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# DIAMOND OA POLICY FORUM

2nd CROSS-REGIONAL Meeting,  
30 March 2026



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# Agenda

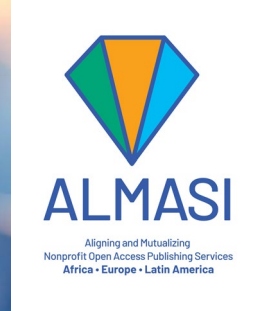
- 1. Welcome and introduction.** Dr. Violeta Vázquez-Rojas Maldonado, Arianna Becerril
- 2. Regional Diamond OA Policy developments: Africa, Europe, Latin America,** Iryna Kuchma, Vanessa Proudman and Andrea Mora
- 3. Reflections on cross regional synergies and differences,** Johan Rooryck
- 4. Initial ALMASI landscape regional comparisons. New resources,** Milica Ševkušić
- 5. Breakout Rooms: Analysis of policy examples**

Breakout Room 1 - French (Facilitator: Aricia Bassinet)

Breakout Room 2 - English (Facilitator: Vanessa Proudman)

Breakout Room 3 - Portuguese (Facilitator: Karla Avanço)

Breakout Room 4 - Spanish (Facilitator: Santiago Fuentes)



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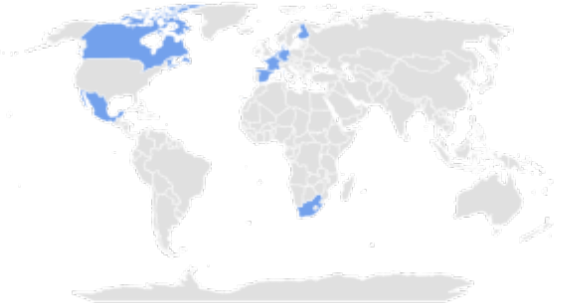


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# ALMASI at a glance

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



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# Goal

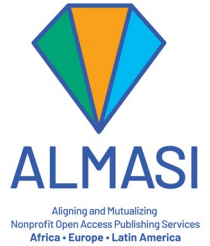


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Creating a globally aligned, nonprofit, high-quality, and sustainable scholarly communication ecosystem

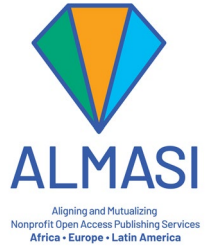
# The Diamond OA Policy Forum for



- **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

# 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.



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# DOA Policy Forum

## March 2026

Discussions take place in  
English, French, Spanish, Portuguese

### Regional Forum

Africa ENG **3 March** | 14:00-15:30 CAT

Africa FR **5 March** | 13:30-15:00 GMT

Europe ENG **9 March** | 16:00-17:30 CET

Africa PT **11 March** | 13:00-14:30 GMT

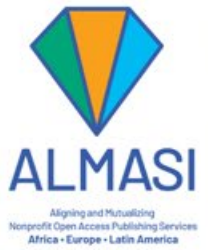
Latin America SP PT **20 March** | 10:00-11:30 CST

### Cross-regional Forum

**30 March** | 16:00-17:30 CET



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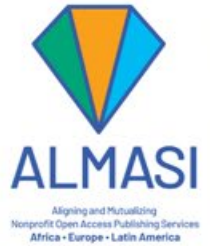
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Secretaría de Ciencia, Humanidades, Tecnología e Innovación

## The National System of Scientific and Humanistic Publications (SNPCyH)

Public policy instrument developed from a bottom-up perspective, whose central objective is the strengthening of the national ecosystem of Non-commercial Open Access academic journals.

# The Diamond OA Policy Forum



## Key components:

- I) Establishment of an inclusive and equitable evaluation model, not based on impact metrics.
- II) Recognition of national non-commercial open access journals in science assessment systems and research support programs.
- III) Implementation of support programs for the sustainability of Diamond Open Access journals.

# The Diamond OA Policy Forum



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**SNPCyH**  
**Evaluation model**

**Comprehensive, contextualized evaluation model focused on editorial integrity, quality, and social relevance**



**Alignment with Evaluation policies and research support**

**Articulation of the regulatory and institutional frameworks for the recognition of publication in national journals of AAD**



**Registry of recognized non-commercial Open Access journals**

**Recognition of the editorial integrity, quality, and good practices of AAD national journals**



**Support strategies for sustainability**

**Funding schemes for journals and infrastructures**

# Regional Diamond OA Policy developments



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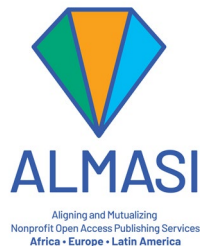
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# Regional Diamond OA Policy developments:

## *Africa*

Iryna Kuchma  
EIFL





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# South Africa

# Supporting Diamond Open Access Journals: ASSAf as a case study

Susan Veldsman, Director of the  
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Science of South Africa (ASSAf)  
3 March 2026

[https://www.assaf.org.za/  
scholarly-publishing-programme/](https://www.assaf.org.za/scholarly-publishing-programme/)



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# Statement in Support of Recognition of Work of Editors and Peer Reviewers 2024



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2. Given that the reputation and standing of institutions is dependent on their scholarly output, it is vital that universities and science councils support editors, peer reviewers, and editorial board members by giving them appropriate recognition for their editorial duties, allowing them dedicated working time for their editorial duties, and by considering this work in performance appraisals.
3. Since editing and reviewing are essential in maintaining and building disciplines, generating and communicating new knowledge globally, and contributing to national (and international) development, these activities should explicitly form a component of academic reward systems.
4. To facilitate increased recognition, ASSAf has outlined best practices in editing and peer review (2018) and supports university and science council administrators in developing suitable benchmarks for the evaluation of work related to the production of scholarly journals and scholarly books. The process to date has already provided the following recommendations related to academic reward systems:
  - a. Editing, undertaking peer review, and serving on editorial boards should be recognised by allocating the activities to more important categories in performance appraisal.





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<https://www.assaf.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ASSAf-Open-Science-Policy.pdf>



# South African Journal of Science

## Mission

Publish high-quality original research on African-relevant issues for the benefit of scholars, educators, the general public and policymakers.

## Special issues



## Celebrating 120 years



## Sustainability Science

## Taung Child: Then and now



## Sustainable Food Systems



## Discussion Series

# Editorial Policies

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## REVIEW ARTICLE

The creation of debility and disability in South Africa: Colonial and apartheid encounters

Lieketseng Y. Ned

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- [PEER REVIEW HISTORY](#)

*Anopheles stephensi* and the risk of increased urban malaria in South Africa

Maria L. Kaiser, Yael Dahan-Moss, Lizette L. Koekemoer, Mbavhalelo B. Shandukani, Delenesaw Yewhalaw, Basil D. Brooke

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# SAJS Annual Awards



The *South African Journal of Science*: A biography  
Author: Jane Carruthers

For an outstanding peer-reviewed article published in 2024 that:

- advances the mission of the SAJS – to publish high-quality original research from Africa or on African-relevant issues that will be of interest to readers in any discipline and for the benefit of scholars, educators, the general public and policymakers;
- makes an important contribution to knowledge; and
- is accessible and eloquent.

Jules Skotnes-Brown, University of St Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom

For a peer reviewer in 2024 who:

- provides a well-substantiated opinion on the quality and suitability of the manuscript for the SAJS;
- provides insightful feedback to the author(s) that will help them to improve the manuscript;
- is collegial and constructive in purpose and tone; and
- responds timeously.



# Mentorship and Capacity Building

- Monthly online journal writing and peer review forum (510 members).
- Two mentees joined the Associate Editor Mentorship Programme (AEMP).
- Appointed AEMP Development Coordinator to expand the programme.
- Appointed an Editor-in-Chief Mentee, Prof. Doniwen Pietersen, Unisa.
- Capacity-building workshops:
  - Writing with Integrity (Jun 2024)
  - What every new reviewer should know about peer review (Sep 2024)
  - Writing and peer review (Jul 2025)

# SciELO SA

## South Africa's premier open access journal's collection







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## Benefits of SciELO SA inclusion

- Increased visibility of South African research
- Credibility and quality assurance (trusted)
- Open Access: free & equitable access
- Epistemic justice intervention
- Support for journal development

## Governance: SciELO SA Advisory Committee Participation in SciELO Network

JOURNALS		
 Argentina	 Ecuador	 Spain
 Bolivia	 Mexico	 Uruguay
 Brazil	 Paraguay	<b>IN DEVELOPMENT</b>
 Chile	 Peru	 Dominican Republic
 Colombia	 Portugal	 Venezuela
 Costa Rica	 Public Health	 West Indies
 Cuba	 South Africa	

## New criteria introduced

- Inclusion of SDGs in the keywords of articles – for reporting purposes
- DOIs, author ORCIDs, English title, abstract and keywords – improve discoverability
- Inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) – increase credibility
- Continuous publication – for earlier dissemination of new knowledge
- Journal AI policy
- Editorial development plan



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# Khulisa Journals

Growing peer-reviewed open access South African scholarly journals since 2016



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- Since 2016.
- Journal website and journal e-publishing workflow 2-in-1.
- 18 SciELO SA journals hosted, including **South African Journal of Animal Science** (launched 1 Aug 2025) (Editor: Dr Megan North).
- 10,419 peer reviewed, published, OA articles.
- 6,645,528 full text downloads since 2016.
- Enhances visibility, accessibility, indexability, and capacity-building.
- Listed on DOAJ and harvested by OpenAlex.



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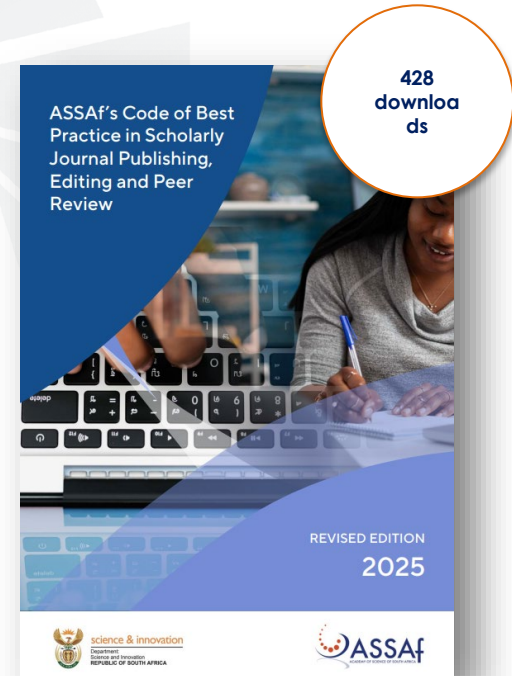
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# Revised Code of Best Practice in Scholarly Journal Publishing, Editing and Peer Review 2025

- Original Code published in 2004, updated in 2018, and now 2025.
- Serves as a foundational guide for integrity, transparency, and excellence in scholarly communication.
- Revision driven by evolving publishing landscape:
  - Digital publishing
  - Use of AI
  - Open access
  - Data transparency
  - Diversity, equity, and inclusion





## SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN SCIENCE POLICY

2026

Missing  $\leftarrow$  sure  $\leftarrow$  (it's possible)

“Non-commercial publishing models with no Article Processing Charges or book processing charges, run through government or collaborative models, should be supported.”

“Enabling Open Review as a departure from current practice, whereby the peer review process becomes transparent and publicly visible.”

“Incentive schemes shall be adopted at a national level to encourage Open Access publication.”

“Paywalls, such as Article Processing Charges, may continue to limit the ability of authors to publish and readers to read, and contribute to inequities. **The Open Science Advisory Board will consider and advise on a national scheme that provides publication funding and resources that are sustainable and robust, and fast, effective and equitable to enable both authorship and readership.**”



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# Morocco

# Le PRSM : une expérience institutionnelle d'édition scientifique diamant



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**PRSM** | Portail des Revues  
Scientifiques Marocaines

VISIBILITÉ VALORISATION PÉRENNITÉ



# Science ouverte : une dynamique institutionnelle

- > Mission du CNRST : structuration et valorisation de la recherche
- > Science ouverte comme orientation institutionnelle
- > Absence de politique nationale formalisée



Maroc

# Portail des Revues Scientifiques Marocaines

## 1er Portail d'édition électronique au Maroc



<https://revues.imist.ma/>

▶ Infrastructure publique portée par le CNRST

▶ Modèle Diamond Open Access

▶ Soutien à l'édition scientifique marocaine

▶ Modèle non commercial

▶ Accessibilité et équité scientifique

# Portail des Revues Scientifiques Marocaines

## Gouvernance

### CNRST

Responsabilité stratégique & institutionnelle

### Coordination PRSM ( IMIST + DSI)

Gestion opérationnelle & technique

### Revues & équipes éditoriales

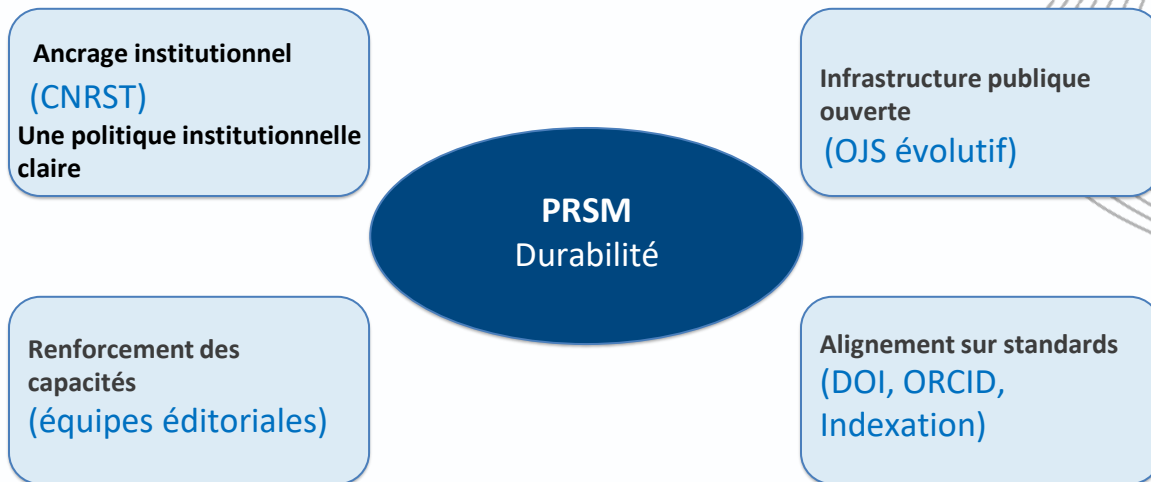
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# Portail des Revues Scientifiques Marocaines

## Leviers de pérennité

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Algeria

Search 282 096 articles in 913 journals

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## The last ten issues published

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الصراع التنظيمي في ضوء النظرية السوسولوجية: ماركس، كوزر، دهرانورف  
الذكاء الاصطناعي وعلاقات السلطة: قراءة سوسولوجية في تحولات العمل والتنظيم  
توصيف الملامح المورفولوجية لنادي كرة اليد: مقارنة معيارية بين فئتي أقل من 10 سنوات وأقل  
من 14 سنة

تغير القيم التعليمية وأثرها على العلاقة بين المدرسة والأسرة: دراسة تحليلية  
الفن التشكيلي كوسيلة تعبير لتعزيز الصحة النفسية للمرأة المعاقة  
تأثير العمليات المعرفية الأساسية على نمو اللغة لدى الأطفال: دراسة وصفية تحليلية  
تأثير البيئة على مستوى اللياقة البدنية عند تلميذات الطور المتوسط دراسة ميدانية في الريف والمدينة  
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صياغة مفهوم للذكاء التكنولوجي كنوع من الذكاء الإنساني  
علاقة تقدير الذات بالتعب النفسي عند أساتذة التربية البدنية والرياضية  
التفاعل بين رأس المال الثقافي ومتطلبات التنمية المستدامة: تحليل للسياقات والأليات





>>> [Africa – French discussions](#) | 5th March 2026

▼ *More information on the programme and the speakers*

First regional Diamond OA Policy Forum – Africa in French.

This forum discussed findings from the Scoping Report on Non-for-profit Publishing Ecosystems, and the Landscape Report on Diamond OA Publishing in Africa, Europe, and Latin America, advocacy materials for Diamond OA publishing, national and institutional approaches to Diamond OA publishing and policymaking processes and challenges.

Speakers:

- [Hugo Catherine](#), IRD, France
- [Bernard Dione](#), CNDST/MESRI – Senegal
- [Fadoua El Maguiri](#), CNRST/MESR – Morocco
- [Roger Tsafack-Nanfosso](#), CRUFAOCI, Université de Tschang Cameroun, Cameroon

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Zambia

# Enhancing the Efficiency & Effectiveness of Local Editorial Boards: Towards the Establishment of an Editorial Support Office at The University of Zambia

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# Enhancing Efficiency of Local Journal Editorial Boards

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA**

**STRATEGIC PLAN  
2023 - 2027**

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# Enhancing Efficiency of Local Journal Editorial Boards (2)

## IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN

NO.	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	ACTIVITIES	TARGETS	BASELINE	RESOURCES REQUIRED	BUDGET	RESPONSIBLE PERSONS
1	Enhance intellectual wealth	1.1 Revision, finalization, and operationalisation of the Teaching and Learning Policy	1.1.1 Revise the Teaching and Learning Policy	1.1.1.1 Areas of revision identified and integrated in the Teaching and Learning Policy by June 2023	0	Workshop Venue; Refreshments; Board and Lodging; Transport; Stationery and ICT equipment	140,000.00	DVC
			1.1.2 Operationalise the revised Teaching and Learning Policy	1.1.2.1 Teaching and Learning Policy objectives fully implemented by June 2027	0	Workshop Venue; Refreshments; Transport; Stationery and ICT equipment	500,000	DVC, Deans and Directors
			1.1.3 Monitor the implementation of the Teaching and Learning	1.1.3.1 Performance reports from Heads of Schools/Units for whole period	0	Administrative arrangements, ICT equipment	50,000	Deans, Directors and HoDs
			1.1.4 Evaluate the implementation of the Teaching and Learning	1.1.4.1 Annual Performance reports from Heads of Schools/Units	0	Administrative arrangements. ICT equipment	50,000	Deans, Directors and HoDs

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# Enhancing Efficiency of Local Journal Editorial Boards (3)

NO.	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	ACTIVITIES	TARGETS
1.8	The University to		1.8.1 Develop an institution- software (S-space)	1.8.1.1 University-wide IPR System by 06 June 2025
1.11	Increasing number of research publications in peer reviewed journals		1.11.1 Enhance the efficiency of local journal editorial boards	1.11.1.1 Strict adherence to each Editorial Board's rules and regulations of scheduled publications
			1.11.2 Enhance quality and efficiency of Research Ethics Committees	1.11.2.1 Automation of research Ethics Committees work processes by December 2023
			1.11.3 Provide incentives for publishing in peer reviewed journals	1.11.3.1 Incentives awarded by June 2027
			1.11.4 Enhance capacity in	1.11.4.1 Research grant

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# Enhancing Efficiency of Local Journal Editorial Boards (4)

## ROADMAP FOR UPDATING UNZA JOURNALS AND ACHIEVING INDEXING READINESS

### INTRODUCTION

**Objective:** To update all University of Zambia (UNZA) journals by **March 2026**; and to position selected journals for **indexing in recognised databases** such as the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), African Journals Online (AJOL), and Scopus by Elsevier, in phases.

**Scope:** This roadmap is based on the current status of UNZA journals as of **31 December 2025**, recognising that journals are at different levels of maturity, backlog, and editorial capacity. The roadmap is divided into five (5) phases.

### PHASE 1: GOVERNANCE, POLICY AND INFRASTRUCTURE (JANUARY 2026)

#### 1.1 Establish a UNZA Journals Steering Committee

# Enhancing Efficiency of Local Journal Editorial Boards (5)

## 2.3 Editorial Clinics for Chief Editors

**Timeline:** February - March 2026

Workshops facilitated by the Library and experienced editors covering: - Managing backlogs - Desk rejection standards - Ethical handling of delayed submissions - Communicating with authors professionally.

The training team is in place, but additions can be made to strengthen the team on a need basis.

## PHASE 3: QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONSISTENCY (FEBRUARY–MARCH 2026)

### 3.1 Copy-Editing and Layout Support

- Establish a **centralised editorial support unit** (even if small)
- Standardise:
  - Fonts and layout
  - Citation styles
  - Article metadata (ORCID, abstracts, keywords)
  - Content

Team in place; additional support staff may come from existing staff in DRD.

# Establishment of an Editorial Support Office/Team



The University of Zambia Journals

**Journal of Research in Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences**

The Journal of Research in Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Sciences (JRNMHS) is an open-access, double-blind peer-reviewed journal published online at <https://journals.unza.zm/index.php/JRNMHS>. The journal is published Biannually (June and December) by the University of Zambia Press (UNZA PRESS) on behalf of the UNZA, School of Nursing Sciences (SoNS) in Zambia.

[View Journal](#) [Current Issue](#)

**Journal of Adult Education (online ISSN 2664-5688)**

The Journal of Adult Education (JAE) is a biannual journal-serial published twice a year. It covers contemporary issues in Adult education, community development education and Lifelong learning

[View Journal](#) [Current Issue](#)

**IABS Journal of Agricultural and Biomedical Sciences**

The University of Zambia Journal of Agricultural and Biomedical Sciences (IABS) is a

<https://journals.unza.zm>

# Establishment of an Editorial Support Office/Team (2)

- The University of Zambia presently has 15 university affiliated journals, each with an associated editorial board
  - Editorial board members are responsible for the end -to- end publication workflow

13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

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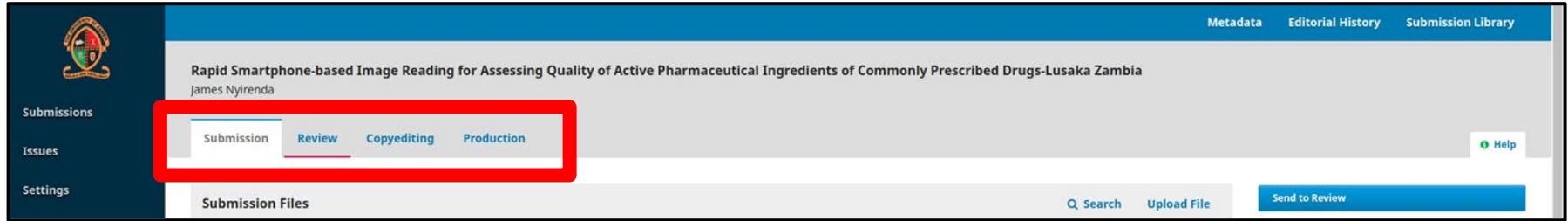
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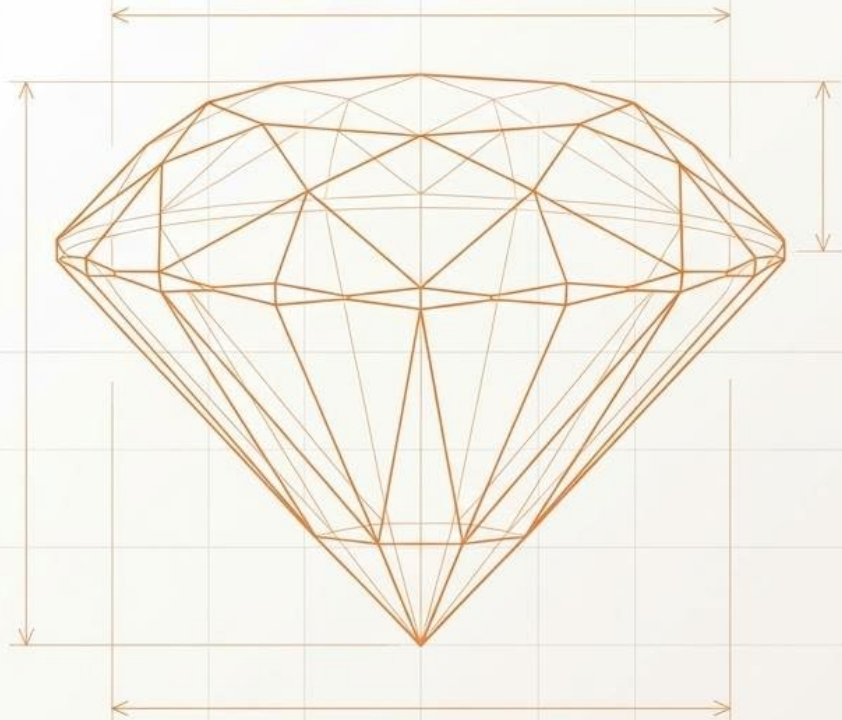
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### A AGENDA DE TRANSFORMAÇÃO DA UEM DE UMA UNIVERSIDADE DE ENSINO PARA UMA UNIVERSIDADE MAIS ORIENTADA PARA A INVESTIGAÇÃO: desafios e estratégias

Orlando António Quilambo

#### 1. Introdução

A universidade é uma entidade social autónoma de natureza corporativa por poder se dotar de um estatuto e organizar-se livremente para responder ao papel da cooperação universitária, nomeadamente: ensino, os programas, a duração dos estudos, a modalidade de exames e a oferta de graus académicos.

A evidência histórica admite a existência de instituições de ensino superior antes da Universidade de Bolonha, incluindo em África, mas o ensino superior emerge e sobrevive na Europa ocidental desde o período medieval (ALEMU, 2018). A evolução da universidade, de uma entidade com uma influência religiosa para uma universidade moderna, ocorre com as ideias de Humboldt, que a define como uma instituição com as funções de docência, publicação, investigação e a comercialização dos produtos para a indústria.

Segundo Nordin (2017), na sua concepção, a investigação é um complemento da docência por dar ênfase à ciência, mas introduz a necessidade de quebrar as barreiras das disciplinas, fazendo da universidade uma instituição que contribui, decisivamente, para a economia e a sociedade.

A Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (UEM) estabeleceu-se, em 1962, através do Decreto - lei n.º 44.530, de 21 de Agosto, como Estudos Gerais Universitários de Moçambique, tendo, sucessivamente, passado a Universidade de Lourenço Marques, desde 1968 até 1976, e a Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, a 1 de Maio de 1976. A instituição foi pioneira em estudos terciários no País e continuou a ser a única Instituição de Ensino Superior (IES) até 1985, altura da instalação do Instituto Superior Pedagógico (ISP), actual Universidade Pedagógica (UP). Depois, seguiu-se-lhe a abertura do Instituto Superior de Relações Internacionais (ISRI), em 1986, actual Universidade Joaquim Chissano. A entrada de actores privados para o subsistema de ensino superior impulsionou o crescimento do



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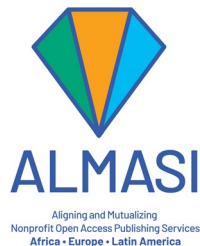
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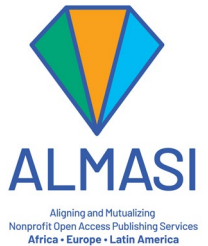
## *Europe*

Vanessa Proudman  
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# Overview of the event

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incl governments, funders, and academic institutions



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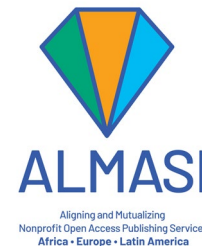
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## Diamond OA policies in Europe

- National Diamond OA policy: Switzerland.  
Thomas Leibundgut, swissuniversities
- Institutional Diamond OA policy: Jean-Moulin Lyon 3 University  
Marie-Emilia Herbet, Jean-Moulin Lyon 3 University, France

## Breakout rooms: national and institutional policies

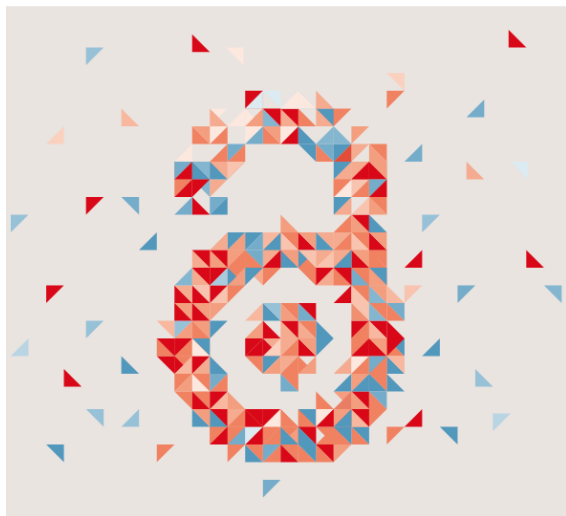
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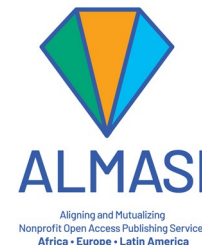


**Swiss National Open Access Strategy**  
Revised in 2024



- OA to all publicly funded scholarly publications in machine-readable format, no charge, no embargo, open licence (CC-BY)
- **OA landscape is composed of a variety of OA models**
- Coherent framework conditions enable **cost-effective & financially sustainable** OA
- OA ensures academic excellence, **improves scholarly publishing practices**, and accommodates heterogeneous publishing needs of different research communities

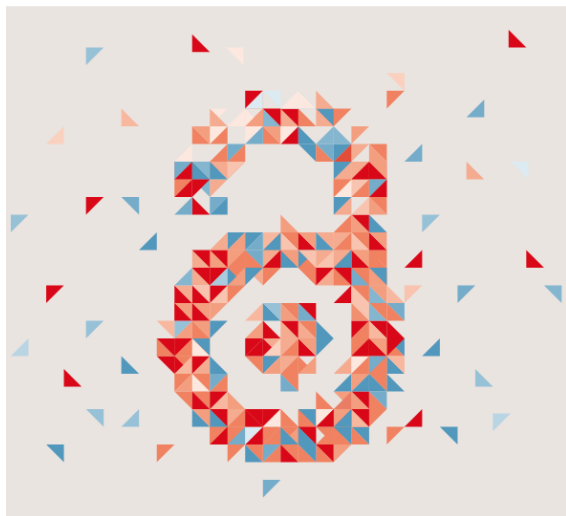
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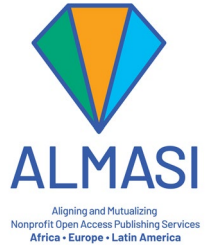


## Swiss National Open Access Strategy Revised in 2024



Objectives	Pathways
1. Supporting framework conditions	<b>A. Coordinate infrastructure &amp; services</b>
2. OA culture in research communities	B. Negotiations with publishers
3. Financial sustainability	C. Supportive legal framework (SPR)
4. OA publishing options for authors	D. Long-form publications
<b>5. Strengthening diamond OA</b>	E. Research assessment
6. Support long-form publications	F. Monitoring

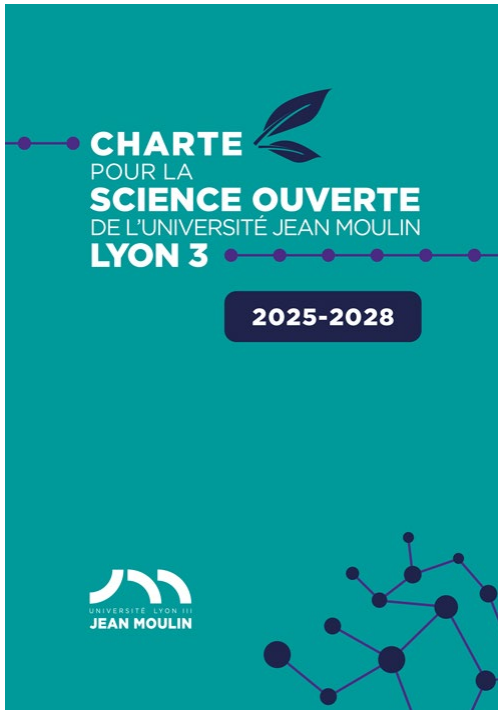
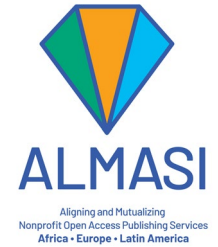
# National policy example: Switzerland



- “A disenchantment with the costly read and publish agreements”
- Research cost-cutting: OA needs to ensure quality, visibility, and cost efficiency for HE; not just cost neutrality & maintaining the status quo
- Focus on alternatives to TAs: Financial sustainability is now central: reducing systemic dependencies
- Objective 5, scholarly publishing in OA is financially viable and a robust alternative for authors
  - Coordinate infra and services. Need to scale these up for serious alternatives. Want a cost-effective pooling of institutional capacities
  - “We really want Diamond OA to be something that comes out of the niche.... And a real part of scholarly publishing.”
- Supporting 2 projects to advance Diamond OA: [CoDOA](#), [DOACH](#)

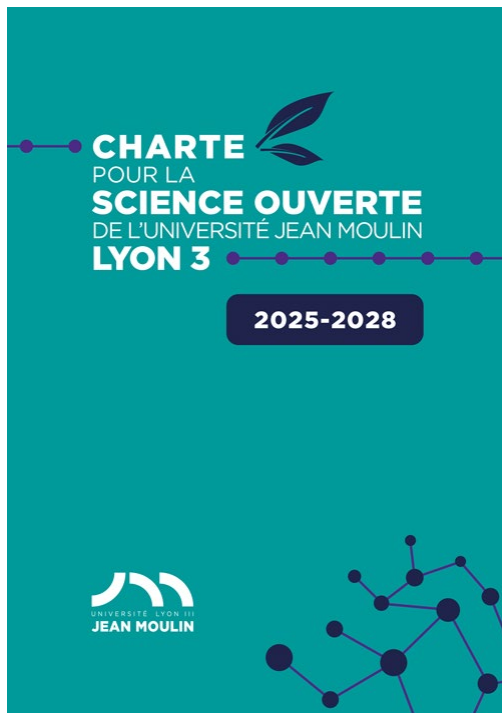
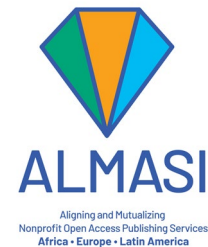
# Institutional policy example

## Jean-Moulin Lyon 3 University



- 2020 roadmap and 2025 OS Charter: a new emphasis on Diamond OA
- Adoption took 1.5y; No political opposition due to previous policy
- Debate not on Diamond, but APCs
- Key objective is bibliodiversity rather than Diamond
- Had signed the Diamond Action Plan (motivation)

# Institutional policy example Jean-Moulin Lyon 3 University



## DIAMOND PUBLISHING MODEL: WHAT ARE WE AIMING FOR?

1. Support law journals in order to broaden Prairial platform's catalogue
2. Promote and provide information about the Diamond Open Access publishing model for journals
3. Assess bibliodiversity through a mapping of publishers represented in researchers' publishing strategies
4. Sign the European Action Plan for Diamond Open Access
5. Implement the quality criteria of the Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS) to the Prairial platform

New services

Indicators

Institutions

## IMPLEMENTATION

Promote and provide information about the Diamond Open Access publishing model for journals

# National policymaking insights

- National policy examples from Finland, France, Switzerland, and the UK books policy: some with dedicated funding streams. CZ in the planning
- Both revised and new frameworks
- Policy alignment with other national policies was emphasised, and serving the needs of researchers
- Many policies out-of-date
- Moving from 'alternative' to 'Diamond OA'
- Processes were also partly addressed, incl collaborative co-design ones in Finland
- Research assessment still a key challenge; Finland: need an international public certification framework



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# Institutional policymaking insights

- Policy changes can occur on OS or OA policies, and need to add the specifics of Diamond OA
- Institutional OA policies use national policies as their basis
- Mandates vs recommendations, some promote Diamond OA within the university
- Need to clearly state the value of Diamond OA
- Motivations: gaining independence from proprietary/for-profit infrastructures & strengthening science-led publishing infrastructures (Diamond OA)
- Academic freedom, encourage Diamond & provide choice
- When setting policy, you need to be able to provide Diamond venues for all disciplines
- Research assessment not promoting Diamond



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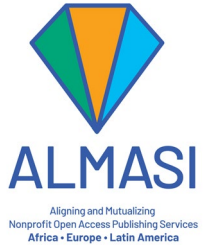
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# Regional Diamond OA policy developments:

## *Latin America*

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# Agenda



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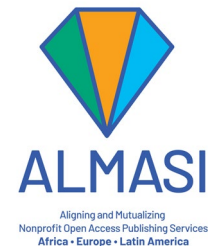
- Current state
- Policy gaps
- Key challenges

Policy examples: Lessons learned - Key insights

Strategic Insights for Policymaking



# Diamond OA Policy Forum Survey



Survey responses: *Diamond OA policy diagnostic*

**22 participants from 9 Latin American countries, including editors and editors-in-chief, librarians, researchers and faculty, editorial and technical staff, and national science and higher-education policy officers.**

**Countries participating: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru.**

# ¡Gracias por su colaboración!



## Diamond OA Policy Forum Latin America

El presente formulario se desarrolla en dos etapas: le invitamos a completar la Primera Sección en este momento; la Segunda Sección se llenará durante el foro según las indicaciones de los moderadores.

El objetivo es realizar un diagnóstico regional sobre el estado de las políticas de Acceso Abierto No Comercial (Via Diamante) en América Latina.

Posterior al foro, le invitamos a compartir este enlace con sus contactos y autoridades institucionales. Recepción de respuestas hasta el **27 de marzo**.

O presente formulário desenvolve-se em duas etapas: convidamos você a preencher a Primeira Seção neste momento; a Segunda Seção será preenchida durante o fórum conforme as orientações dos moderadores.

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# Latin America: Current state

- **A long-standing, non-commercial model:** Universities, public research institutions, and scholarly societies have sustained fee-free journals, books, and repositories for decades through public and institutional funding.
- **Strong public infrastructures:** Institutional portals, national/thematic repositories, and regional platforms support visibility, preservation, and circulation without reliance on commercial publishers.
- **Practice exceeds policy recognition:** Often labeled simply as “open access,” Diamond OA remains under-articulated in policy—obscuring the public funding and non-profit governance that sustain it.



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# Latin America: Policy gaps

- **Evaluation misalignment:** Research assessment frequently privileges commercial indexes and rankings, discouraging publication in institutionally funded Diamond journals and undermining local publishing efforts.
- **Financing instability:** Funding is often implicit, fragmented, and vulnerable to budget swings; few policies establish predictable, long-term support, increasing operational risk and pressure to adopt APCs.
- **Capacity & technical support:** Policies rarely specify training, technology upgrading, or inter-institutional cooperation, leaving quality assurance and interoperability unevenly distributed across institutions.

\*These gaps do not negate regional achievements; they indicate where formal policymaking has not yet caught up with established Diamond OA practice.



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# Latin America: Key challenges

- **Financial sustainability:** Diamond journals avoid author and reader fees, but still face recurring costs for editorial workflows, copyediting, layout, preservation, and platform maintenance. Without stable public funding, these costs can become unsustainable—especially for smaller institutions and scholarly societies.
- **Limited political awareness:** Editorial teams often understand Diamond OA, but institutional leaders and policymakers may not. Misperceptions that it is “low-cost” can lead to weak prioritization in strategies and underinvestment in the infrastructure required to sustain quality publishing.
- **Human and technical capacity constraints:** Many initiatives rely on small teams, creating workload pressure and vulnerability to turnover. Technical demands include updating platforms, ensuring interoperability, and adopting standards (e.g., XML-JATS), often without access to specialized training or shared services.
- **Fragmentation and uneven coordination:** The region has strong, diverse initiatives, but coordination is not always systematic. Limited interoperability and uneven resource distribution reduce efficiency; addressing this requires coordinated policy responses that treat Diamond OA as strategic public infrastructure for knowledge sovereignty.

The challenges confronting Diamond Open Access in Latin America are closely connected to the policy gaps identified, but they also reflect broader structural conditions.



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# Policy examples: Lessons learned - Key insights

- **Institutional anchoring sustains Diamond OA:** Long-term viability improves when non-commercial publishing is embedded in public or university missions and governed collectively.
- **Assessment reform drives legitimacy:** When evaluation moves beyond rankings to quality, integrity, diversity, and relevance, Diamond OA gains visibility and recognition.
- **Public infrastructure creates scale:** Shared platforms for journals and repositories reduce duplication, lower barriers, and help smaller institutions participate.
- **Collaboration is decisive:** Regional networks enable interoperability, mutual support, and cost reduction.
- **Sustainability is multi-dimensional:** Funding, evaluation, infrastructure, and capacity building must advance together.



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# Strategic Insights for Policymaking

- **Frame Diamond OA as a public good:** Treat non-commercial publishing as a public service tied to education, research, and social development—supporting sustained public investment and long-term stability.
- **Integrate policy domains for coherence:** Align open access, evaluation, funding, and digital infrastructure to avoid contradictory incentives (e.g., supporting Diamond journals while rewarding commercial metrics).
- **Provide stable, predictable public financing:** Use baseline funding that recognizes publishing as a continuous service, reducing vulnerability and limiting pressure to adopt APCs due to financial necessity.
- **Invest in capacity and shared infrastructure:** Strengthen autonomy and quality through training, shared technical services, and open-source platforms—complementing regulatory measures with practical support.
- **Treat regional cooperation as a strategic asset:** Coordinate approaches to improve efficiency, strengthen knowledge sovereignty, and position Latin America as a global reference for non-commercial OA policymaking.

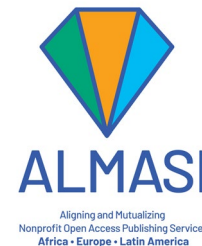


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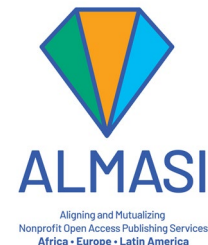
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# Policies Explicitly Referencing Non-Commercial or Diamond Open Access: Latin America



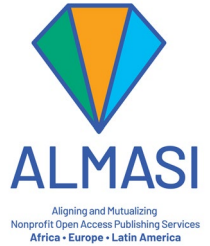
Policy name	Objective
<b>Open Science Declaration of the National Council of Rectors (CONARE)</b>	Promote mandatory open access dissemination and explicitly encourage non-commercial scholarly publishing within the public university system.
<b>National Science Policy on Open Access (Cuba)</b>	Ensure that publicly funded scientific knowledge is disseminated freely, without charges to authors or readers, reinforcing non-commercial publishing.
<b>National System for the Certification of Scientific Journals (Cuba)</b>	Institutionalise mandatory open access and quality standards for scientific journals, consolidating a non-commercial national publishing model.
<b>National Open Science Policy 2022–2031 (Colombia)</b>	Promote open access and non-commercial dissemination of research outputs as part of a national open science strategy.
<b>Draft National Open Science Policy (Ecuador)</b>	Establish a national framework for open science, explicitly supporting non-commercial scholarly communication models.

# Policies and Policy-Relevant Frameworks on Diamond Open Access in Latin America: National



Policy name	Objective
<b>Law 26.899 on Open Access to Scientific Information (Argentina)</b>	Guarantee free public access to publicly funded scientific research outputs through open repositories.
<b>Open Access Policy for Scientific Information and Research Data – ANID</b>	Mandate open access to publicly funded scientific publications and research data within the national research system.
<b>National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Frameworks (Costa Rica)</b>	Strengthen the national science system and promote the social appropriation of knowledge under open access principles.
<b>Constitution of Ecuador – Knowledge as a Public Good</b>	Recognise scientific knowledge as a public good and support its free dissemination.

# ¡Gracias!



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# Resources

Presentations and recordings from regional and cross-regional Diamond OA Policy Forum meetings: <https://almasiproject.org/the-diamond-oa-policy-forum/>

Advocacy materials:

- [Database of talking points to advocate for Diamond OA to different stakeholders](#)
- A series of [advocacy videoclips](#)
- [Guide for organising advocacy events](#)

Reports:

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Next steps

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- Slides and recordings will be available on the Forum page:  
<https://almasiproject.org/the-diamond-oa-policy-forum/>
- More regional meetings
- A cross-regional meeting in six months
- Please answer these follow-up questions to help us shape further actions:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13c3Ax5wl2YVZ5C1L\\_i5TK-FGgVMSz4\\_HpxC11QUfJNA/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13c3Ax5wl2YVZ5C1L_i5TK-FGgVMSz4_HpxC11QUfJNA/edit?tab=t.0)



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