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Perspectives

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the pan-African
OPEN  ACCESS Portal

Establishing FAIR publishing modes for the African scholarly community

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Our Mission

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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.**



The Challenges



Language barriers



Low visibility of
African scholarly output internationally



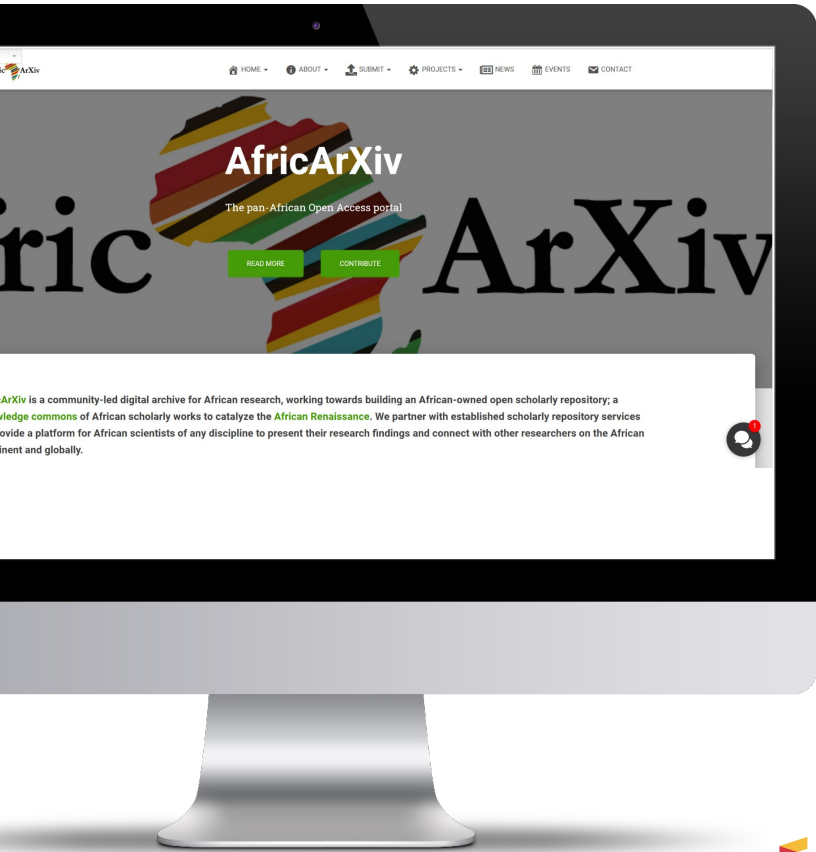
African researchers tend to be
less integrated into international
research networks



Restricted access to research funding

The Solution





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
- inking to the researchers ORCID ID
- indexing in scholarly search engines



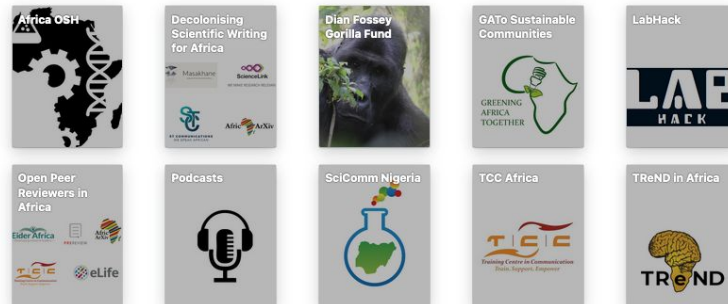
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Benefits for Researchers + Publishers + Libraries



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

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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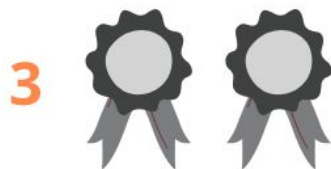


Submissions from
36 African countries
(out of 48 countries globally)

Submissions
in total



Repository Systems



Awards received

ASAPbioSprint Award
JROST Rapid Response Grant
ORCID Global Participation Fund



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