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Algerian government secures access to *Nature* and *Scientific American*

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The Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research has signed an agreement with Nature Publishing Group (NPG) allowing researchers across the country to access *Nature* and *Scientific American*. The deal was signed with the General Directorate for Scientific Research and Technological Development (DG-RSDT), which is part of the Ministry, and will provide access for up to 60,000 scientists until 31 August 2012.

The agreement provides site license access to all the research centers across Algeria. Scientists will be able to access the content through a dedicated portal linking through to the titles.

The DG-RSDT was established in 2009, to support the Ministry's existing Research Centre on Scientific and Technical Information (CERIST). Both institutions work in partnership to develop Algeria's academic sector and to progress scientific research around the country.

Professor Badache, Head of CERIST, said: "We are excited about this important agreement with NPG, which provides an excellent resource for Algerian scientists. Granting access to *Nature* and *Scientific American* will help to boost scientific output throughout Algeria."

"Nature Publishing Group is delighted to agree this license with the Ministry, which provides so many Algerian researchers with access to *Nature* and *Scientific American*," said Bethan Creighton, Consortia Sales Manager at NPG. "We are confident that we provide excellent value for money. We look forward to working with other national consortia to ensure the widest possible access to the quality content that NPG publishes."

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