International research resources

CIA World Factbook
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/
Information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 266 world entities. Reference tab includes: maps of the major world regions, Flags of the World, a Physical Map of the World, a Political Map of the World, and a Standard Time Zones of the World map.

CIA World Leaders
https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/world-leaders-1/
Government officials for countries worldwide.

Rulers
http://www.rulers.org/
Heads of state and heads of government (and, in certain cases, de facto leaders not occupying either of those formal positions) of all countries and territories, going back to about 1700 in most cases.

Infobel
http://www.infobel.com/
Numberway
http://www.numberway.com/
Worldwide telephone directories.

Electronic Embassy
http://www.embassy.org/embassies/
Information on embassies in Washington D.C., with links to Web sites where available.

Consulates in New York City
http://www.nyc.gov/html/unccp/html/consular/nyc_list.shtml
Foreign Consulate Offices in New York
http://gonyc.about.com/od/foreignvisitorstonyc/a/foreign_consula.htm
Web site and contact directory.

Websites of U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions
http://www.usembassy.gov/
From the U.S. Department of State.

Bureau of Consular Affairs (U.S. Department of State)
http://travel.state.gov/
Includes international travel warnings and alerts.

Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection
http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/
Worldwide maps from the University of Texas.

United Nations Cartographic Section
http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/english/htmain.htm
Maps and Geographic Information Resources.

United Nations Structure and Organization
http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/
Lists the many U.N. related bodies.

UNSD Statistical Databases
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm
Unrestricted access to multiple United Nations statistical databases.

Data at International Working Partners
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/workpartners_dbase.htm
United Nations directory of online databases and datasets.

International Agencies
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd_intstat.htm
Directory of various United Nations Statistics Programmes.

National Statistical Offices Websites
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd_natstat.asp
United Nations directory of official government statistical offices.

Official Statistics on the Web
http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz/browse/
Organized by region, country and subject.

Data Sheets
http://www.prb.org/Publications/Datasheets.aspx
DataFinder
http://www.prb.org/datafinder.aspx
Resources from the Population Reference Bureau.

GeoHive: Global Statistics
http://www.geohive.com/
Geopolitical data, statistics on the human population, Earth and more. Includes population statistics of regions, countries, provinces and cities, as well as statistics on economic factors like wealth, infrastructure; statistics on natural phenomena.

Nation Master
http://www.nationmaster.com/
Graphically compare nations using data from CIA World Factbook, U.N., WHO, World Bank, World Resources Institute, UNESCO, UNICEF and OECD.

World in Figures
http://tilastokeskus.fi/tup/maanum/index_en.html
Statistical information on more than 200 countries listed in nearly 30 tables.

World Gazetteer
http://www.world-gazetteer.com/
Provides a comprehensive set of population data and related statistics. If possible, official data sources are used. In many cases, however, no official figures are available. In that case, secondary sources such as yearbooks, encyclopediae, atlases etc. are used.

Global Distribution of Poverty
http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/povmap/
Includes poverty data sets and maps. From Columbia University.

Global Health Facts
http://globalhealthfacts.org/
Get data by country or topic, or create a custom data sheet. From Kaiser Family Foundation.

OECD Factbook
http://lysander.sourceoecd.org/vl=11154188/cl=14/nw=1/rpsv/factbook/
OECD Statistics
http://stats.oecd.org/
OECD Statistics Portal
http://www.oecd.org/statsportal/0,3352,en_2825_293564_1_1_1_1_1,00.html
Society at a Glance: OECD Social Indicators
http://www.oecd.org/els/social/indicators/SAG
Statistical resources from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

World Health Organization
http://www.who.int/
Especially useful are the "Countries" and "Data and Statistics" sections.

World Bank
http://www.worldbank.org/
Especially useful are the "Countries" and "Data & Research" sections.

International Monetary Fund
http://www.imf.org/
Especially useful are the "Country Info" and "Data and Statistics" sections.

International trade and tariff data (World Trade Organization)
http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/statis_e.htm
Includes a statistics database, annual versions of *International Trade Statistics*, links to national statistical offices and more.

International Labour Organization
http://www.ilo.org/
Includes "statistics and databases" section.

International Labor Comparisons (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)
http://www.bls.gov/fls/
Provides international comparisons of hourly compensation costs; productivity and unit labor costs; labor force, employment and unemployment rates; and consumer prices. The comparisons relate primarily to the major industrial countries, but other countries are included in certain measures.

International Data Base (U.S. Census Bureau)
http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/
Includes country rankings, world population information and tabular data for countries and regions as well as demographic indicators, population pyramids and source information for countries.

Open CRS
http://opencrs.com/
Search for Congressional Research Service reports, many on international topics.

United Nations Environment Programme
http://www.unep.org/
Includes many thematic sections, such as climate change, ecosystem management, harmful substances and resource efficiency.

Gateway to the UN System's Work on Climate Change
http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/climatechange/gateway
Excellent directory of climate change resources from the various United Nations bodies.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
http://unfccc.int/
Home page of the international climate change meetings, such as those that resulted in the Kyoto protocol and the upcoming gathering in Copenhagen. Many documents and reports available.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
http://www.ipcc.ch/
Especially useful is the "Publications and Data" section, which includes many reports, technical papers, etc.

UNHCR—The UN Refugee Agency
http://www.unhcr.org/
United Nations body. Especially useful is the "Resources" section, which includes statistics, maps, publications and more.

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
http://www.ohchr.org/
United Nations body. Especially useful is the "Publications" section, which includes Human Rights basics, fact sheets and more.

Amnesty International
http://www.amnesty.org/
Organization that works to protect human rights. Especially useful is the "Learn About Human Rights" section, which includes an extensive documents database and individual pages for human rights by country or topic.

Human Rights Watch
http://www.hrw.org/
Organization that works to protect human rights. Especially useful is the "Publications" section, which includes annual reports back to 1989 and other reports that can be searched by issue or country.

International Justice Mission
http://www.ijm.org/
Human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. Resources section includes fact sheets on sex trafficking, police brutality, land seizure, illegal detention and forced labor slavery.

Human Trafficking Search
http://humantraffickingsearch.net/
Topical web search engine. Do a keyword search or access pre-formulated searches by country or on the topics of human trafficking, child labor, forced labor and sex slavery. Child labor data map accesses U.S. Department of Labor information by country.

Foreign Terrorist Organizations
http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/other/des/123085.htm
Latest State Department list.

Terrorist Groups
http://www.nctc.gov/site/groups/
Profiles from the National Counterterrorism Center. Groups taken from the State Department's FTO list above.

Terrorist Organization Profiles
http://www.start.umd.edu/start/data/tops/
Data through March 2008. Search by keyword, location, ideology or organization name.

The World at War
http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/war/
Lists current conflicts, including civil conflicts, wars and insurgencies. From Global Security web site often cited in the media.

African Studies Internet Resources
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/africa/cuvl/
Directory from Columbia University.

African Statistics on the Internet
http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/statistics.html
Directory from Stanford University.

Asian Development Bank
http://www.adb.org/
Country reports and statistics.

National Bureau of Statistics of China
http://www.stats.gov.cn/english/
Official government statistics office.

Europa
http://europa.eu/index_en.htm
Gateway to the European Union.

Eurostat
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home
European statistics.

UK National Statistics
http://www.statistics.gov.uk/
Official government statistics office.

Canadian Information by Subject
http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/caninfo/ecaninfo.htm
Service developed by the Library and Archives Canada to provide links to information about Canada from Internet resources around the world.

Statistics Canada
http://www.statcan.gc.ca/start-debut-eng.html
Canada's national statistical agency.

Latin American Network Information Center
http://lanic.utexas.edu/
Directory from the University of Texas.

Middle East Studies Internet Resources
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm/
Directory from Columbia University.

Diplomacy Monitor
http://www.diplomacymonitor.com/
Latest communiqués, transcripts and news releases from around the world.

Eldis Resource Guides and Dossiers
http://www.eldis.org/go/topics
Extensive collection of research and policy documents, organized by topic.

Interpol
http://www.interpol.int/
International police organization.

Governments on the WWW
http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/
Very basic directory arranged by continent and category. No updates since 2002, but most links work.

International Inter-governmental Organization Web Page Finder
http://www.libsci.sc.edu/bob/IGOs.htm
Another very basic directory. No updates since 2003, but most links work.

Political Resources on the Net
http://www.politicalresources.net/
Listings of political sites available on the Internet sorted by country, with links to Parties, Organizations, Governments, Media and more from all around the world.

Election Guide
http://www.electionguide.org/
Calendar of elections. Searchable by election type, country and year.

Constitution Finder
http://confinder.richmond.edu/
Directory of constitutions, charters, amendments, and other related documents by country. From University of Richmond.

International Budget Partnership
http://www.internationalbudget.org/
Includes various national budget resources and organization contacts.

Bank Holidays of the World
http://www.bank-holidays.com/index.htm
Includes public holidays by country, religious holidays, elections, sports events and more.

National Anthems
http://www.national-anthems.net/
Audio files and lyrics.

BBC News Country Profiles
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/
Country Facts
http://www.countryfacts.com/
Encyclopedia of the Nations
http://www.nationsencyclopedia.com/
Basic information on countries around the world.

Country Studies
http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html
Guide to Law Online: Nations
http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/nations.php
Portals to the World
http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html
Library of Congress resources. *Country Studies* published between 1988 and 1998; not a current events database. Rather, they offer background analysis on a country's history, geography, society, economy, political system, foreign policy, and national security. *Guide to Law Online* links to legal and government resources, including Constitutions, by country. *Portals to the World* links to various topical resources by country.

CountryWatch
http://journalism.ezproxy.cuny.edu:2048/login?url=http://www.countrywatch.com/ip
Provides up-to-date news and information on each of the recognized countries of the world. Premium product available via J-school.

Polling the Nations
http://journalism.ezproxy.cuny.edu:2048/login?url=http://poll.orspub.com
A comprehensive collection of public opinion, containing 500,000 questions from over 14,000 surveys conducted in the United States and over 100 other countries around the world from 1986 to the present. Premium product available via J-school.

Access World News
http://journalism.ezproxy.cuny.edu:2048/login?url=http://infoweb.newsbank.com/?db=AWNB
NewsBank product provides full-text access to hundreds of international sources. This is a lesser-known J-school premium product similar to Nexis and Factiva.

Kidon Media Link
http://www.kidon.com/media-link/
Newspapers.com
http://www.newspapers.com/
Online Newspapers
http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/
The Paperboy
http://www.thepaperboy.com/
Directories of newspaper web sites by country.

Global Post
http://www.globalpost.com/
Inter Press Service
http://www.ipsnews.net/
Newslookup
http://www.newslookup.com/
NewsNow
http://www.newsnow.co.uk/
Silobreaker
http://www.silobreaker.com/
WN Networks
http://wnnetwork.com/
World News
http://wn.com/
News sites with an international focus.

Bing Translator
http://www.microsofttranslator.com/
Free Translation
http://www.freetranslation.com/
Google Translate
http://translate.google.com/
Yahoo! Babel Fish
http://babelfish.yahoo.com/
Translates text or web pages.

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