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INFORMATION SOURCES FOR DB PLANS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

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The Internet is a valuable information resource. However, so much information is available that pension practitioners and researchers generally cannot make full use of it. Search engines help, but they do not always find the relevant information. This article was commissioned by the Pension Section Research Team to provide practitioners and researchers with a listing of Web sites containing information about DB plans outside the United States. It also lists some non-Internet information sources.

The research team's primary motivation for the article was its belief that readily available comparative information on the pension environment, including current design and funding issues, in other countries would benefit practitioners and researchers dealing with similar issues. In particular, a collection of available relevant resources on the Internet (as well as other sources) would allow an expeditious review of those materials to highlight the most salient and applicable information.

To limit the scope and provide focus, the following criteria were used as to Web sites that are excluded from the list. Web sites are excluded that:

1. are for individual plans
2. are the Web sites of individual researchers
3. are not in English
4. require a fee for use
5. focus on defined contribution (DC) or social security plans

Most of the Web sites selected focus on pensions. A few sites do not focus primarily on non-U.S. DB plans, however the sites are included because they provide some relevant information. Even within these limitations, the listing below is not exhaustive. Those responsible for relevant Web sites not listed here are invited to contact the author at the e-mail address below to be included in future updates of this listing. The non-Internet information sources generally require a fee. It would be also helpful to receive comments on those sites that may prove the most useful for a particular situation or issue.

For convenience, we have assembled the suggested resources into a handy, one-page exhibit for future reference. The Web sites are organized into those for particular countries and those that cover multiple countries.

[Please click here to download the list of resources.](#)

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