Charter for Accessible Publishing

The Accessible Books Consortium promotes the production of e-books and other digital publications in accessible formats such as braille, audio or large print for persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled.

The growing availability of e-books and other digital publications provides an unprecedented opportunity for persons with print disabilities to become the readers of such publications and for them to enjoy an ever-broadening diversity of books. Without diminishing the importance of other ways of delivering accessible content, publishers and authors are eager to explore and develop the advantages that e-books offer. Ensuring that more e-books are fully accessible, however, will only happen if publishers, authors and other stakeholders focus on this issue at a practical level.

Our objective is to make our e-books accessible to all.

With this objective in mind, we, the signatories to this Charter, hereby commit to:

1. stating our accessibility policy on our website, including adherence to this Charter;
2. nominating a senior manager who will be responsible for accessibility;
3. raising awareness among, and provide technical training for, relevant staff;
4. designating and publicizing a point of contact in our organization to assist persons with print disabilities to access our publications;
5. testing our digital publications for accessibility, incorporating appropriate feature descriptions and metadata;
6. monitoring our progress in this area;
7. promoting the adoption of accessibility standards throughout the supply chain; and
8. supporting national and international collaboration with organizations representing persons with print disabilities so as to increase the availability of publications in accessible formats.
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Organization’s name: 

Name and title of person signing on behalf of the organization: 

Signature: 

Date: 

Name, title and e-mail of organizational contact who will assist persons with print disabilities access publications: 

Organization’s website address: 

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact us at Accessible.Books@wipo.int