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the pan-African
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AfricArXiv - the pan-African Open Access portal

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10 African OA Principles

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- 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.**



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The Challenges



Language barriers



Low visibility of African scholarly output internationally



Underrepresented in international research networks

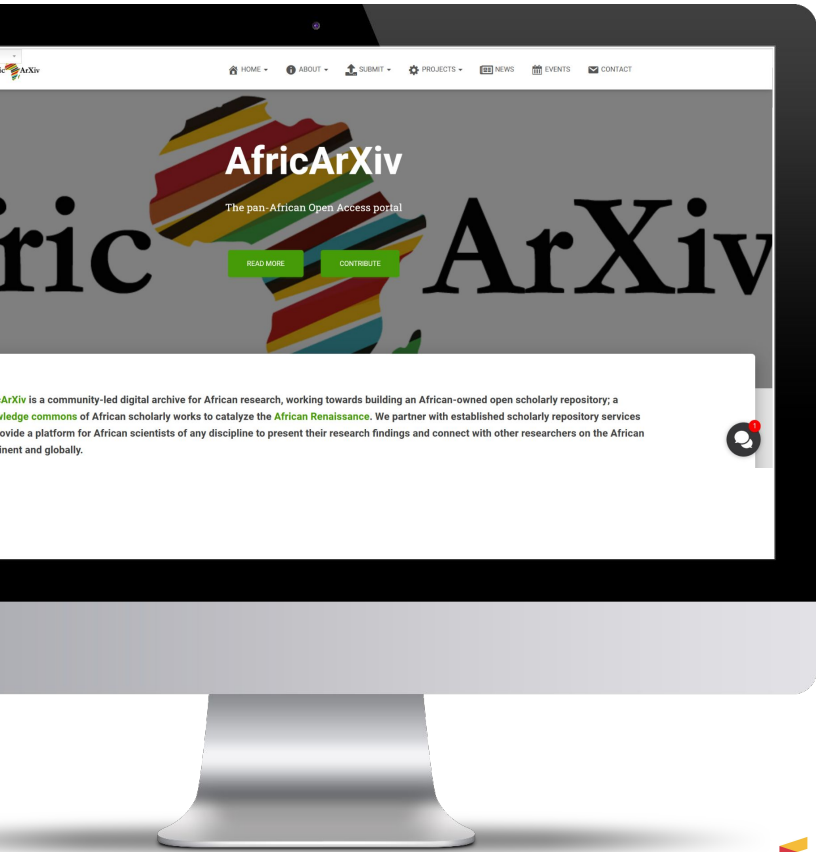


Restricted access to research funding

The Solution

Utilising existing digital scholarly infrastructure for research dissemination





Submission of Research items

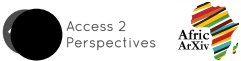
- from researchers working in and about Africa

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

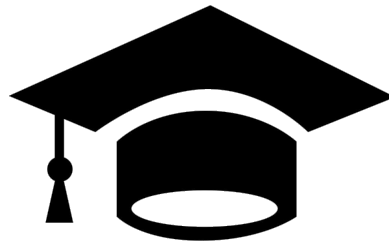


Benefits for Researchers + Publishers + Libraries



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





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OPEN INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

February 28th - 9 am UTC + 1

PUBLIC LINK : [HTTPS://LINK.INFINI.FR/OPEN-HEALTH](https://link.infini.fr/open-health)

Speakers: Charlotte MARCHANDISE, Lisa GULLBERGSSON, Momo FALL ENABEL, Doudou HONOU, Hugues AUBIN, Yara BERGAMASCHI, Thomas MBIDA, Keletso MASISI.

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A podcast: Making African Science Visible

A podcast by Peter Schmidt between AfricArxiv and Society of Research Software Engineering.
by AfricArXiv Team



Building community to Leverage African Scholarship and Increase the Visibility of African Research Expertise

Online Webinar

Date: **Thur, May 12, 2022**

Time: **11:00 GMT | 13:00 SAST | 14:00 EAT**

Register: aphrikeresearch.com/event



Moderator
Joy Owango
Director, TCC Africa



Keynote Speaker
Prof Mammo Muchie
Tshwane University
of Technology



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- Slack ([invite link](#))
- Telegram group ([invite link](#))
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- Facebook ([page](#) | [group](#))
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- LinkedIn [page](#)
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Please follow the instructions to add an event to our calendar.

- ask us anything**
Ask us anything about Open Science, Open Access, preprints, data sharing, data management, scholarly publishing, and how else we can be of service to make your rese...
- Partner Meeting**
A dedicated hour to discuss partnership agreements, Milestones achieved, setting goals and aligning shared interests in fostering scholarship across the African con...
- 30 mins meeting**
During our time together, we will answer any questions you might have about submitting a manuscript to AfricArXiv, publishing in a journal, peer review, open access...

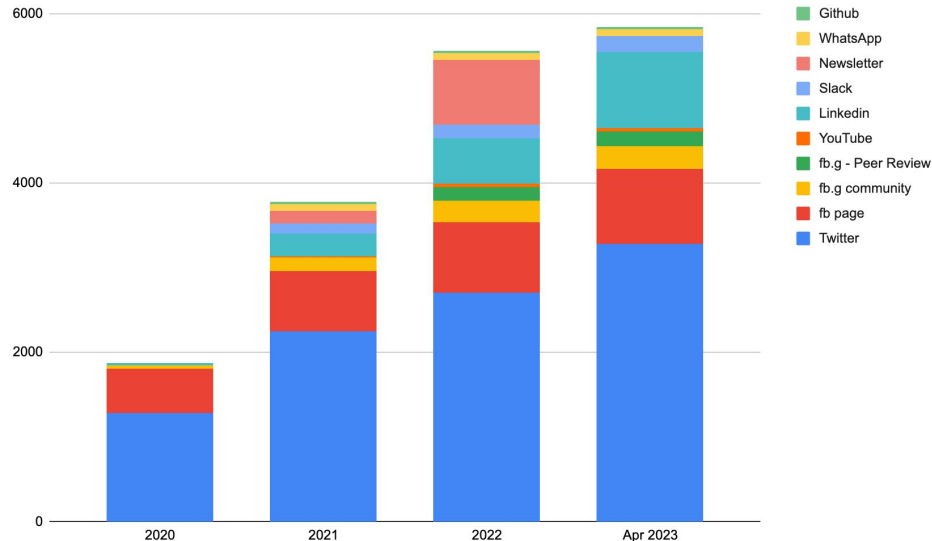
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Our Communication Channels

- The communications department is very vital to our work
- Strategizing communication networks
- Community involvement through different social media networks



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Capacity building through relevant trainings



RAPID AND OPEN PEER REVIEW:
What are the new technologies for research quality assessment in academic publishing?

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Guest Speakers

Derek Bergshtet, Peer Community In
 Dorcas Sobot, PReView
 Gibson Mphahlele, Qeios
 Antonio Torralba Francis, Decentralized Science
 Stephanie Dawson, ScienceOpen

21ST SEP 2020 3PM EAT

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Building Capacity in Scholarly and Science Communication

Open Scholarly Publishing, Preprints, and Peer Review

WEBINAR

Open Scholarly Publishing, Preprints, and Peer Review

11th August, 2021 11am GMT / 10am CET/SAST

Speaker Dr. Johanna Havemann
with a background in Education and Development through ICT, Dr. Havemann has worked and collaborated in Africa, Europe, Latin America and Japan on Africa Digital Transformation.

Open scholar digital tools for review and fast track article 2 preprint, the article, all strengthening open science and open access publishing, and open access publishing on Africa - through Open Science.

Register here <https://bit.ly/AOSHWebinars3>

partners:

Open Access Week

Using Open Access Resources & pre prints as a journal selection strategy

by
Joy Owangó, TCC Africa
Johanssen Obanda, AfricArXiv

29th Oct. 2021
9:00 am - 11:00am
via Zoom

Theme: Breaking Barriers in Research through Open Access

STATE OF OPEN ACCESS IN AFRICA AND ITS IMPLICATION ON RESEARCHERS

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Guest Speakers

Ms. Elizabeth Marincola, AAS Open Research
 Dr. Osman Aldirdiri, AfricArXiv
 Mr. Matt Hodgkinson, Hindawi Publishers

3RD JUNE 2020 2PM EAT

STREAMING ON

Building Capacity in Scholarly and Science Communication



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Training Centre in Communication
Train. Support. Engage.

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Author interviews

AUTHOR INTERVIEW




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Research officer
National Cancer Prevention Programme, Nigeria



Omotoso, O. (2020, September 21). Life Expectancy and SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Variations Plays Key Role in COVID-19 Transmission and Low Fatality Rate in Africa. ScienceOpen.
<https://doi.org/10.14293/111.000/000012.v1>




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B.Sc. in Fisheries and Water Resources Management at the Busitema University, Uganda

[Read the interview.](#)




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AUTHOR INTERVIEW




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Department of Economics,
Southern Methodist University



Özak, Ö., & Depetris-Chauvin, E. (2020, May 14). Borderline Disorder: (De facto) Historical Ethnic Borders and Contemporary Conflict in Africa.
<https://doi.org/10.31730/osf.io/uqgxv>





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Community Involvement


Partnership building



PeerRef and AfricArXiv partnering to coordinate high-quality journal-independent Open Peer Review

by Elliott Lumb, Keletso Masisi, and AfricArXiv Team



Published: May 26, 2022

Open Peer Reviewers in Africa: A Train-of-Trainer Program pilot recap

by PREview, Eider Africa, TCC Africa, eLife, and AfricArXiv Team

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Published: Feb 15, 2023



Since 2018



Submissions from
36 African countries
(out of 48 countries globally)

Submissions
in total

6



Repository Systems

3



Awards received

ASAPbioSprint Award
JROST Rapid Response Grant
ORCID Global Participation Fund

36



Partner Organisations



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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 (PKP/OPS - COS/OSF - 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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AfricArXiv amongst the first grantees of the ORCID Global Participation Fund
by UbuntuNet Alliance, TCC Africa, and AfricArXiv Team

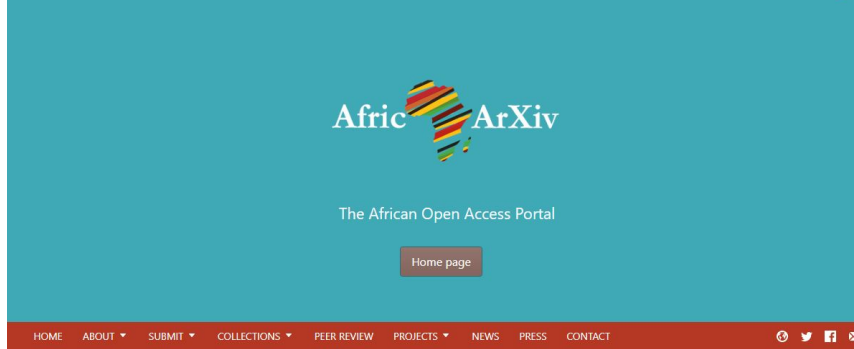
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Establishing ORCID-facilitated multi-stakeholder consortia for efficient scholarly knowledge exchange



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