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Forum for Open Research in MENA

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# AGENDA



 **The Issues**

 **Our Solution**

 **The Roadmap**

 **October**



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# Knowledge E

enriching | engaging | empowering

Knowledge E is a hub for knowledge building and knowledge sharing, for HEIs and research communities, providing digital library, publishing and training services.



## Knowledge E

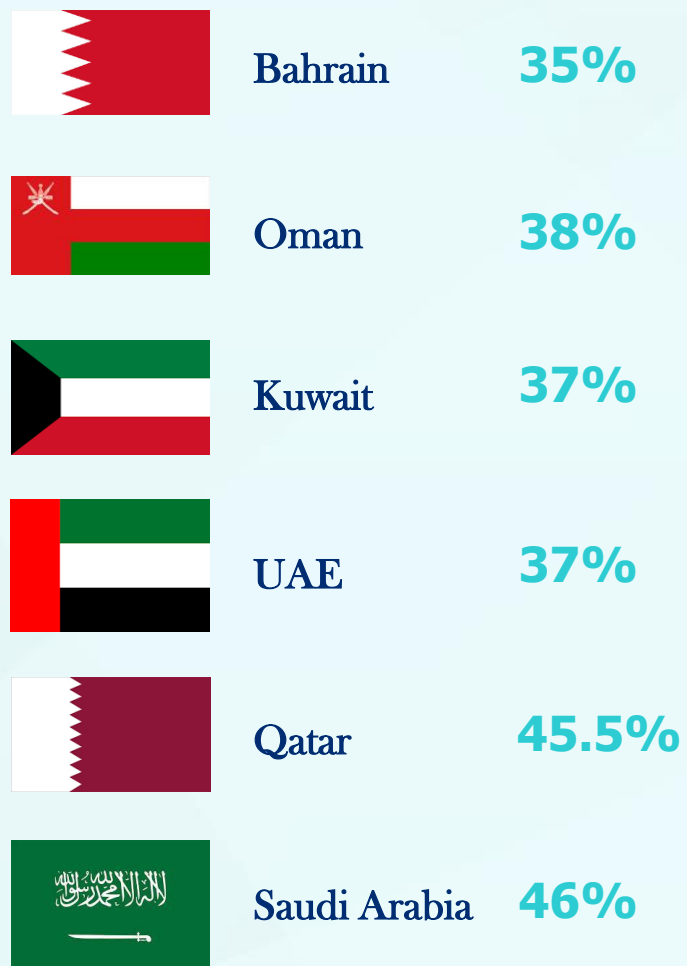
# Foundation

The Knowledge E Foundation aims to improve the accessibility, availability, and inclusivity of research and education for everyone, everywhere.

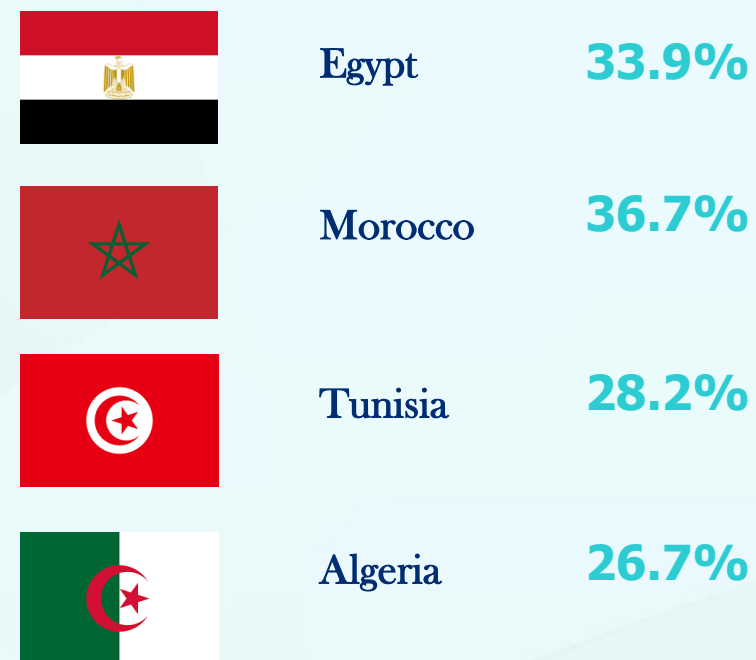
# OPEN ACCESS IN REGION



2018-2020



2012-2021





**MISTRUST**












**MISUNDERSTANDING**

**DISCINCENTIVES**

**UNCERTAINTY**

# SURVEY



-  **19.5%** did not fully understand what open access was
-   **15.5%** thought open access meant ‘not peer reviewed’
-  **15%** were not aware of the benefits of open access
-   **18.2%** equated charging an APC with predatory publishing
-  **48%** did not know about the different tiers of open access publishing
-   **26%** equated open access with predatory publishing
-  **34.5%** did not know what an APC was and what it should cover
-  **50%** did not know that authors retain the copyright



# OPEN ACCESS SYMPOSIUM



## **TOWARDS A MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE WORLD:**

Open Access research  
in MENA







# EXAMPLES



Egyptian Knowledge Bank  
بنك المعرفة المصري



جامعة خليفة  
Khalifa University



جامعة الملك عبد الله  
للعلوم والتقنية  
King Abdullah University of  
Science and Technology



مكتبة قطر الوطنية  
QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY

عضو في مؤسسة قطر Member of Qatar Foundation



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# VISION & MISSION



**Working towards an Open MENA, by supporting the development of actionable insights and practical policies for all regional stakeholders.**

**Advocate** for, and raise awareness of, open policies and practices

**Nurture** innovative new approaches to Open Science in MENA

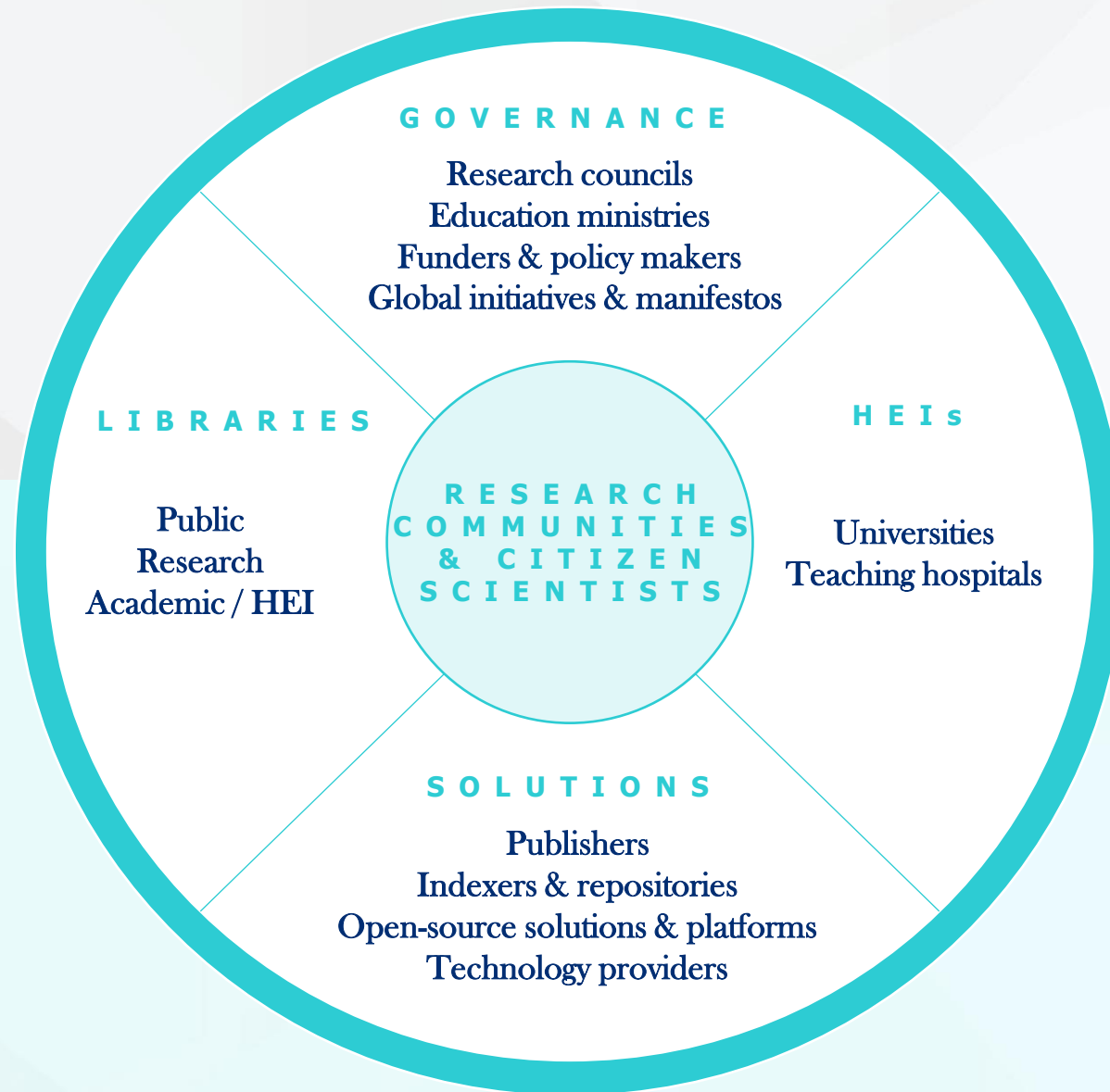
**Contribute** to the development and implementation of Open Science policies, frameworks and infrastructure

**Support** stakeholders across all levels

**Facilitate** cross-regional collaboration

**Encourage** development of Arabic language Open Access and Open Educational Resources

# WHO





# WHAT



**GOVERNANCE + MEMBERSHIP**



**STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT**



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES & RESOURCE**



**MONITORING + EVALUATION  
FRAMEWORKS**

# HOW – STRUCTURE



**F.O.R.M. BOARD**

*(Founding Partners)*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*(Founding Partners, Advisory  
Partners & Institutional Members)*

**INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS**

*(Institutions & Organisations)*

# HOW – MANAGE



**F.O.R.M. BOARD**

*(Decision makers)*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*(Planning & implementation)*

**INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS**

*(Key actions & goals)*

# HOW – FUND



**PARTNER  
CONTRIBUTION  
S**

**CONFERENCE  
REVENUE**





POLICY

Institutional + national

RESOURCES

Human, technological, legal, financial, training

PRACTISE

Libraries, HEIs, research councils, research communities

CULTURE

Understanding, perceptions, advocacy, collaboration

ENVIRONMENT

Pedagogy, incentives





# HOW



## SET GOALS AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR OUR STAKEHOLDERS



- Establish policies
- Improve metadata and discoverability
- Improve accessibility and ease of access
- Support the reallocation of subscription funds
- Investigate supporting technological infrastructure
- Becoming hubs for training (eg copyright advice and information literacy, predatory practices etc)
- Advocate for open science to staff, researchers and wider networks
- Work to establish national and regional consortia to negotiate with publishers
- Support the creation of a regional pre-print repository
- Participate in cross-border collaborations and stakeholder strategy sessions

# NEXT STEPS...



**OCTOBER  
CONFERENCE**

**SELECT FOUNDING  
PARTNERS**

**ESTABLISH LEGAL  
ENTITY**

**OPEN INSTITUTIONAL  
MEMBERSHIP**

**START COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
ACTIVITIES**

**'23 OCTOBER CONFERENCE &  
AGM**

**2024 &  
BEYOND....**



# F.O.R.M

## Forum for Open Research in MENA

26-27 OCTOBER 2022  
CAIRO

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110  
DAYS

9  
HOURS

50  
MINUTES

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