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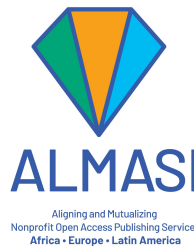
DIAMOND OA POLICY FORUM LAUNCH EVENT



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AGENDA



1. **Welcome.** Vanessa Proudman
2. **ALMASI and sustaining Diamond OA.** Vanessa Proudman and Victoria Tsoukala
3. **The Diamond OA nonprofit publishing landscape.**
Arianna Becerril García, Susan Murray & Johan Rooryck
4. **Diamond policy and funding successes in the 3 regions, and discussion.**
Research funders and national policymakers
Bianca Amaro (Latin America). Michelle Doran (Europe). Steven Sebbale (Africa).
Institutional policymakers
Francisco Alarcón (Latin America). Nicolas Fressengeas (Europe). Birgit Schreiber (Africa).
5. **Next steps.** Arianna Becerril García

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Aligning and Mutualizing Nonprofit Open Access Publishing Services Internationally (ALMASI)

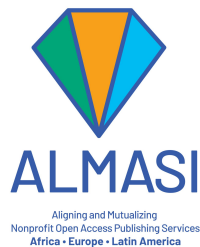


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ALMASI at a glance

- 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2027
- 15 partners from 10 countries covering 3 regions (Africa, Europe, Latin America)



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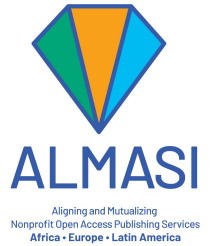


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Creating a globally aligned, nonprofit,
high-quality,
and sustainable scholarly communication ecosystem

Objectives



- ❖ Gain a better understanding of nonprofit OA publishing in Africa, Latin America and Europe
- ❖ Co-design and implement non-technological good practices in service provision of the Diamond OA Standard (DOAS).
- ❖ Improve the technical and scientific quality of nonprofit OA publishing
- ❖ Stimulate the development of institutional and national policies that support non-profit OA publishing with funding.



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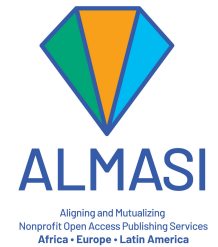
Exploring and supporting sustainability through policy and funding



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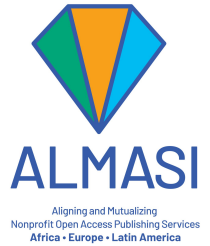
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The Diamond OA Policy Forum



- **Convenes international, national, and local policymakers** and funders in three regions: Africa, Europe and Latin America to discuss nonprofit scholarly publishing **policy and funding needs, progress, and challenges.**
- To support more equitable, diverse, and community-led scholarly publishing internationally.
- **At 6-monthly intervals** online, separately and collectively.

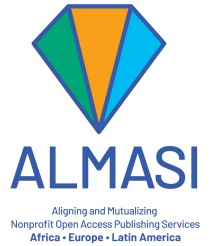
The Diamond OA Policy Forum for



- **Policymakers**, including Open Access and Open Science high-level representatives from international, regional, and country-level governments, research and research-funding institutions, and umbrella organisations of higher education institutions.
- **Funders**, including international, national funding agencies, non governmental organisations, charities, private funders, learned societies, professional associations, development agencies, academic libraries and their consortia, academies, cultural institutes or museums and industry funders.

And more

In summary



- Today lays the foundation for three regional fora for Africa, Europe, and Latin America where policymakers and funders will gather to develop contextually-relevant, realistic and replicable policy recommendations and practicable funding mechanisms to implement policies in support of Diamond OA research publication within and across the regions.
- We aim to share, discuss and develop policy recommendations and funding mechanisms that work in various contexts.



Thank you



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ALMASI & sustaining Diamond OA

Diamond OA Policy Forum launch

October 29, 2025

Victoria Tsoukala, PhD

Directorate-General for Research & Innovation



EU open science policy

- Flagship policy since FP7, initially open access and since Horizon Europe, Open Science
- Integral part of the new European Research Area (ERA), as communicated in 2020
- Part of the ERA policy agenda, now with an increased focus on equity
- Part of the upcoming ERA Act (public consultation open now, ddl early January)
- Important part of the new Horizon Europe (2028-2034) as a horizontal principle of the FP

EC support for Diamond OA + the Almasi project

- Consistent funding for Diamond/Institutional OA publishing in recent years at EU level
- Important projects/infrastructures resulting from this funding such as: HIRMEOS, OPERAS, DIAMAS, Craft OA, Palomera, Almasi, HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-02 (*Sustained coordination and guidance at the European level on institutional non-profit open access publishing; under evaluation*)
- High expectations from ALMASI to contribute significantly to international coordination and alignment between Europe and other areas of the world
- High expectations for policy input, which is very valuable to us

Some thoughts on sustaining Diamond OA

- **Strengthen/improve existing services** (infrastructure, services, human capital) to prove value and help journals/venues transition to diamond OA
 - Support diamond OA with funding, at project level
- Diamond OA venues as **core research infrastructures**
 - Engage researcher communities
 - Institutional perception of role: is publishing a critical role for universities/research centers/societies/other researcher-based institutions? How is this role consistently supported?
- Support a **research culture that do not only appreciate articles** in high JIF journals.
 - Support institutional change
 - Research culture change
 - Policymaker buy-in is crucial at the funder and institutional level

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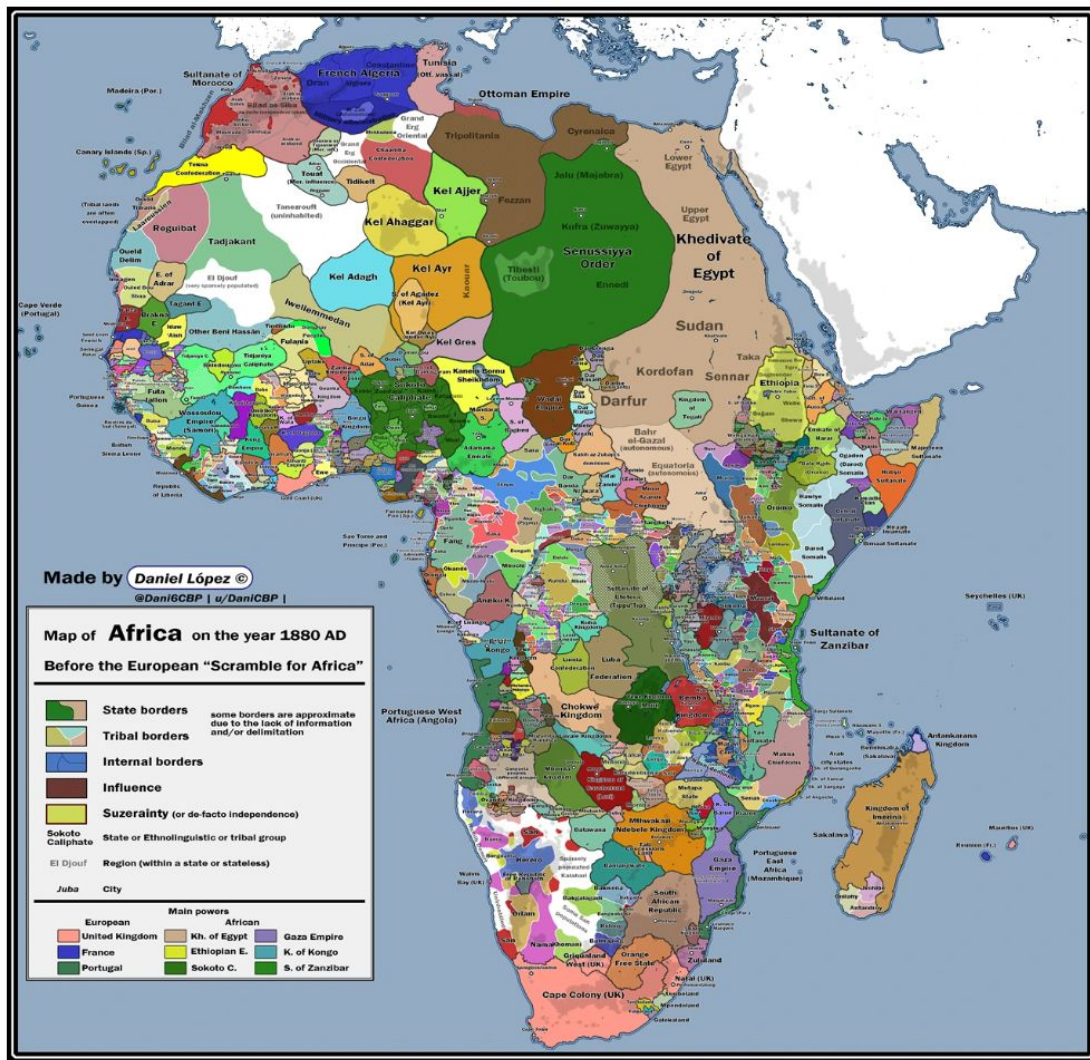
Africa Region ALMASI overview: why we need a Continental Funder & Policy Forum, and a global one, too



29 October 2025

Africa Region Past Context[s] in a Map (1880)

- This map shows roughly who controlled what parts of Africa in 1880, with colonial occupation already well underway..... 26 pages of sources used in the compilation of this map:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uCh_BzhltUdbKKDsJgihkGX4lIFeONko/view
- Africa is the most linguistically and possibly most culturally diverse continent in the world.
- This map is just 5 years before the Berlin Conference in **1885** that would launch the so-called “Scramble for Africa”.
- A healing counterpoint is the Berlin Declaration on Open Access in **2003**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Declaration_on_Open_Access_to_Knowledge_in_the_Science_and_Humanities

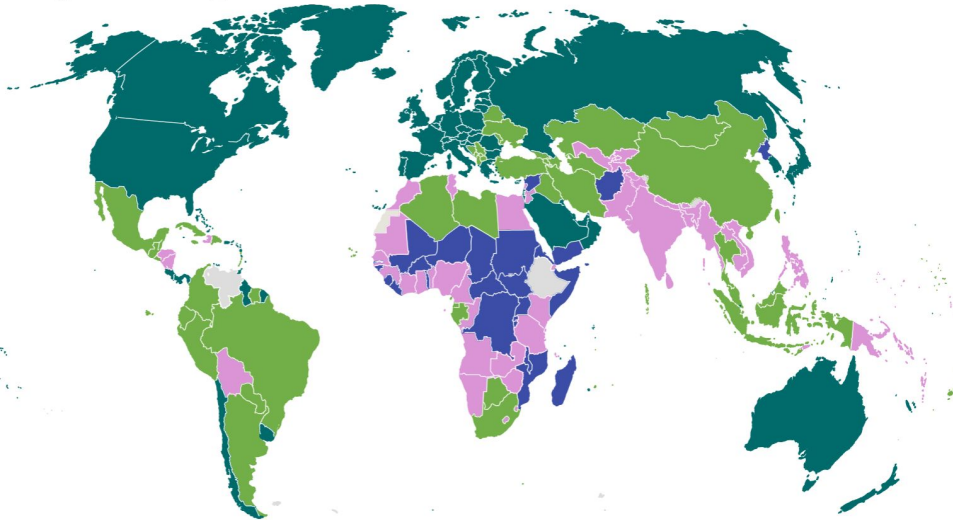


Africa Region Current Context[s] in Maps:

•ERIC METREAU
•KATHRYN ELIZABETH YOUNG
•SHWETHA GRACE FAPEN
July 01, 2025

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/opendata/understanding-country-income-world-bank-group-income-classifica>

High Income Upper-middle Income Lower-middle Income Low Income Not Classified



As of 2025, there are 32 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Africa, making up the majority of the 44 LDCs worldwide. This means Africa has more than three times the number of Least Developed Countries than the rest of the world combined.

<https://unctad.org/topic/least-developed-countries/list>



UN list of least developed countries

While most available statistics on African research outputs are very understated.....

- ... Because they are mainly based on statistics from commercial Global North products even though millions of African research articles are downloaded each month from every country on Earth, there **are** systemic problems that are impacting negatively on context-relevant research in African countries.....
- Unexamined “inherited” incentives by Governments and Universities in Africa that prioritise research topics by Africans that are of interest to “prestige commercial publishers” in the Global North, and encouragement to send great research elsewhere (a systemic change in research assessment is needed)
- A lack of incentives and a disregard of proven credible and quality Diamond journals published in-country and in the African continent that welcome **matching real world research solutions to pressing domestic, continental and global challenges.**
- A paucity of government and institutional policies to support and help co-ordinate the collaboration of existing, long-standing African Open Infrastructure Platforms that support Diamond Open Access, and,
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, a lack of African governments’ individual and collective funding mechanisms to support domestic and regional proven solutions, and **sustainable Diamond no fee Open Access research sharing.**

African ALMASI country case studies show progress:

Several African Governments, University leadership collectives and African Nonprofits are actively starting:

- To develop supportive domestic and continental journal publishing policies and funding, and alternative researcher incentives rather than allowing our best research to be focussed on and published elsewhere
- To engage with one another, and co-ordinate activities within continental and global initiatives that support addressing the multiplicity of complex African country-level and regional-level real world challenges and dysfunctional global research communication systems
- And beginning to recognise that the Diamond model of zero charges to readers and zero charges to authors of research outputs is vital; particularly for resource-scarce countries to match research with development needs
- To acknowledge that knowledge is a human right
- **And to recognise that Africans need to be active contributors to (not just recipients of) global knowledge generation and the systems that share it.**



Africa carries the world's largest burden of disease and climate change



It is essential that African governments and other policy-makers step up to policies, **funding** and supporting the research & **research sharing** needed to cope with these challenges **RIGHT NOW!**

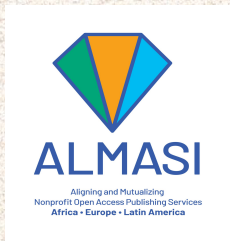


Together, with appropriate African
implementation, we can go far!



Questions for later?
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Please sign up for the ALMASI Africa Forum future events!



African research for African development

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Thank you



NON FEE OPEN ACCESS IN LATINAMERICAN

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STATUS

- **Non fee OA** is the dominant model in Latin American. Public knowledge is considered a **common good** and an institutional pillar. **Public universities** are the main managers and funders.
- The region has Open Access and Open Science regulations (e.g., Argentina, Colombia, Perú, México, Chile, Costa Rica) and regional platforms (RedALyC, LATINDEX, SciELO, CSUCA Journal Portal) that enhance visibility and quality.
- **Valorize and professionalize** editorial work, formally including it in academic merit evaluation systems



STATUS

- Only Chile (ANID) and Brazil (CAPES-CNPq) have a kind of financial support
- All non fee OA journals are support mainly for public universities, institutions, private institutions.
- We need more institutional and national regulations to protect, and ensure the maintenance/sustainability of non fee OA.
- We need to strength more infrastructures for journals and publications non fee OA. Many editors do the work voluntaring.
- We need countries in the Global North to change their assessment methods.

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UM THAIGHDE OSCAILTE

NATIONAL OPEN RESEARCH FORUM

Diamond OA Forum Launch

29 October 2025

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National Open Research Coordinator

National Open Research Forum <https://norf.ie/>

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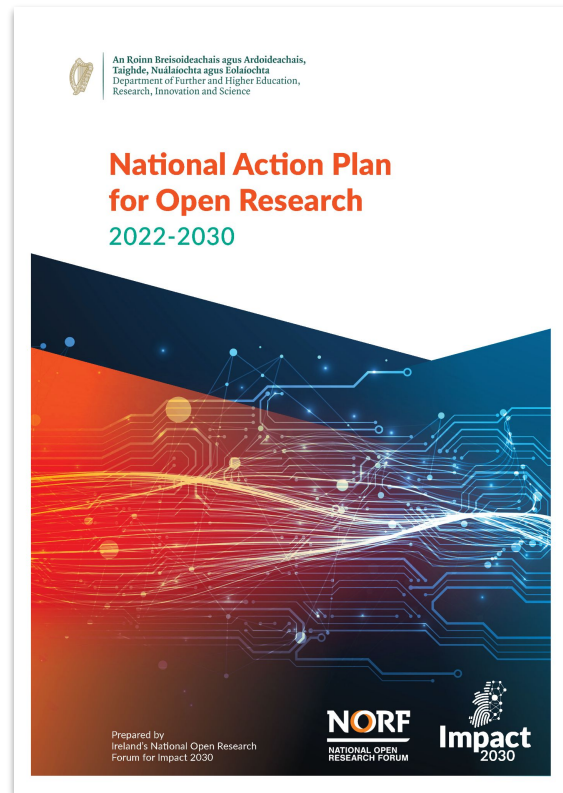
National Action Plan for Open Research

Outlines a national vision for a research system fully aligned with open research principles and practices by 2030

Structured according to three themes under which a vision, goals, and actions are articulated:

- **Establishing a culture of open research**
- **Achieving 100% open access to research publications**
- **Enabling FAIR research data and other outputs**

See <https://norf.ie/national-action-plan/>



Achieving 100% OA to research publications

Vision for 2030

By 2030 Ireland will have implemented a sustainable and inclusive course for achieving 100% open access to research publications. Provisions put in place to support a diverse open access publishing ecosystem and the retention of authors' rights will ensure Irish researchers have the freedom to choose from a range of quality options for making their research open access. An interoperable and robust network of repositories will contribute to making Irish research more visible and accessible locally and internationally. Benchmarking, drawing on a transparent national open access monitoring mechanism, will place Ireland amongst the leading countries internationally in terms of achieving 100% open access.

Support Bibliodiversity in Ireland

Action	Description	Key stakeholders	Timeline
A4.3 Support bibliodiversity in Ireland.	A4.3.1 Conduct a feasibility study and pilot with a view to establishing a publicly-owned, centralised national platform for Diamond OA publication of journals and books. ³¹ This action will be aimed at supporting OA models for Irish-based academic journals and publishers.	NORF, RPOs, research infrastructures, publishers, learned societies, editors, libraries	2022-24

Support Bibliodiversity in Ireland

Action	Description	Key stakeholders	Timeline
A4.1 Strengthen Ireland's network of open access repositories.	A4.1.1 Conduct a national programme of open access repository assessment and alignment to deliver standardised metadata nationally while building and aligning infrastructure according to international best practice. For example, OpenAIRE guidelines, Plan S requirements, and evolving practice. ³⁰	NORF, RPOs, RFOs, research infrastructures (e.g. IReL)	2022-24
A4.2 Support rights retention for Irish researchers.	A4.2.1 Conduct a legal assessment of ways to support Irish researchers retain their rights and make their work open access immediately. These may include introducing secondary rights retention into Irish copyright legislation.	NORF, RPOs, RFOs	2023-24

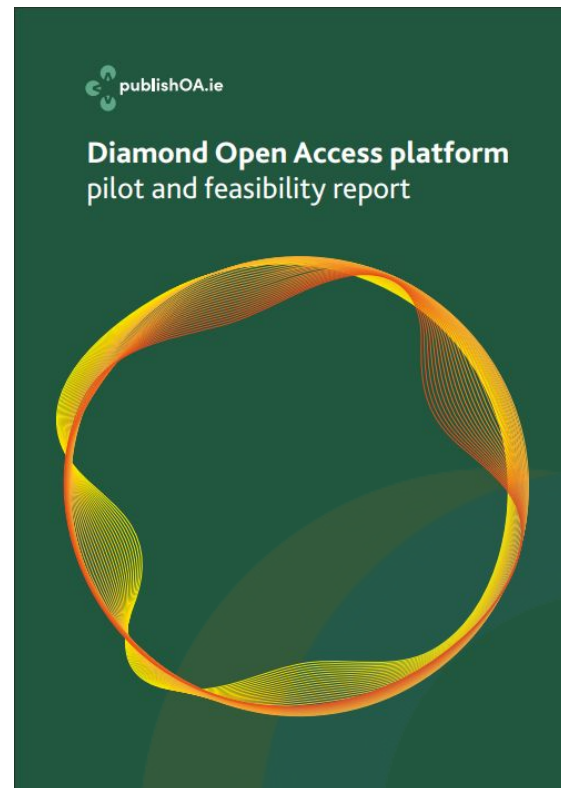
Support Biodiversity in Ireland

- **Open Access Transition Project (Publish OA Ireland)** co-led by the Royal Irish Academy and Trinity College Dublin and funded by NORF under the 2022 Open Research Fund.
- **Open Access Repository Assessment and Alignment Project** funded by NORF under the 2022 Open Research Fund and led by a team at the University of Galway Library, the project consortium of twelve national organisations and two international affiliates addressed critical gaps in Ireland's fragmented open research repository landscape.
- **SCOIR (Secondary Rights, Copyright, Open Access, Institutional Policies, Rights Retention) Project** funded by NORF under the 2023 Open Research Fund and co-led by Trinity College Dublin and the Technological University of Dublin
 - To develop a secondary publishing right in Irish legislation
 - The development and adoption of institutional rights retention policies.

Diamond Open Access Platform: Pilot and Feasibility Report

- Between November 2024 and April 2025, PublishOA conducted a feasibility study for the establishment of a Diamond OA Platform for journals and monographs across Ireland.
- OJS and OMP (PKP) chosen as a best-fit solution
- Provides centralised hosting, editorial support & Discovery Interface
- Builds foundation for a fully resourced national platform
- Next steps: expand journal participation, add OA book publishing, align with **SCOIR & Advancing Repositories**

Read more: [PublishOA - Royal Irish Academy](#)



Diamond Ireland

National Diamond Open Access Publishing Platform – Diamond Engagement



Partnership

Research performing institutions, research funding organisations, libraries, policy-makers, digital & advocacy networks.



Principles

FAIR, CARE, DOAS, FOREST, POSI, AmeliCA, etc. – the central and connecting facet.



Standards

Standards and interoperability underpin the infrastructure and enable knowledge-sharing across systems.



Community

The global community is the audience; it includes citizens, scholars, researchers and content creators, life-long learners, Citizen Scientists, enterprise, diversity & inclusion.



Structure

Enabling structure based on publishers, researchers, librarians



Infrastructure

Open, non-profit, publicly-owned infrastructure

EI CSUCA Y EL ACCESO ABIERTO DIAMANTE

Francisco Alarcón Alba, CSUCA

Foro de Políticas sobre Acceso Abierto Diamante

29 de Octubre de 2025



CONTENIDO

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- 5). Cómo se financian estas revistas?

1). Qué es el CSUCA?

- La Confederación Universitaria Centroamericana, es la organización de **integración regional de los sistemas públicos de educación superior de los países del Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana (SICA)**, que promueve el desarrollo de las universidades a través de la cooperación y el trabajo conjunto con la sociedad y el Estado.
- La Confederación Universitaria Centroamericana y su órgano de gobierno el Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano están constituidos por **27 universidades públicas de los 8 países del Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana SICA: Guatemala, Belice, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panamá y la República Dominicana. Más Cuba.** Aunque es un grupo relativamente pequeño, incluye a las más grandes, antiguas y reconocidas universidades de la región centroamericana y El Caribe hispano hablante.



- En conjunto representa a una comunidad universitaria regional de **poco más de un millón de personas**, entre estudiantes, profesores y personal administrativo y de servicios.
- La inversión en ciencia (0.18% PIB) es muy baja en Centroamérica, y por tanto la **producción científica de la región es modesta**. No obstante, según datos del SIR IBER ranking 2025 publicado por el grupo SCIMAGO, **el 77% de los artículos científicos provenientes de los países de esta región, publicados en revistas indexadas en la base de datos SCOUPUS**, provienen de investigadores de las universidades miembros del **CSUCA**.

PRODUCCION CIENTIFICA POR PAIS SEGÚN SCIMAGO				
2025				
(DATOS SCOPUS 2019-2023)				
Pais	Universidades	Universidades del CSUCA	TOTAL PUBLICACIONES	PUBLICACIONES US. CSUCA
Costa Rica	34	5	7688	6866
Panamá	17	5	1636	1488
Guatemala	12	1	1098	439
Nicaragua	16	6	363	274
Honduras	10	4	1651	930
República Dominicana	19	1	1277	249
El Salvador	19	1	465	152
* Belice	4	1	60	45
Cuba (3 Us.)	3	3	2324	2324
TOTAL	134	27	16562	12767
*BELICE: SIR IBE 2022				
UNIVERSIDADES MIEMBROS DEL CSUCA		12767	77.09%	
OTRAS INSTITUCIONES		3795	22.91%	

2). Cómo trabaja el CSUCA?

- Tiene un **plan estratégico 2021-2031** conocido como Quinto Plan de Integración Regional de la Educación Superior de Centroamérica y República Dominicana
- Trabaja mediante **Sistemas Regionales de intercambio y trabajo colaborativo en áreas específicas** propias de su plan estratégico: SIRCIP, SICEVAES, SICAUS, SIREVE, SIIDCA, SIESCA, SEDUCA Y SIREICU.

- **El Sistema Regional Centroamericano y del Caribe de Investigación y Posgrado (SIRCIP)** es uno de los 8 sistemas regionales del CSUCA. Está formado por los vicerrectores de investigación y Directores de Sistemas de estudios de posgrado de las universidades miembros.
- El SIRCIP tiene a su cargo impulsar y dar seguimiento al **programa 2 del Plan estratégico del CSUCA: Investigación, ciencia, tecnología e innovación para la integración y el desarrollo regional.** El cual pretende alcanzar 4 objetivos estratégicos mediante el intercambio y la colaboración científica entre las universidades públicas de los países de la región.

3). La Ciencia Abierta y el CSUCA

- El tema de la **Ciencia Abierta** formó parte de la reflexión y los debates del **IX Congreso Universitario Centroamericano** realizado en **2021**. Esto se refleja en uno de los 4 objetivos del plan estratégico derivado de dicho congreso, así:

- **Objetivo estratégico 2.4:** *Promover y facilitar el acceso a la información y resultados de la investigación y al conocimiento producido por las universidades de la región, impulsando principios, conceptos y métodos de la ciencia abierta, dándole visibilidad internacional y transfiriéndolos proactivamente a la sociedad, para contribuir al desarrollo sostenible de los países de la región. (PIRESC V, IX Congreso del CSUCA 2021)*

- **Principales acciones realizadas y en marcha en este tema:**

- Red centroamericana de impulsores de ciencia abierta del CSUCA, actividades diversas de capacitación en ciencia abierta.
- Preparación, discusión y aprobación de Declaración del CSUCA sobre Ciencia Abierta (2023)
<https://csuca.org/es/download/declaracion-de-ciencia-abierta-del-csuca/>
- Sitio web del **Observatorio con base de datos sobre proyectos de investigación, investigadores y posgrados**,
<https://dev-diciht.unah.edu.hn/>

- Fortalecimiento y desarrollo del **Repositorio Institucional**
Centroamericano de **SIIDCA** **CSUCA**
<https://repositoriosiidca.csuca.org/>
- **Inventario y portal de revistas** (220/232) de universidades miembros del CSUCA <https://revistas.csuca.org/>
- **Articulación de consorcio del CSUCA con SENACYT Panamá, SENACYT Guatemala y CTCAP, para gestionar y ejecutar dos proyectos internacionales financiados por el IDRC de Canadá,**
 - uno de ellos para promover el intercambio y colaboración científica regional **financiando proyectos regionales con enfoque inclusivo y de ciencia abierta**
 - y el otro para **formular e impulsar una política regional de ciencia abierta para América Central** (CSUCA-CTCAP-SENACYT/GUATEMALA, SENACYT/PANAMA Y EL IDRC de Canadá.

**4). Declaratoria del CSUCA sobre
Ciencia Abierta, ¿Qué implica en
las revistas diamante?**

- Declaración del CSUCA sobre Ciencia Abierta (2023)
<https://csuca.org/es/download/declaracion-de-ciencia-abierta-de-l-csuca/>
- En general, **el CSUCA promoverá el conjunto de pilares que constituyen la Ciencia Abierta según la UNESCO** (Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura, 2021 y Silveira et al., 2023): **Acceso Abierto, Datos Abiertos, Investigación Abierta y Reproducible, Educación Abierta, Políticas y Normativas de Ciencia Abierta, Innovación Abierta, Infraestructuras y Herramientas de Ciencia Abierta, Ciencia Ciudadana y Diálogos Abiertos con otros Sistemas de Conocimiento.** Lo anterior bajo el lema fundamental “tan abierto como sea posible, tan cerrado como sea necesario” (European Commission, 2016).

- En particular sobre el tema de revistas, las universidades miembros del CSUCA se comprometen a lo siguiente:.....

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- 6. Promover entre las comunidades universitarias, **que su producción científica y académica sea publicada en acceso abierto sin costos por publicar ni por leer (vía diamante) y su versión final depositada en el repositorio institucional (vía verde) para aplicar el acceso abierto no comercial.** En el caso de restricciones a la divulgación o distribución, los metadatos de dicha producción deben ser facilitados y de acceso público.

5). Cómo se financian estas revistas?

- **Las universidades apoyan a sus revistas en el marco de sus presupuestos y cargas académicas de su profesorado.** El nivel de apoyo financiero institucional que reciben las revistas varía de una universidad a otra y de una revista a otra.
- **No obstante, creemos que en la mayoría de los casos el apoyo institucional de las universidades miembros del CSUCA a sus revistas académicas debiera de fortalecerse o mejorarse.**

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

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The Lorraine Model

Redirecting closed science funds to open science

Nicolas Fressengeas

Octobre 29, 2025

Université de Lorraine



French national context

Generalising open access to publications

Support open access economic publishing models that do not require the payment of articles or books processing charges (*diamond* model)

French National Research Agency

The coordinator and partners of funded projects undertake to make any scientific publication [...] available immediately in open access under a Creative Commons CC-BY or equivalent license.



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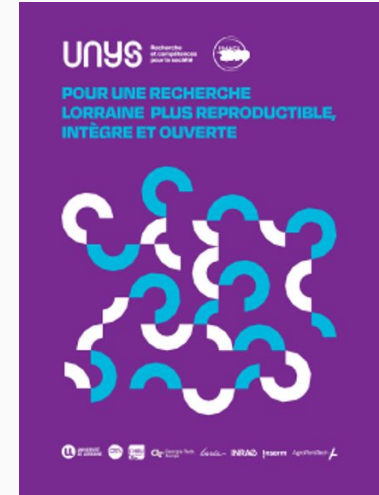
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The Lorraine site open science policy

Avoid paying APCs

- Keep your money for research
- Avoid editor level conflict of interest



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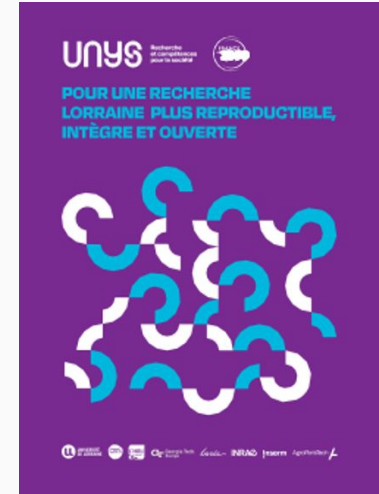
The Lorraine site open science policy

Avoid paying APCs

- Keep your money for research
- Avoid editor level conflict of interest

To avoid APC, let us support Diamond Open Access

In house or not



Yearly 100k€ on national & international initiatives



AJOL

African Journals Online is a platform for quality scientific journals published in Africa, one of the aims of which is to raise the profile of African research.

- Location: Africa
- UL support: 3 000 €



ARXIV

First open archive launched in 1991 and still massively used by the mathematical and physical science communities.

- Location: United States, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



CENTRE MERSENNE

Diamond open-access scientific publishing platform developed by Mathdoc, a support and research unit of CNRS and Université Grenoble Alpes. It hosts the Comptes Rendus de l'Académie des Sciences since these journals left the Elsevier publishing house.

- Location: France, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



COAR

International network promoting the open dissemination of scientific publications through open digital archives.

- Location: International
- UL support: 750 €



OPEN CITATIONS

Initiative for the open access dissemination of citation links between scientific publications and abstracts.

- Location: Italy, International
- UL support: 3 000 €

OPENEDITION

France's leading platform for over 500 open access scientific journals in the social sciences and humanities.

- Location: France, International
- UL support: 7 000 €



OPEN LIBRARY OF HUMANITIES

UK platform for open access journals in the field of social sciences and humanities.

- Location: Great Britain, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



OPERAS

Research infrastructure designed to support open scientific publishing in the Humanities and Social Sciences in Europe by federating resources.

- Location: Europe
- UL support: 5 000 €



DOAB

The main database for referencing scientific books published in open access.

- Location: The Netherlands, France, International
- UL support: 1 500 €



DOAJ

The main database for referencing scientific journals published in open access.

- Location: Great Britain, International
- UL support: 1 500 €



EOP SCIENCES

Scientific publishing company committed to the transition of several of its journals to open access.

- Location: France, International
- UL support: 5 250 €



EOESC

European network aiming at linking the main open digital infrastructures of research.

- Location: Europe
- UL support: 2 000 €



ORCID

Managing authority of the main researcher identifier used in the research world.

- Location: International
- UL support: 3 700 €



PEER COMMUNITY IN (PCI)

Open peer-review platform for qualitative evaluation of pre-publications

- Location: France, International
- UL support: 2 000 €



PKP

Initiative offering software for the open access publication of journals (OJS) used by Open U-Journals and books (BOP) used by EOLJ.

- Location: Canada, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



REDALYC

Latin American platform for open access scientific journals. A historic member of the open access movement, promoting science as a common good.

- Location: South America, Spain, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



EPISCIENCES

EpiSciences is a comprehensive platform for editing and publishing scientific journals covering all disciplines, developed by the Centre for Open Scientific Communication (CCOSC).

- Location: France, International
- UL support: 3 000 € including 500 € from EOLJ



ÉRUDIT

Platform of scientific journals from Canadian universities. It hosts around 250 scholarly journals, 90 of which are open access.

- Location: Canada, International
- UL support: 3 500 €



EUROPEAN DIAMOND

Resource center whose aim is to support and strengthen Diamond open-access publishing in Europe by pooling resources, tools and services (including training).

- Location: Europe
- UL support: 1 500 €



HAL

National repository for the diffusion of scientific publications. The UL has chosen HAL for its institutional [archive](#). The amount of the support corresponds to the annual contribution to the infrastructure.

- Location: France
- UL support: 18 000 €



REPÉRIS

A network of open-access journal incubators and platforms, whose aim is to share best practices, skills, training, etc. for publishing and distributing Diamond open-access journals.

- Location: France
- UL support: 1 500 €



RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE

An international network for reflection and work on all issues relating to research data.

- Location: International
- UL support: 1 200 €



RETRACTION WATCH

An association that analyses retractions of scientific articles and works to promote scientific integrity.

- Location: United States, International
- UL support: 3 000 \$



ROR

International register of permanent and open identifiers for research organizations.

- Location: United States, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



MAKE DATA COUNT

Infrastructure whose aim is to improve standards for indicators concerning research data and thus facilitate the measurement of the use of these data.

- Location: International
- UL support: 1 500 €



MÉTOPES

Research infrastructure providing publishing houses and scientific journals with a set of tools and methods for structuring documents and distributing open-access digital or printed editorial products.

- Location: France
- UL support: 3 000 €



MIRABEL

Platform for referencing and providing information on journals.

- Location: France
- UL support: 1 500 €



OPENALEX

Open bibliographic and bibliometric database.

- Location: Great Britain, International
- UL support: 10 000 €



SCI-POST

Platform of open scientific journals in physics, chemistry, astronomy and political science.

- Location: The Netherlands, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



SOFTWARE HERITAGE

Worldwide archive of software in source code form.

- Location: France, International
- UL support: 10 000 €



SPARC EUROPE

Organization promoting Open Science to all research actors and to the European decision-making bodies.

- Location: Europe
- UL support: 600 €



WIKIMEDIA FRANCE

Association promoting the free sharing of knowledge in France (particularly around the Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons and Wikidata projects).

- Location: France, International
- UL support: 3 000 €



SCIENCE OUVERTE
à l'Université de Lorraine

Yearly 50k€ on diamond Lorraine journals

PRATIQUES



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Published by UL's Centre de recherche sur les médiations (CREM) since 1974. This biannual journal of linguistics, literature and didactics is available on OpenEdition and Persée.

- Language: French, English
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



PRISMI

Journal supported by Italianists at the Université de Lorraine. It publishes in 3 languages (French, Italian, English) on the literature, history and interactions of the Italian world with other cultures. It works with the publisher Les Chemins de tr@verse and is distributed on OpenEdition.

- Language: French, English, Italian
- UL support: 1 500 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program

REVUE FORESTIÈRE FRANÇAISE

It publishes in French on temperate forests, natural environments, wood, fauna and flora. It has been published by AgroParisTech since 1949, in hard copy and electronically on Open U Bordeaux. Articles published before 2014 can be consulted on Persée.

- Language: French
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



ANNALES DE L'EST

History journal published by the Association des Historiens de l'Est. It is applying to the Open U Journals platform to make the transition to digital distribution. Back issues will be published on Persée.

- Language: French
- UL support: 5 400 €, winner of the National Fund for Open Science's call for projects 3



CULTURE & MUSÉES

The journal publishes research on cultural audiences, institutions and mediation in the field of museums and heritage. It is co-published by Éditions Universitaires d'Avignon and UGA Éditions, and distributed via OpenEdition.

- Language: French
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

Founded in 1983 by the Institute for Condensed Matter Physics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. It publishes on statistical mechanics, thermodynamics of equilibrium and non-equilibrium processes, and relativistic mechanics of interacting particle systems.

- Language: English
- UL support: 2 000 €, support for diamond journals favored by authors on the Lorraine site



REVUE DES PLATEFORMES NUMÉRIQUES

Multidisciplinary journal on digital platforms (financial, real estate, health, employment, etc.). Supported by the Institut François Gély (IFG), a UL law laboratory. It is distributed on the Open U Bordeaux platform.

- Language: French, English
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



STUDIA LINGUISTICA ROMANICA

The journal publishes two to three issues a year in three languages (French, Spanish and Italian), covering all themes, fields, problems and approaches in Romance linguistics. It is supported by the University of Graz.

- Language: French, Spanish, Italian
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



THÉORÈMES

A journal at the crossroads of the sciences of religion, philosophy of religion and epistemology. It is supported by MSH Lorraine and distributed on the OpenEdition platform. It is supported by the Association de la revue Théorèmes.

- Language: French, English
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



DATA & CORPUS

The journal was created in 2024 on Episciences to enable the publication and enhancement of human and social science data through the publication of data articles. It is published by the Université de Lorraine with the support of MSH Lorraine.

- Language: French
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ON NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

The journal covers significant developments in numerical analysis and scientific computing. It is published by the Kent State University Library and Mathematics Institute.

- Language: English
- UL support: 900 €, KOALA program, Leibniz University



EPIGA

Epi-algebraic geometry journal supported by UL's mathematics laboratory (IECL) and Grenoble's Institut Fourier. This Journal of a new kind has been distributed in open access since its creation in 2017 on the Episciences platform.

- Language: English
- UL support: 3 500 €, winner of the National Fund for Open Science 2 call for projects



TRANSPPOSITION, MUSIQUE ET SCIENCES SOCIALES

Co-published by EHESG and the Cité de la musique-Philharmonie de Paris, the journal is available on OpenEdition. It studies the importance of music and musical practices in the organization of societies.

- Language: French, English
- UL support: 2 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



VERBUM

Since 1978, the journal has published thematic issues on French linguistics, as well as on the history and epistemology of the discipline. It is supported by the ATILF laboratory and Éditions de l'Université de Lorraine.

- Language: French, English
- UL support: 1 000 €, winner of the UL diamond journal funding program



JOURNAL DE L'ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE

The journal has been publishing articles in applied and fundamental mathematics since 1795. It is published by the École polytechnique and distributed via the Centre Mersenne platform. The archives can be consulted on Gallica.

- Language: French, English
- UL support: 900 €, KOALA program, Leibniz University



JOURNAL OF UNIVERSAL COMPUTER SCIENCE (J.U.C.S.)

The journal has been published in digital and printed form since 1995. It covers all areas of computer science research and publishes around 60 articles a year in English. It is supported by the University of Graz.

- Language: English
- UL support: 900 €, KOALA program, Leibniz University



PHILOSOPHIA SCIENTIAE

Journal of the Archives Henri Poincaré (AHP) of the UL, which publishes on epistemology, history, philosophy of science and analytic philosophy. It is published online on OpenEdition, Cairn and Numdam (archives) as well as in hard copy.

- Language: French, English, German
- UL support: 2 800 €, winner of the National Fund for Open Science's call for projects 1 and of the UL diamond journal funding program



SCIENCE OUVERTE
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The Lorraine Open Science board decides yearly

- International initiatives of Lorraine interest
- International initiatives of general interest
- Editorially vetted Lorraine diamond open access journals

Redirecting closed science funds to open science

500k€ yearly revenue stream

- Wiley cancellation : secured half
 - Result of a bottom-up process
 - A demand from the communities
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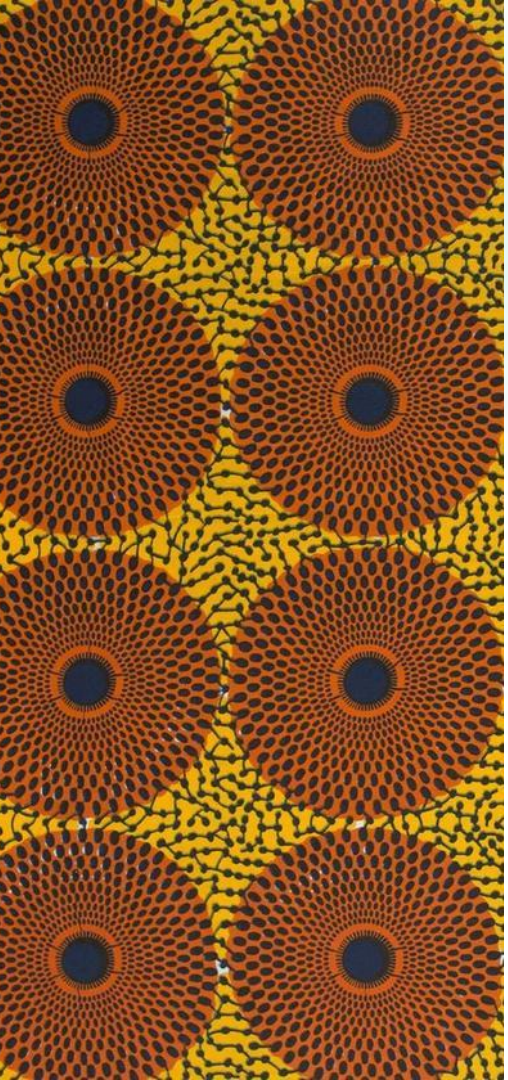


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Capacity to Lead: Building Human Capacity to advance an equitable OA ecosystem

Training and development for editors, researchers,
reviewers, and policymakers
for equitable Open Access publishing

Prof Birgit Schreiber

**Strategic Lead, Southern Africa Regional University Association
(SARUA) Editorial Executive, Journal of Student Affairs in Africa (JSAA)**

Multiple avenues for change

SARUA (Wide Reach)

Bringing a strategic leadership perspective from the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA).

Training a network of over 95 universities in the SADC and Africa region.



JSAA (Deep Reach)

Bringing an Editorial Executive perspective from the Journal of Student Affairs in Africa (JSAA).

13 years of continuous Open Access

Accredited (ASSAF) and indexed (Scielo, DOAJ, Eric, etc) all achieved without funding



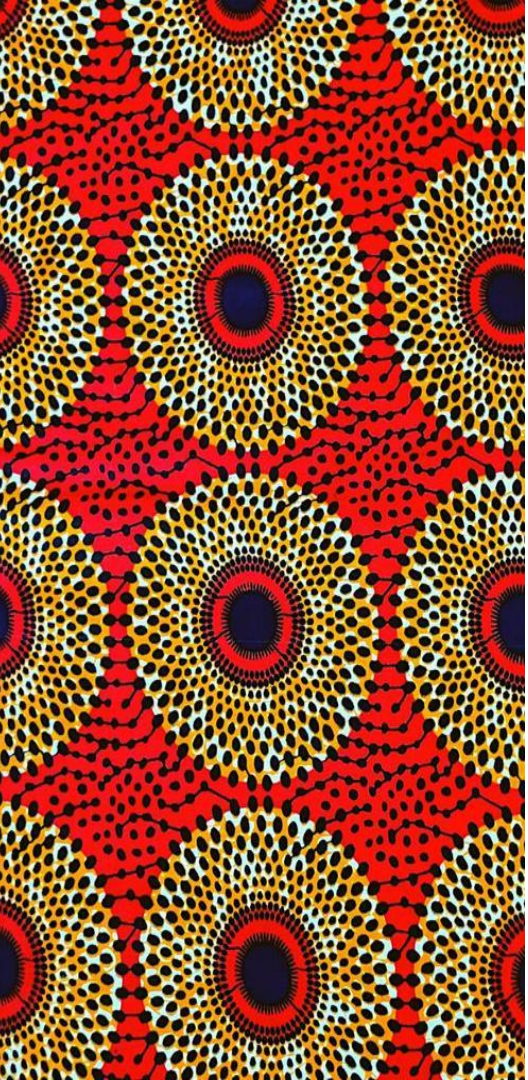


Why human capacity?

Champions of change

Change is continuous, disruptive, emergent, induced, transformative, spontaneous, developmental, reactive, ...

This requires focusing on the *people* who steer the change.



Some challenges

Whose voice is heard?

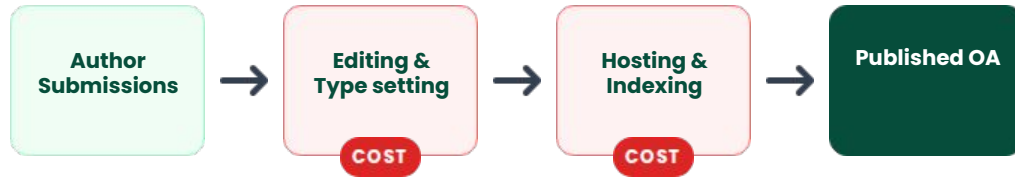
We must listen beyond the *familiar*, *dominant voices* who may be maintaining the system, not challenging it.

True equity requires deliberately engaging the wider, often less-heard participants in our research ecosystems.

There is a definite cost!

Diamond Open Access represents the ideal: open, non-commercial, and community-based publishing. But who carries the cost of publishing?

The bottleneck: the actual costs



"Someone always carries the cost."

The real, unavoidable cost of open access publishing lies in the publishing process itself.

This remains a major bottleneck for equity, as these costs (for editing, setting, hosting, etc.) must be covered.

Recognizing this doesn't mean giving up on OA, it means we must design fairer systems to share and sustain these costs.



Navigating vs. transforming the system

Affirmative Actions

Actions that help us manage and succeed *within* the existing structures.

Result: Navigates the system.

Transformative Actions

Actions that question, challenge, and *change* the very foundations of the system .

Result: Changes the system.

The three pillars of human capacitation



Human capacity

Our skills, knowledge, and ability to act and lead.



The human ecosystem

The collective that keep the system alive, challenge, and change it.



Institutional capacity

The frameworks and systems (implicit + explicit) that enable systems to change or prevail.



Core argument: invest in people

We must invest in individual capacity development for editors, reviewers, authors, and policymakers, so that these individuals can change the system.

Strengthen human capacity and embolden the individuals who can change the system.

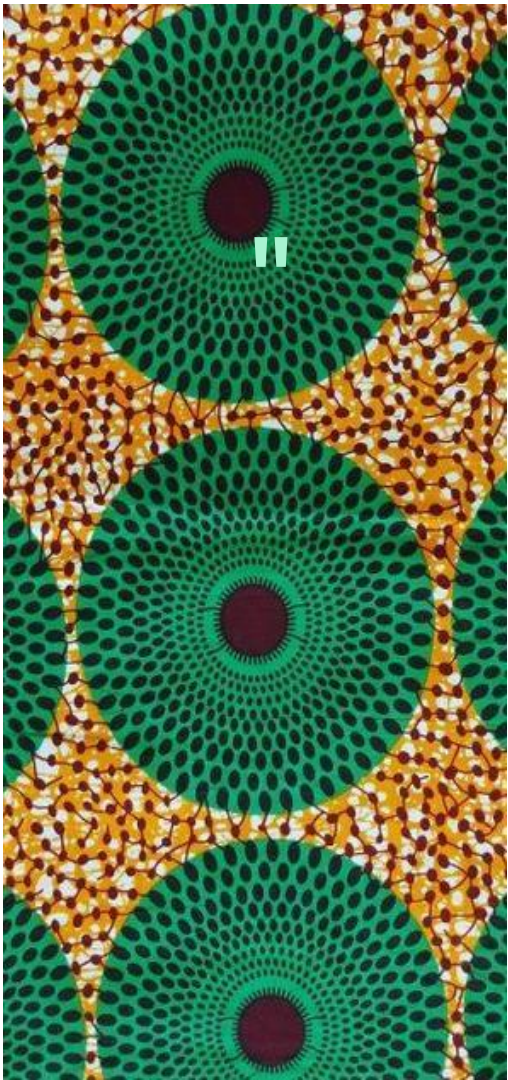
Empower regional voices and build networks so that the individual champions have the networks to influence contexts and systems.

Address persistent asymmetries in access to training and development.



5 Key areas for intervention: training and development

1. Editorial and journal management
2. Peer review and diversity
3. Policy, practice and advocacy
4. Cross-regional collaboration
5. Institutional recognition of invisible labour

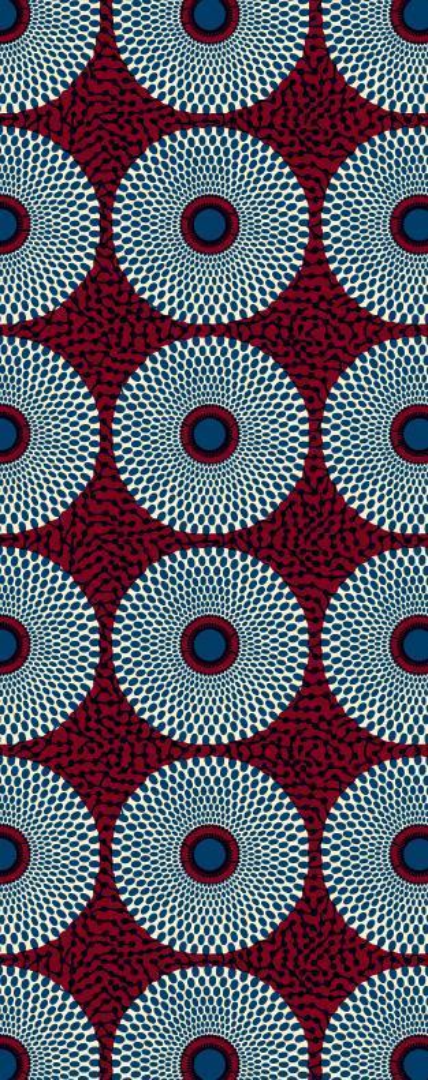


A transformative vision

Radical Open Access goes beyond making research accessible.

It's about rethinking the entire publishing system:
economically, ethically, and epistemologically

Competent change agents can steer change.



Our collective action

Building human infrastructure
and capacity
is a key component of change.



**Many Q's and
some A's ...
thank you!**

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