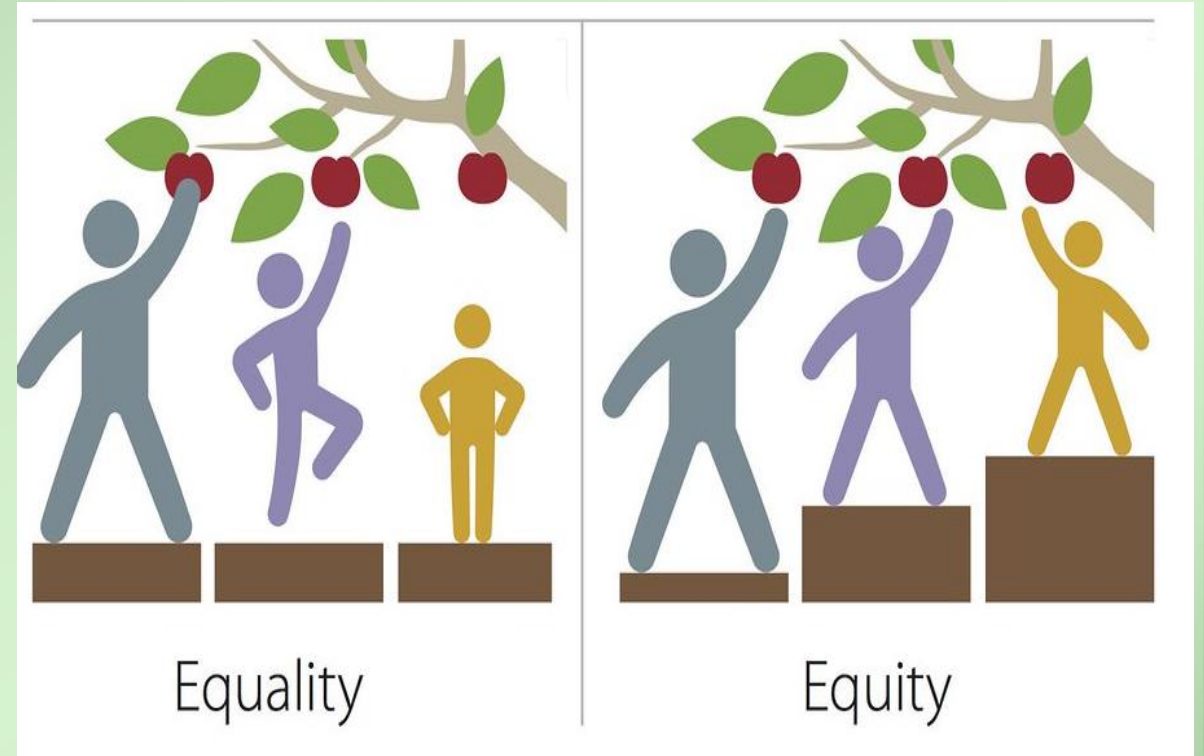
Question 2

How can Wikipedia in Africa languages
have the backing of 'Authority control' using
library resources in local languages?

https://face2faceafrica.com/article/5-popular-african-languages-must-learn

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Question 3

Where do we start from? How do we tackle this, a step at a time or all at a go?

https://kissindicator.com/articles/single_post/where-do-we-go-from-here

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lastly

That's why I am here.
To get answers and/or where not possible, to get directions on the possible pathway(s) to follow in order to get the rich & varied resources in African libraries of all types into Wikimedia projects.