

**Mapping the World  
of Women's  
Information Services  
Database**

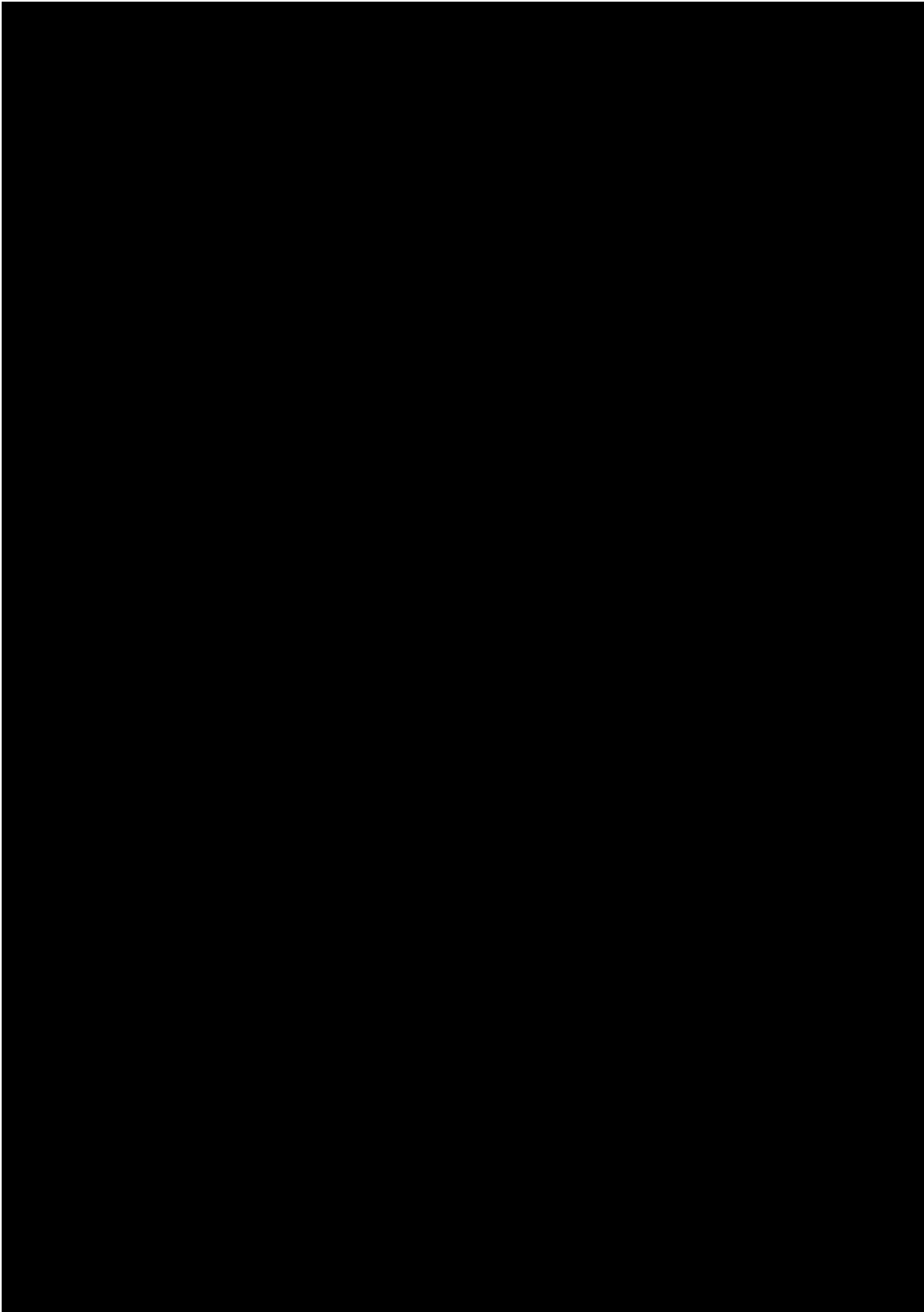
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## **About the Database**

Mapping the World of Women's Information Services is a database listing over 350 women's information centers, services, libraries, archives, documentation centers and resource centers in more than 120 countries, from Austria to Cuba, from Tonga to Zimbabwe. The centers vary from large, national women's libraries to small grassroots centers. The database gives an indication of the wealth of information on the position of women available in these centers. It is updated weekly.

The online database is available at **[www.iiav.nl/mapping-the-world](http://www.iiav.nl/mapping-the-world)**.

## **About the IIAV**

Mapping the World of Women's Information Services and Centers is developed by the International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement (IIAV), with support and financial contributions from UNESCO and the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs.

The IIAV provides a gateway to information on the position of women and women's studies at **[www.iiav.nl](http://www.iiav.nl)**.

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## Finding Sources of Women's Information

The **Mapping the World of Women's Information Services** database is a tool for finding relevant sources of women's information. The IIAV collects information on women's information centers that have chosen to participate in the database. The centers provide the information, which includes a description of the center, top subjects in the information collection, opening hours, and contact information.

This *Quick Reference Guide* explains how to use the **Mapping the World of Women's Information Services** database. It shows you how to use the search functions to find information centers in your region or internationally.

## Information Resources

Many of the centers listed in the **Mapping the World** database have resources such as books, periodicals, and photos, that you can view or use onsite at the center's facility, or online information that you can search directly.

If a resource center has a web site, the **Mapping the World** database will show the URL. Follow the URL link to search the center's online information.

## Assistance with Your Search

Women's information centers often have information specialists who can help you find the information you need. The **Mapping the World** database provides contact information for the center so you can contact them directly for assistance.

## Using the Mapping the World Database

The database is a resource for anyone looking for print, online, photographic, audio-visual, or other resources about women. You can find sources of women's information in over 50 languages, covering hundreds of relevant subjects, from more than 120 countries.

Here are some ways you can use the **Mapping the World** database.

For example, if you are:

- **a public policy maker** looking for information on gender mainstreaming in your country, you can use the database to find a local women's information center that you can contact for assistance.
- **a staff member in a funding organization** and have been asked to help develop a project to create women's information and documentation centers in Asia, you can use the database to find out what centers already exist in Asia.
- **a trainer in health care**, you can use the database to find out which centers have information on your subject.
- **a journalist** looking for a photo for an article on girls and education in Africa, you can use the database to find centers in Africa that have photo collections.

## Searching the Database

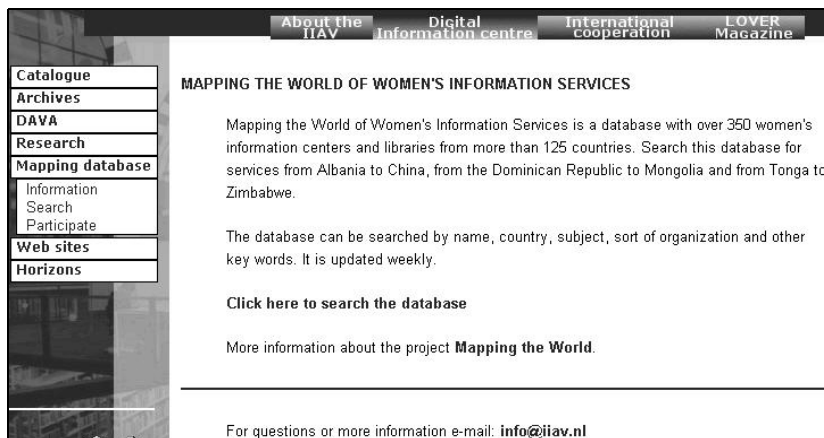
The database provides several ways to search for women's information services. You can display the following lists with the **Mapping the World** database:

List	Displays
Name of organization	an alphabetical list of all 350+ centers in the database.
Country	a list of countries that have women's information centers. From the country list, you can display a list with the names and locations of all centers in the database located in the country you selected.
Continent	a list of continents and sub-continents. From the continent list, you can display a list with the names and locations of all centers in the database located on the continent or sub-continent you selected.
Language	a list of languages. From the language list, you can display a list with the names and locations of all centers in the database that collect information in the language you selected.
Type of organization	a list of types of women's information centers. From this list, you can display a list with names and locations of centers of the type you have selected.
Collection subject	a list of subject areas. From this list, you can display a list of centers that have indicated that they collect information on the subject you have selected.

## Mapping Database Search Page

You start your search on the Mapping Database Search page.

You can directly access the main page of the Mapping the World project at [www.iiav.nl/mapping-the-world](http://www.iiav.nl/mapping-the-world).



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**MAPPING THE WORLD OF WOMEN'S INFORMATION SERVICES**

Mapping the World of Women's Information Services is a database with over 350 women's information centers and libraries from more than 125 countries. Search this database for services from Albania to China, from the Dominican Republic to Mongolia and from Tonga to Zimbabwe.

The database can be searched by name, country, subject, sort of organization and other key words. It is updated weekly.

**Click here to search the database**

More information about the project **Mapping the World**.

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For questions or more information e-mail: [info@iiav.nl](mailto:info@iiav.nl)

To begin your search:

- Select **Search** in the left navigation bar.

The Mapping Database Search page appears. The example below shows the Mapping Database Search page.

<p><b>DISPLAY LISTS BY</b></p> <p><input type="text" value="Name of organization"/></p> <p><input type="text" value="Country"/></p> <p><input type="text" value="Continent"/></p> <p><input type="text" value="Language"/></p> <p><input type="text" value="Type of organization"/></p> <p><input type="text" value="Collection subject"/></p> <p><b>SEARCH</b></p> <p><input type="text" value="Free text"/></p> <p><b>HELP</b></p>	<p>There are several ways to search the Mapping the World database.</p> <p>Click on:</p> <p><b>Name of organization</b> for a list of all organizations in the database, arranged alphabetically by name in the language of the organization.</p> <p><b>Country</b> for a list of all countries in the database.</p> <p><b>Continent</b> for a list of continents in the database.</p> <p><b>Language</b> for a list of languages in the collections.</p> <p><b>Type of organization</b> for a list of different types of organizations.</p> <p><b>Collection subject</b> for a list of subjects in the collections.</p> <p><b>Free text</b> to search all fields in the database or make a combined search.</p> <p><b>Help</b> for a brief explanation of each of the headings</p>
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From this page, you can select the type of search.

The following sections of this guide describe searches you can perform with the **Mapping the World** database.

## Displaying a List of Women's Information Centers

From the Mapping Database Search page, you can display a list of centers based on the criteria you choose: country, continent, language, type of organization, collection subject, or all organizations in the database.

To display a list:

- Select **Name of organization, Country, Continent, Language, Type of Organization, or Collection Subject.**

The example below shows a list of centers sorted by the name of the organization.

The number of records retrieved is 342 and the number of records displayed is 342.  
A detailed presentation of a record will be displayed after you have clicked on it. You can also **mark records** and push on Show details button for a detailed presentation of all marked records

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- Aalochana - Centre for Documentation and Research on Women**  
Pune, India
  
- ABANTU for Development Resource Centre**  
London, United Kingdom
  
- African Gender Institute AGI**  
Rondebosch, Cape Town, South Africa
  
- African Women Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)**  
Nairobi, Kenya

## Displaying Details for a Center

You can display details for a center by clicking on the center's name.

You can display details for more than one center by checking the box next to the center's name, and clicking on **Show Details** at the bottom of the list.

You can display details for all centers in a list by selecting **Mark Records** and **Show Details** from the bottom of the list.

The example below shows the top portion of the information for the C.A.E.F. center in Senegal. See the Appendix for a full example of a database record for a center.

<p><b>Name organization</b> Centre Africain de l'Entrepreneuriat Feminin C.A.E.F. African Centre for Women Entrepreneurship</p> <p><b>Contact person</b> Khadija Doucouré</p> <p><b>Address</b> Sicpa Sacré Coeur I Villa 8283 B.P. 10 351 Dakar-Liberté <u>Senegal</u></p> <p><b>Telephone number</b> +221 824 8464 +221 827 1300</p> <p><b>Fax number</b> +221 824 8464</p> <p><b>E-mail</b> <u>caef@telecomplus.sn</u></p> <p><b>Business hours</b> 08:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday</p>
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## Finding Centers in a Country or Continent

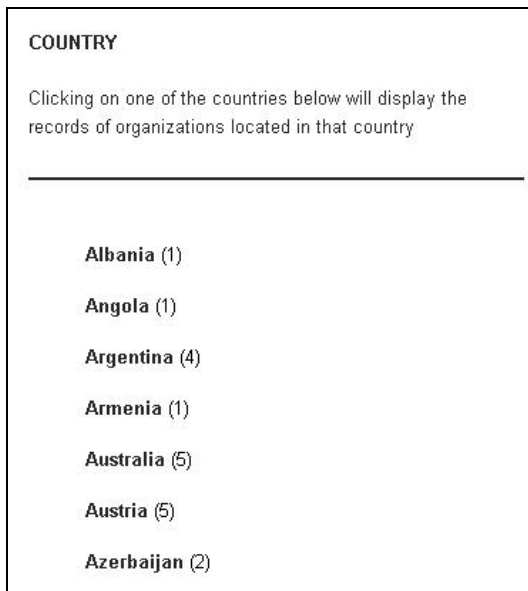
You can use the **Mapping the World** database to find centers located in a country, continent, or subcontinent. You can choose from a list to display all centers in the database that are located in that country, continent, or subcontinent.

### Searching by Country

- Select **Country** from the Mapping Database Search page.

An alphabetical list of countries displays.

The example below shows the top portion of the country list. The number next to each country is the number of centers from that country in the database.



- Click on a country name to display a list of centers from that country.

A list of center names and locations displays. This list below shows centers in Argentina.

- Centro de Encuentros Cultura y Mujer  
CECYM**  
Buenos Aires, Argentina
  
- Escrita en el Cuerpo Lesbian, Bisexual  
and Different Women's Archives and  
Library**  
Written on the Body Lesbian, Bisexual and  
Different Women's Archives and Library  
Buenos Aires, Argentina
  
- Fundacion Mujer Paz y Desarrollo**  
Women's, Peace and Development  
Foundation  
Cordoba, Argentina
  
- Consejo Nacional de la Mujer Centro de  
Documentación**  
National Council for Women Documentation  
Center  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

## Searching by Continent or Subcontinent

- Select **Continent** from the Mapping Database Search page.

A list of continents and subcontinents displays. The example below shows the top portion of the list of continents.

**CONTINENT**

Clicking on one of the continents below will display the records of organizations on that continent.

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**Africa**

**Asia**

**America**

**North America**

**Central America**

**Latin America**

- Select a continent or subcontinent to display a list of centers in that region.

A list of centers displays. The example below shows the top of the list of centers in Asia.

The number of records retrieved is 48 and the number of records displayed is 48.

A detailed presentation of a record will be displayed after you have clicked on it. You can also **mark records** and push on Show details button for a detailed presentation of all marked records

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**Aalochana - Centre for Documentation and Research on Women**  
Pune, India

**Akshara A Women's Resource Centre**  
Mumbai, India

**All India Coordinating Forum of the Adivasi/Indigenous Peoples AICAIP**  
New Delhi, India

**Almaty Women's Information Center AWIC**  
Almaty, Kazakhstan

## Finding Centers by Language

You can use the database to find a center that has information in its collection in a specific language.

To search by language:

- Select **Language** from the Mapping Database Search page.

A list of languages displays. The number indicates the number of centers in the database that collect information in that language.

The example below shows the top portion of the list of languages.

Language
Clicking on one of the languages will display the organizations which have items in that language in their collection
<b>Afrikaans</b> (2)
<b>Albanian</b> (3)
<b>Arabic</b> (14)
<b>Armenian</b> (1)
<b>Azerbaijani</b> (2)
<b>Bambara</b> (1)
<b>Basque</b> (4)
<b>Belarussian</b> (1)
<b>Bemba</b> (1)

- Click on the language name to select a language.

A list of centers that collect information in the language you selected displays. The example below shows centers that collect information in Arabic.

The number of records retrieved is 14 and the number of records displayed is 14.

A detailed presentation of a record will be displayed after you have clicked on it. You can also **mark records** and push on Show details button for a detailed presentation of all marked records

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- Marie Michael Library**  
Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada
  
- Centre de Recherches, d'Etudes, de Documentation et d'Information sur la Femme CREDIF**  
Tunis, Tunisia
  
- Nisan Young Women Leaders**  
Haifa, Israel
  
- Empirical Research and Women's Studies Center Documentation Centre**  
Sana'a', Yemen

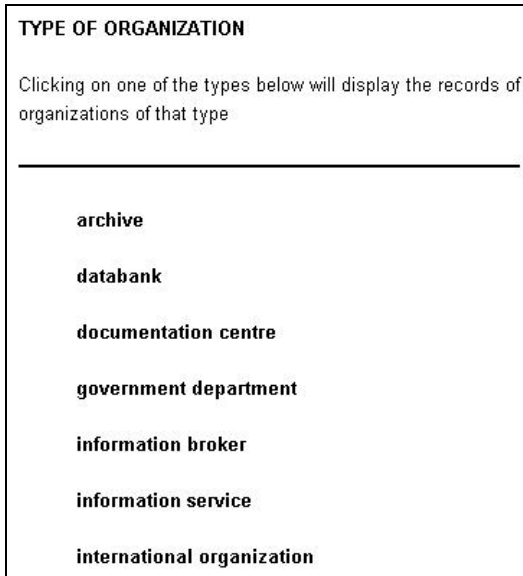
## Finding a Type of Organization

You can use the **Mapping the World** database to find centers of a particular type.

To search by type of organization:

- Select **Type of Organization** from the Mapping Database Search page.

A list of organization types displays. The example below shows the top part of the list of types of organization.



- Click on the type of center you wish to display.

The database displays the names of centers all over the world that match the type you selected. The example below shows a list of documentation centers.

The number of records retrieved is 151 and the number of records displayed is 50.

A detailed presentation of a record will be displayed after you have clicked on it. You can also **mark records** and push on Show details button for a detailed presentation of all marked records

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☐ **Aalochana - Centre for Documentation and Research on Women**

Pune, India

☐ **African Women Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)**

Nairobi, Kenya

☐ **Agence de Recherches d'Information et de Formation pour les Femmes**

**A.R.I.F.F.**

Women's Research, Information and Training Agency

Rabat, Morocco

## Finding Centers that Collect Information on a Subject of Interest

You can use the database to find a center that collects information on a particular subject.

From the Mapping Database Search page:

- Select Display Lists by **Collection Subject**.

A list of subjects displays. The example below shows the top portion of the list of collection subjects.

**COLLECTION SUBJECT**

Clicking on one of the subjects below will display the organizations which have items in their collections covering that subject

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**abortion** (8)

**abuse** (5)

**academic occupations** (2)

**actions** (1)

**addiction** (1)

**adolescents** (1)

**adult education** (2)

- Click on a subject to display a list of centers all over the world that collect information on the subject you selected.

The example below shows the top part of the list of centers that collect information on the subject of abuse.

The number of records retrieved is 5 and the number of records displayed is 5.  
A detailed presentation of a record will be displayed after you have clicked on it. You can also **mark records** and push on Show details button for a detailed presentation of all marked records

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- Lietuvos moteru konsultacinis centras**  
Lithuanian Women's Consultative Centre  
Vilnius, Lithuania
  
- S.O.S. Femmes Bibliothèque des Femmes. Espace de Lecture et d'Echanges**  
S.O.S. Women  
Rose-Hill, Mauritius
  
- Coordinadora Paz para la Mujer, Inc.**  
Peace for Women Coalition  
San Juan, Puerto Rico



Note: The **Mapping the World** database only displays the centers that have reported the subject you selected as one of the main subjects in their collection.

## Using the Free Text Search Feature

You can use the free text feature to search in all fields of the database for a term or combination of terms. This feature is available on the Mapping Database Search page.

### Database Fields

The fields in the **Mapping the World** database are:

- Name organization
- Contact person
- Address
- Telephone number
- Fax number
- E-mail
- Website
- Business hours
- Year in which the service began
- Description of the organization
- Services provided
- Collection
- Languages
- Subject Top Ten
- System of indexing
- Levels of automation
- Catalogue on Internet
- Publications
- Activities
- Keywords

The Appendix shows a sample database record.

### Performing a Simple Search

To search for a word or phrase:

- Select **Free Text** from the Mapping Database Search page.

The Free Text Search page displays.

**FREE TEXT**

Enter one or more words and click on SEARCH. All fields in the database will be searched, including the name and the description of the organization, city, country or continent, and contact persons, services, activities and collection information. It is also possible to make a combined search, by filling out two fields. For instance: when looking for an organization in Africa with a collection on Health, enter in one box Health and in the other box Africa; or Library and Western Europe.

Free text search:

and ▾

SEARCH
RESET

- Enter a word or phrase in the first box and click on **Search**.

The database displays a list of centers.

## Performing a Complex Search

You can also combine two words or phrases in your search.

If you use **“and”** to search for two words or phrases, the database searches for centers that have both terms in their database record.

For example, suppose you want to find all centers in Africa with a focus on health. If you search on **“Africa and health”**, the database displays all centers that have both of these terms. Centers that have **“health”** but do not have **“Africa”** in their record will not display, nor will centers that have **“Africa”** but do not have **“health”** in their record.

The list of centers will include centers in Africa, as well as centers outside Africa that collect information about Africa.

If you use **“or”** to search for two words or phrases, the database searches for centers that have either term in their record.

If you search on **“Chinese or Arabic”**, the database displays all centers with **“Chinese”** in their record, as well as all centers with **“Arabic”** in their record. The list will include centers with collections in the Chinese and Arabic languages, as well as centers that have the words **“Chinese”** or **“Arabic”** in any field.

To search for two words or phrases:

- Enter a word or phrase in the first box.
- Select **“and”** or **“or”**.
- Enter a word or phrase in the second box and click on **Search**.

## Adding your Center to the Mapping the World Database

The IIAV adds new centers to the database on a regular basis. The goal is to have at least one women's information center for every country in the world.

You can add your center using the online form on the Mapping the World web site. Click on **Participate** in the left bar to display the online entry form.

Catalogue	<b>PARTICIPATE IN MAPPING</b>  <b>Is your women's information service in Mapping the World yet?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When you fill in the form, resources in your information centre become available to a much larger group of people. And you become linked to the world of women's information services.</li><li>• You do not have to be connected to e-mail or Internet yourself to benefit from this.</li><li>• Mapping the World is available in book form. When reprinted, your organization will be in the book as well as in the database on Internet.</li></ul> <b>If your organization is not on our list, please fill out the data entry form now.</b> <p>Answer all questions as clearly as possible and make sure the information you provide is complete.</p> <b>The only cost to you is the time it takes to fill in the form.</b>
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On the online form, please provide full and complete information on your center and information collection.

If you would like to receive the form by e-mail, contact the IIAV at **mapping@iiv.nl**.

If you know of a women's information center not yet represented in Mapping the World, you can contact the IIAV at **info@iiv.nl**.

## Getting Additional Support

With this Quick Reference Guide you should be able to find the information you need in the **Mapping the World** database. If you need additional support, you can contact the IIAV by phone, e-mail or fax.

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## Appendix: Mapping the World Database Sample Record

The example below is for the IIAV and shows all the fields in the **Mapping the World** database.

### **Name organization**

Internationaal Informatiecentrum en Archief voor de Vrouwenbeweging IIAV  
International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement IIAV

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Marjet Douze

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NL-1094 RB Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

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10:00 - 17:00 Tuesday - Friday

### **Year in which the service began**

1935

### **Description of the organization**

The IIAV is the national library, documentation centre and archives on the position of women and women's studies in the Netherlands. Founded in 1935 as a private initiative the International Archives for the Women's Movement (IAV) merged in 1988 with the Information and Documentation centre (IDC) and the journal *Lover*. The IIAV preserves the cultural legacy of the women's movement and provides information about the position of women in past and present. The IIAV receives an annual subsidy from the Department for Coordination of Emancipation Policy (DCE) of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. The staff consists of 20 full-time positions.

**Services provided**

compiling bibliographies, interlibrary loan, internet access, lending, photocopying, reading room, reference service, reproduction service

**Collection**

archives (825m.), articles, bibliographies, books (76.459), CD-ROMs (3), databanks, dossiers on persons (6.792), dossiers on subject (45m.), egodocuments (150), grey literature, microfiches, microfilms, pamphlets (30m.), periodicals (5.274), photographs (17.750), posters (6.515), press cuttings (21m.), reference journals

**Languages**

Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Turkish, Russian, Japanese

**Subject Top Ten**

literary genres, politics, economics, labour, women's movement, health care, education, history, arts, media

**System of indexing**

till 1993 a self designed classification scheme and list of keywords  
from 1993 the (Dutch) Women's Thesaurus

**Levels of automation**

addresses (1.250)  
calendar  
catalogues (85.000)  
current research (1.146)  
experts (313)

**Catalogue on Internet:**

Yes

**Publications**

Lover, tijdschrift over feminisme, wetenschap en cultuur  
Vakblad Vrouweninformatie  
International Newsletter on Women's Information Services

**Activities**

exhibitions, lectures, projects

**Keywords**

archive, documentation centre, library, Netherlands, Western Europe, Europe

