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Webinar Topic

Designing a concept to facilitate
the setup of African University
presses



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Research Equity
through Open
Science practices*



10 African OA Principles



- 1) Academic Research and knowledge from and about Africa should be **freely available** to all who wish to access, use or reuse it while at the same time being **protected from misuse and misappropriation.**



The Challenges



Language barriers



Low visibility of African scholarly output internationally



Underrepresented in international research networks



Restricted access to research funding



The Solution

Utilising existing digital scholarly infrastructure for research dissemination





Submission of Research items

- from researchers working in and about Africa

Submission Moderation

- checkpoints for quality assurance

Discoverability

- assigning a DOI to each submitted item
- linked to the researchers ORCID ID
- indexing in scholarly search engines

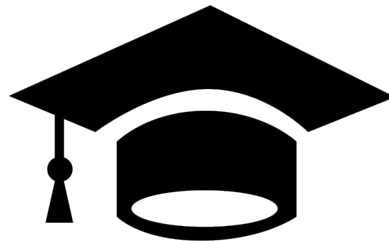


Benefits for Researchers + Publishers + Libraries



Reputation Building

- + raising the profile of African researchers
- + worldwide online visibility



Networking & Capacity building

- + trainings and webinars on scholarly publishing
- + with researchers across Africa and worldwide

Discoverability of research output

- + indexing of shared research items
- + assigning DOIs
- + open licensing



Community Involvement at AfricArXiv

Communication channels

Participation in workshops, conferences, podcasts, and webinars

Capacity building through relevant trainings and webinars

Author interviews

Institutional partners



Establishing ORCID-facilitated multi-stakeholder consortia for efficient scholarly knowledge exchange



- Author disambiguation via a unique persistent identifier
- A trusted list of activities attached to the identifier
- Improved accuracy and time savings when submitting scholarly works, applying for grants and reporting.



ORCID

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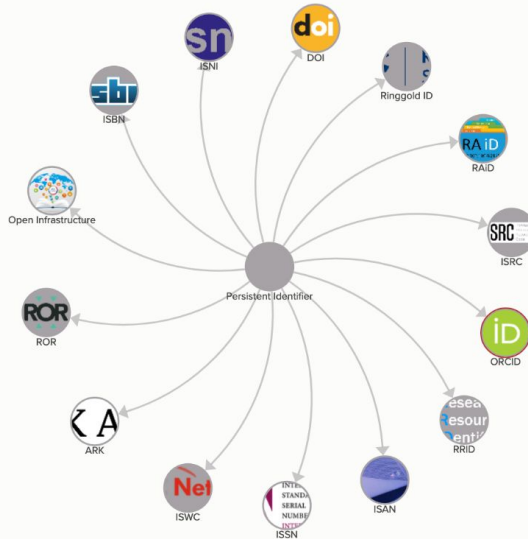
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Way forward



Establishing local hosting of the AfricArXiv submission portal

- + ensuring physical ownership and curation of research data to African stakeholders
- + utilizing open-source package/s (DSpace, PKP/OPS, InvenioRDM, ...)



Facilitating the setup of cloud-based University Presses

- + Establishing African University Presses and thereby empowering their institutions
- + Following the JISC University Press Toolkit



Guide

New university press toolkit

Supporting and giving guidance to new university presses and library-led publishing ventures.

Fostering community-based publishing workflows and quality assessments

- + preprint to journal article aka post publishing quality assurance
- + Community based Open Peer Review
- + supporting African publishing institutions and the wider ecosystem in the region



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University Presses in Africa



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University Presses in Africa



University Presses in Egypt

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | AUP Member ^[8] | Ref. |
|---|---|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| American University in Cairo Press | American University in Cairo | Active | Yes | [111] |
| Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale | Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale | Active | No | [112] |

University Presses in Ethiopia

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | Ref. |
|--|--|--------|-------|
| Addis Ababa University Press | Addis Ababa University | Active | [116] |
| Wollega University Press | Wollega University | Active | [117] |

University Presses in Namibia

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | Ref. |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| University of Namibia Press | University of Namibia | Active | [215] |

University Presses in Nigeria

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | Ref. |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Ibadan University Press | Ibadan University | Active | [221] |

University Presses in Senegal

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | Ref. |
|---|---|--------|-------|
| Presses Universitaires de Dakar | Cheikh Anta Diop University | Active | [280] |

University Presses in Kenya

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | Ref. |
|---|---|--------|-------|
| CUEA Press | Catholic University of Eastern Africa | Active | [193] |
| Moi University Press | Moi University | Active | [194] |
| University of Nairobi Press | University of Nairobi | Active | [195] |

University Presses in South Africa

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | Ref. |
|---|---|--------|-------|
| Pretoria University Law Press | University of Pretoria | Active | [282] |
| UCT Press | University of Cape Town | Active | [283] |
| Unisa Press | University of South Africa | Active | [284] |
| University of KwaZulu-Natal Press | University of KwaZulu-Natal | Active | [285] |
| Wits University Press | University of the Witwatersrand | Active | [286] |

University Presses in Zambia

| Press | Associated Institution | Status | Ref. |
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| UNZA Press | University of Zambia | Active | [511] |



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