Publishing Your Research in the SANREM Knowledgebase (SKB)

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Overview

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Purpose

The overall goals of the SANREM CRSP Knowledgebase (SKB) are to:

1. Make information resources readily available to development researchers and practitioners

2. Facilitate the effective dissemination of information by providing a structure for efficient search and retrieval of the resources

3. Document for USAID the outcomes of their investment in the SANREM CRSP
Content

There are 3,300 + records in the SKB. These include:

1. Knowledge generated by SANREM CRSP projects  
   (over 600 resources from Phase III)

2. Additional relevant SA & NRM resources  
   (currently over 3200 published resources)
# Types of Information Resources in the SKB

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SKB Entry Structure

For each information resource, there is an entry/record that contains:

- Bibliographic metadata
- Descriptive metadata
- A digital copy of the resource (if not prohibited by copyright)
Partner Responsibilities

Create entries for **all** resources that come out of your project, as they are produced.

Advantages of assigning a student to make entries:
- Time commitment
- Familiarity with SKB formats
- Capacity to add outside resources
- Skill-building for student
SKB Entry Process

How it works:

1. **Create entry**, filling in all applicable metadata. Once complete, submit for review.

2. **Entry is reviewed** by SKB manager and **published** (made accessible online) if complete, or unsubmitted if needing changes.
SKB Metadata Guide

Paper and digital versions

Purpose

Content and format

- Background and general entry tips
- Instructions for metadata fields
- Sample entries
SKB Entry Basics

Making an entry:

1. Classify Product Type
   - (Appendix B for reference)

2. Work through the field descriptions

3. Refer to sample entries for examples or clarifications

Sign in:

http://www.oired.vt.edu/sanremcrsp/menu_information/SKB.php
(accessible from SANREM CRSP homepage)
SKB Metadata

**Keywords** – prioritize restricted; refer to printed copy

**Description** - copyright issues with journal articles

**Bibliographic citation** – not whole citation

**Type** – almost all are ‘text’

**Product type** – see Appendix B for descriptions

**Upload resource** – unless prohibited by copyright; pdf files are preferred (especially for large powerpoint presentation files)
Conclusions & Discussion

Please use the metadata guide!
Assign a student to make entries
Upload a digital copy unless prohibited by copyright
Be aware of copyrights and permissions
Direct SKB entry questions to skb-ra@vt.edu

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