

Information and Communication Technologies in Preserving Arabic and Islamic Manuscripts

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Abstract

That Arabic and Islamic manuscripts contain a wealth of intellectual and educational sources of knowledge has been proved beyond any doubt. In spite of tremendous benefit of these manuscripts in learning and research, their present condition in Nigeria is highly worrisome. We found out that these manuscripts have remained at the mercy of natural disasters as most of them are subject to total destruction by weather and insects. It is also discovered that Arabic and Islamic manuscripts deal with interesting themes that are of utmost relevance to our society, such as environmental and governmental issues. Therefore, the aim of this study is to examine the benefits of Information and Communication Technologies in the preservation of Arabic and Islamic manuscripts in Nigeria. Our study revealed that Information and Communication Technologies possess some devices that can be used in the preservation of these manuscripts. Historical and sociological approaches were used as methodologies.

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