

# **ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT DELIVERY FOR SUPPORTING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN KENYA: THE EXPERIENCE OF EGERTON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

## **ABSTRACT**

Stringent economic conditions, coupled with the proliferation of information have incapacitated many agricultural research libraries in developing countries. Traditional means of document delivery have slumped, causing widespread user-dissatisfaction. Consequently, Compact Disc-Read Only Memory (CD ROM) technology continues to gain preference, especially in Africa, as an electronic means of hastening document access. The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL), employing CD-ROMs, is examined in relation to its potential in promoting agricultural research at Egerton University in Kenya. A critical analysis of pertinent administrative and technical issues is made with envisaged challenges in focus. Ultimately, suitable solutions for sustainability and improvement are proffered