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Building solutions for challenges



Language barriers



Low digital visibility of African scholarly output



Underrepresented in Intl. research networks



Restricted access to research funding

Benefits for Researchers + Publishers + Libraries



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



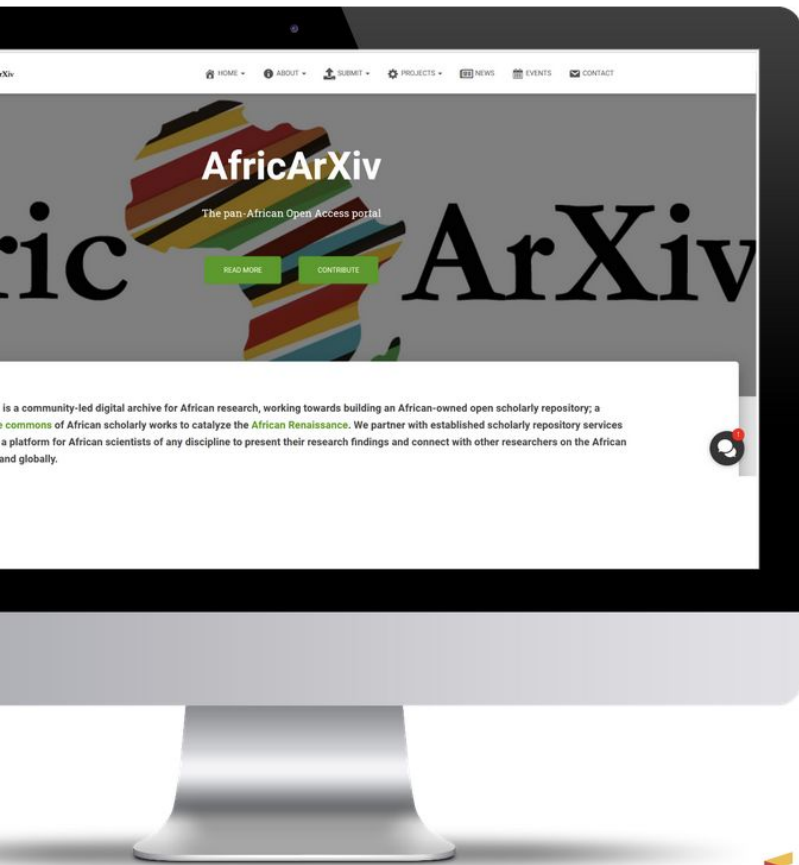
Networking & Capacity building

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

Discoverability of research output

- + indexing of shared research items
- + assigning DOIs
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Submission of Research items

- from researchers working in and about Africa

Submission Moderation

- checkpoints for quality assurance

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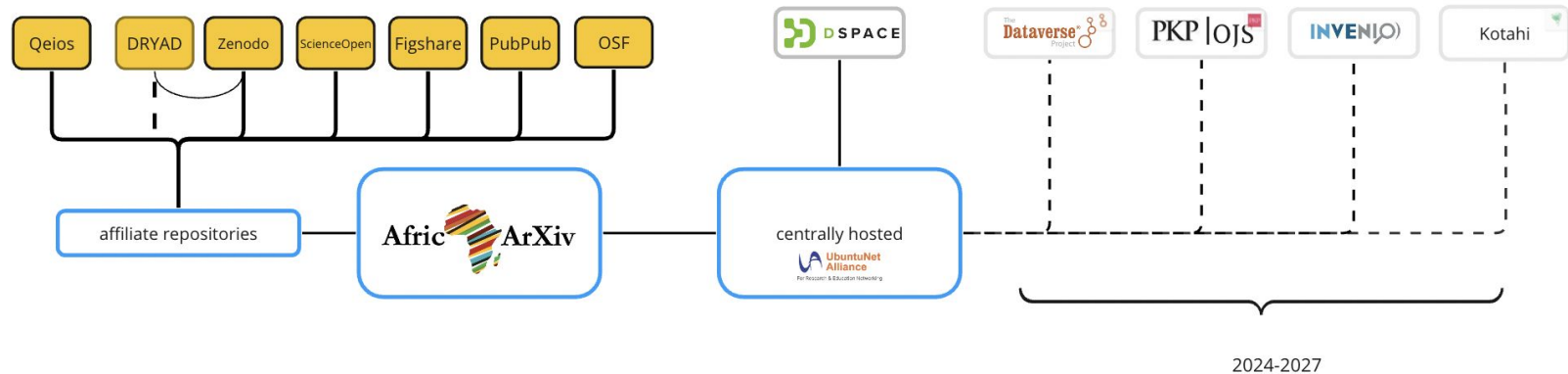
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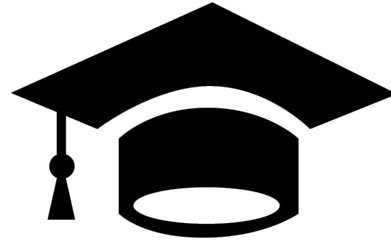


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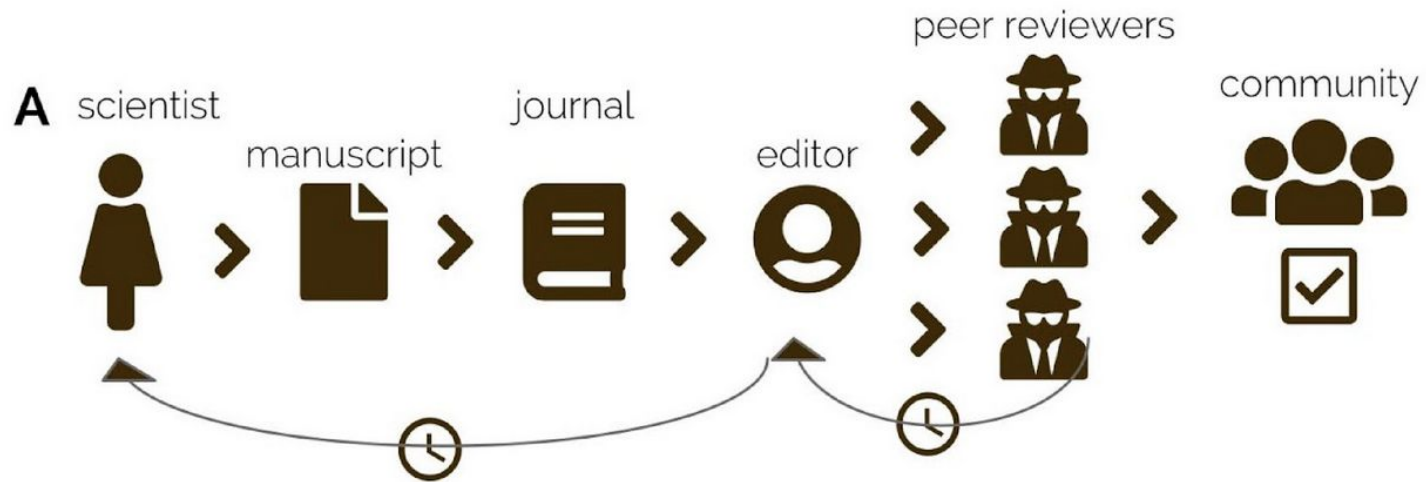


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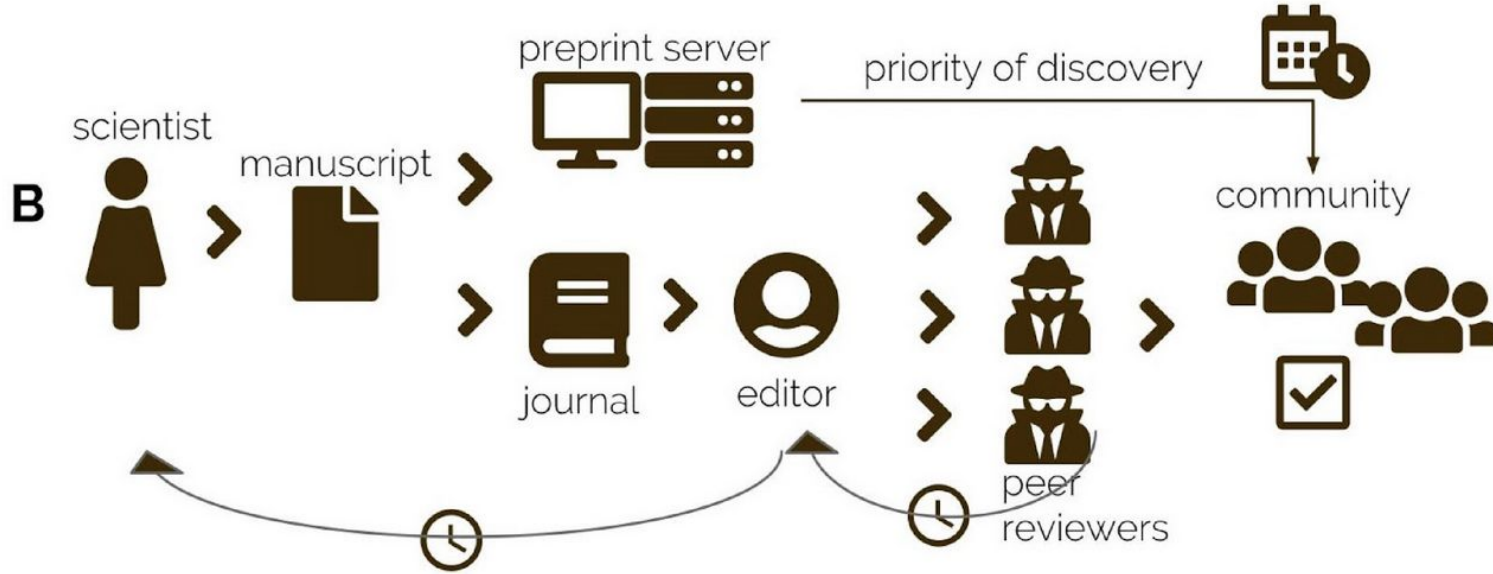


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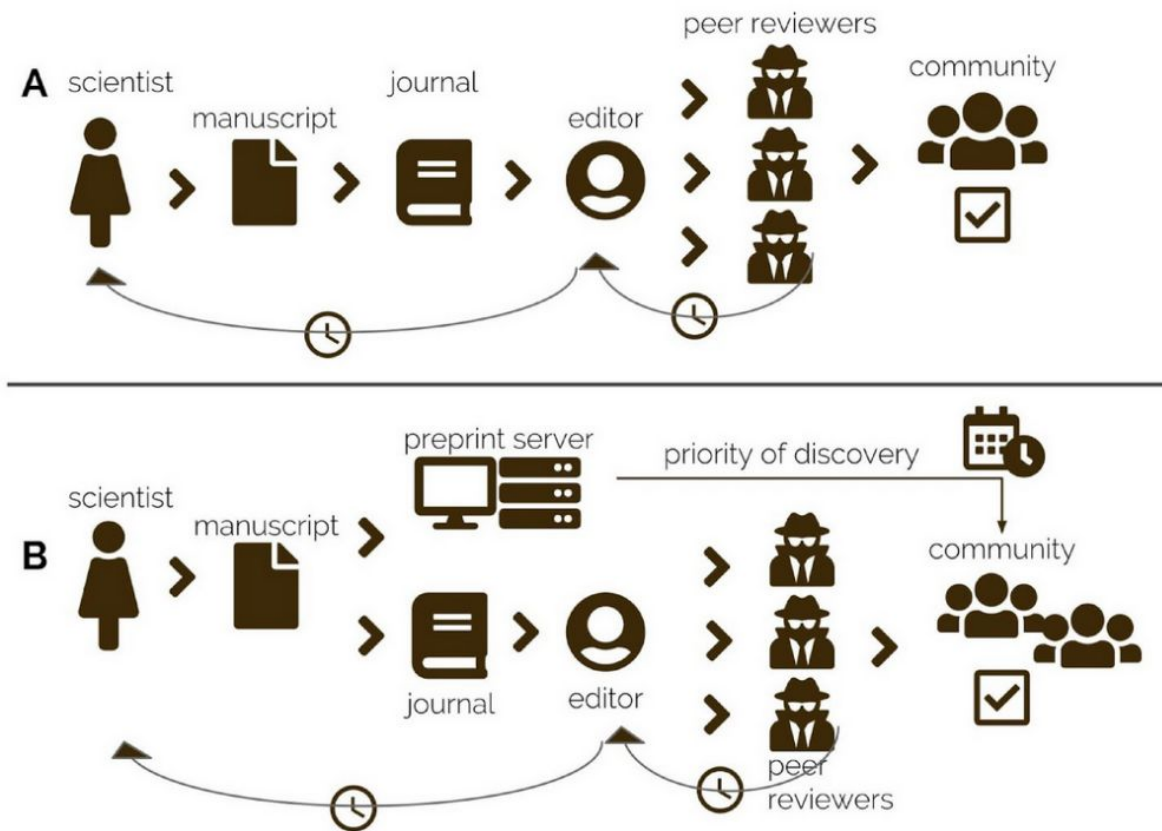


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❖ University Presses

- Facilitating the setup of cloud-based University Presses
- Fostering community-based publishing workflows and quality assessment

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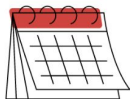


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