



ORCID Global Participation Fund

Building a knowledge hub about digital scholarly infrastructure services for African stakeholders

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About AfricArXiv

AfricArXiv is an open access portal to increase the discoverability of research output from and about Africa, with a strategic approach to utilize established scholarly infrastructure readily available for the dissemination of research outcomes.

Launched in June 2018, AfricArXiv grew from being hosted at the **Open Science Framework (OSF)**, **ScienceOpen**, **Zenodo**, **Qeios**, **Pubpub**, and **Figshare** to being integrated into the **UbuntuNet Alliance for Research and Education Network's** operational program and is now physically hosted in Africa.



ORCID GRANT

As an awardee of the ORCID Global Participation Fund, AfricArXiv designed an Open Science webinar series that would:

- ❑ Promote the adoption of PIDs e.g ORCID, ROR, DOI etc
- ❑ Enlighten researchers, librarians, and institutions about AfricArXiv
- ❑ Inform the scholarly community in Africa about tangible state-of-the-art services
- ❑ Best practices in scholarly communication and infrastructural setup
- ❑ Showcase the diversity of actors and service providers from within Africa and other parts of the world.



AfricArXiv Open Science Webinar Series

The webinar series highlights the impact of PIDs e.g ORCID, ROR, and DOI and how they facilitate interoperability across various scholarly digital services.

The key focus areas are

1. **ORCID:** Identifying and connecting individual researchers to their contributions, fostering collaboration and recognition.
2. **ROR:** Assigning PIDs to research institutions, contributing to a more structured and interconnected research landscape.
3. **DOI:** Unraveling the benefits of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) in uniquely identifying and ensuring the accessibility of diverse digital objects and scholarly outputs.



Open Science Webinar Series 2023/2024

**A webinar series to assist
African researchers, librarians, and institutions
in the adoption of digital tools and services.**

For a significant increase in African research discoverability
and to increase efficiency in scholarly workflows.



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Figure 1: Announcement of the webinar series with featured scholarly services



March 7, 2024
2pm WAT – 3pm CAT – 4pm EAT

Facilitating the adoption of Open Science practices across Africa



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Figure 2: Sample webinar session design with ORCID iD shown for both moderator and speaker.

Table 1: Published and confirmed webinar sessions

Topic	Status	Speaker	Date	Publication available at
FAIRsharing	published	Allyson Lister	October 04, 2023	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/myoeatk/
ORCID	published	Lombe Tembo	October 11, 2023	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/qyhoxxu1/
ScienceOpen	published	Stephanie Dawson	November 9, 2023	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/c0x4lo1z/
DataCite	published	Olatunbosun Obileye	November 30, 2023	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/cj9x4ohj/
Crossref	published	Johanssen Obanda	November 22, 2023	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/wgadqkel/
The Lens	published	Mark Garlinghous & Aaron Ballagh	December 4, 2023	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/fc76ni8s/
ROR	published	Amanda French	December 11, 2023	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/h50au5wa/
AREN	published	Emmanuel Boakye	January 18, 2024	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/r3iba47d/
UNESCO OS	published	Ana Persic	February 1, 2024	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/otehoawq/
Figshare	confirmed	Mark Hahnel & Maria Cotera	February 29, 2024	https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/pub/t2prp15g/
AOSP	confirmed	Nokuthula Mchunu	March 7, 2024	
DRYAD	confirmed	Maria Guerrero & Sarah Lippincott	March 14, 2024	
Knowledge Futures Group	confirmed	Dawit Tegbaru & Emily Esten	March 21, 2024	



Progress Update

- ❑ 10 Open Science Webinar sessions delivered
- ❑ 10 more sessions confirmed for Q2 2024
- ❑ Archived per session with details at <https://africarxiv.pubpub.org/webinars>

- ❑ Slides archived at

<https://africarxiv.ubuntunet.net/collections/1aedbe9d-3676-40b9-93e7-d98d35925c7d>



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