

**Countries that Guarantee a Right of Access to Information (RTI)
in National/Federal Laws or Decrees + Dates of Adoption & Significant Amendments:
128 countries, inc. 3 non-members of the UN,
as of 1 September 2018¹**

**African Union w/o North
Africa (22/47)²**

Angola 2002, 2006
Benin 2015
Burkina Faso 2015
Cote d'Ivoire 2013
*Ethiopia 2008
Guinea Conakry 2010
Kenya, 2016
Liberia 2010
†Malawi 2017
Mozambique 2015
^Niger 2011
*Nigeria 2011
Rwanda 2013
Seychelles 2018
Sierra Leone 2013
*South Africa 2000
†*Sudan 2015
*Sudan, South 2013
†*Tanzania 2016
Togo 2016
Uganda 2005
Zimbabwe 2002, 2007

**Org. of American States-
English speaking
(10/13)³**

Antigua & Barbuda 2004
† Bahamas 2017
Belize 1994, 2000
*Canada 1983, 2001, 2016
Guyana 2011
Jamaica 2002
†St. Kitts & Nevis 2018
St. Vinc. & Grenadines 2003
Trinidad&Tobago 1999,2011
*USA 1966,'74,'96,2007,'16

**OAS non-English
(16/22)⁴**

*Argentina 2003, 2016
†^*Bolivia 2004, 2005
*Brazil 2011
Chile 2008
Colombia 1985, 2014
Dominican Republic 2004
Ecuador 2004
El Salvador 2011
Guatemala 2008
Honduras 2006
*Mexico 2002, 2006, 2016

Nicaragua 2007
Panama 2002, 2013
Paraguay 2014
Peru 2002, 2017
Uruguay 2008

Asia, Southern (7/8)⁵

Afghanistan 2014
Bangladesh 2008, 2009
*India 2005
Maldives, 2014
*Nepal 2007
^*Pakistan 2002, 2017
Sri Lanka 2016

Asia, Central (4/5)⁶

Kazakhstan 2015
Kyrgyzstan 2006,2016
Tajikistan 2002
Uzbekistan 2002

Asia, other (10/17)⁷

^China 2007
*Indonesia 2008
Japan 1999, 2003
Korea, South 1996,2004,'13
Mongolia, 2011
^*Philippines 2016
±Taiwan 2005
Thailand 1997
† Timor-Leste 2016
Vietnam 2016

EU (26/28)⁸

*Austria 1987, 2005
*Belgium 1994, 2000
Bulgaria 2000
Croatia 2003, 2013
Czech Republic 1999, 2006
Denmark 1985, 2000
Estonia 2000, 2009
Finland 1951, 1999, 2009
*France 1978, 2005
*Germany 2005
Greece 1986, 1999
Hungary 1992, 2003
Ireland 1997, 2003, 2005
*Italy 1990, 1997, 2016
Latvia 1998
Lithuania 2000, 2005
Malta 2009, 2012
*Netherlands 1978, 2005

Poland 2001
*Portugal 1993, 1999
Romania 2001, 2007
Slovakia 2000, 2008
Slovenia 2003, 2005, 2017
*Spain 2013
Sweden 1766, 1976
*United Kingdom 2000

**Council of Europe Non-
EU (18/19)⁹**

Albania 1999, 2014
Armenia 2003
Azerbaijan 2005
*Bosnia Herzegovina 2000
Georgia 1998, 2001
Iceland 1996, 2003, 2012
Liechtenstein 1999
Macedonia 2006, 2008
Moldova 2000, 2003
†Monaco 2011, 2013
Montenegro 2005, 2017
Norway 1970, 2006
*Russia 2009, 2011
†San Marino 2011, 2016
Serbia 2003, 2007
*Switzerland 2004
Turkey 2003
*Ukraine 1992,2002,'11,
'15

Europe – Non-CoE (1)

±Kosovo 2003

**Middle East & North
Africa (7/20)¹⁰**

Iran, 2011
Israel 1998, 2009
Jordan 2007
†Lebanon 2017
†Morocco 2018
Tunisia 2011, 2016
Yemen 2012

Pacific (7/15)¹¹

*Australia 1982, '04, '09
±Cook Islands 2008
Fiji 2018
New Zealand 1982, 2003
†*Palau 2014
Tonga 2018
†Vanuatu 2013, 2016

± - Country not formally recognised by the UN ^- Actionable RTI regulation/decree rather than a law
† - Not rated by RTI-Rating.org *- Federal system, several states also have laws

Countries with RTI Laws or Provisions

Footnotes – including names of countries by region without RTI Laws or Provisions

1. These numbers are consistent with, and based on, the two main expert lists of RTI laws, compiled by Article 19 and the Global RTI Rating. RTI-Rating.org rates 124 countries, including the 3 non-UN member states here listed, and has yet to rate 4 countries: Monaco, San Marino, Sudan, and Tonga. See Article 19, "Open Development: Access to Information and the Sustainable Development Goals," (July 2017), Appendix (118 UN member states with RTI laws or regulations, omits Timor-Leste); "Right to Know Day 2017: Progress on the right to information around the world," (Sept 28, 2017).
2. Countries in the AU (not including countries of North Africa which are included in the MENA region, see note 10, below): 27 w/o RTI laws – Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, CAR, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Brazzaville), DRC, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, eSwatini (previously Swaziland), Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Saharawi Rep. (Western Sahara) [not a UN member state], Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Somalia, Zambia.
3. OAS English-speaking: 3 countries w/o RTI law - Barbados, Grenada, and St. Lucia.
4. OAS non-English-speaking: 6 countries w/o RTI law - Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Haiti, Suriname, Venezuela.
5. Asia, South (countries of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation): 1 country w/o RTI law – Bhutan.
6. Asia, Central: one country w/o RTI law - Turkmenistan.
7. Asia, other (North, Southeast): 7 countries w/o RTI law - Brunei, Cambodia, Korea (North), Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore.
8. EU: two countries w/o RTI laws - Cyprus and Luxembourg.
9. Council of Europe non-EU: one country w/o RTI law - Andorra.
10. Middle East and North Africa (MENA): 13 countries w/o RTI laws - Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, Oman, Palestine [not a UN member state], Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and UAE.
11. Pacific: 8 countries w/o RTI laws - Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu.

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