



*Statement of Principles for the Sale of Rights in African Territories*

Whereas scholarly books published by North American and European presses are (at present) rarely available to readers in Africa; and whereas Europe- and America-based scholars of Africa have an interest and obligation to widen Africans' access to their work, ASA and ASUK endorse the following "statement of principles for the sale of rights in African territories."

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