

# The Marrakesh Treaty and the Accessible Books Consortium:

Turning *Rhetoric into Reality* for people who are blind  
or otherwise print-disabled

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# **Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled**

**Administered by WIPO**

**Two main exceptions to copyright law:**

- **Production of accessible format works (e.g., Braille or audio) for people who are blind or print disabled**
- **Cross-border exchange of such works**





# Accessible Books Consortium

**Public-private partnership led by WIPO**

**World Blind Union is a founding partner**

**Established June 2014**

**ABC seeks to implement the objectives of the Marrakesh Treaty**


# What is an accessible document or book?



## **Rhetoric to Reality:**


- 1. ABC Global Book Service**
- 2. Training and technical assistance in developing countries**
- 3. Inclusive publishing with commercial publishers**


Poems


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☐ BRAILLE Contracted (2)

☐ Daisy Audio (1)

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### Language

☐ English (3)

☐ **The best Australian poems 2016**

*published 2016*

Language: English, Format: DAISY audio, Producer: VA, Publisher: Melbourne : Black Inc, 2016.

ISBN: 9781863958875, First listed: 30-May-2017, First cleared: N/A

### Producer

☐ CNIB (10)

☐ CLFB (3)

☒ VA (3)

☐ SE (1)

☐ **The best Australian poems 2015**

*published 2015*

Language: English, Format: Braille, Producer: VA, Publisher: Melbourne : Black Inc, 2015.

ISBN: 9781863957793, First listed: 30-May-2017, First cleared: N/A

### Publisher

☐ Black Inc (2)

☐ s.n (1)

☐ **Urban aboriginal poetry**

Language: English, Format: Braille, Producer: VA, Publisher: [S.I. : s.n., s.d.]

ISBN: N/A, First listed: 30-May-2017, First cleared: N/A

### Year published

☐ 2010 - 2019 (2)

☐ Undetermined (1)

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### Permission status

☐ Rights cleared (3)

# ABC Global Book Service - Key Figures

**Application allowing libraries for the blind to exchange accessible titles**

**47 libraries for the blind joined**

**Over 430,000 titles in 76 languages**

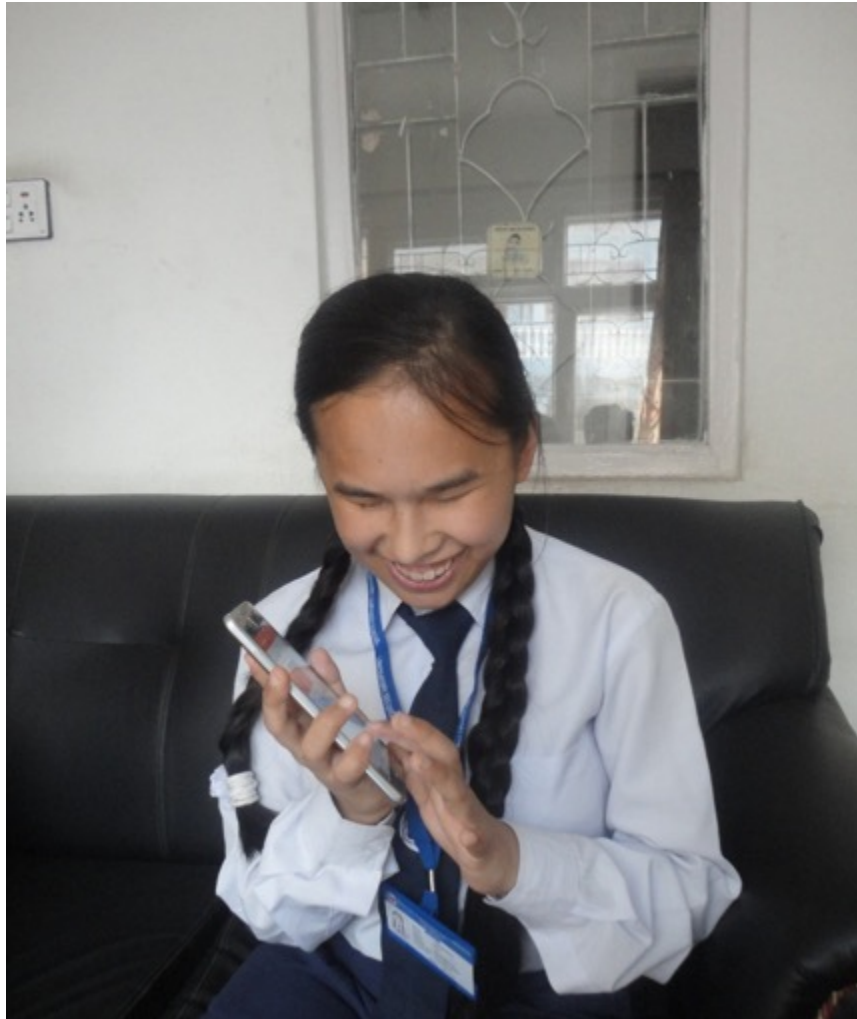
**233,000 accessible titles lent to the print-disabled**



# **Training and Technical Assistance in Developing Countries**

**Training provided to NGOs, publishers, departments  
of education in accessible book production**

**Funding provided to produce educational materials in  
national languages in 14 countries**



## Case Study – Seema

# Inclusive Publishing

**Make books that are “born accessible”**

**Use accessibility functions in publisher software e.g.,  
Adobe Indesign, HTML**

**Include accessibility descriptions of the books  
provided to distributors and retailers**

## Further Information:

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