Programme

Open Access and social justice driving African development

Expected overall outcomes of the workshops

The expected overall outcome is the development of a cohort of attendees who will take back to their respective institutions and countries the significance of open access to help move Africa from the periphery of the world's knowledge production to the epicentre. The attendees will take back knowledge of open access and serve as advocates of open access, but more importantly, they will take back skills to implement learnings achieved at the symposium.

Workshop 1: Library as publisher: setting-up and managing an ebook/journal

Date	Time	Facilitator
2-3 December	09h00-16h00	Amanda Stevens (Representing PKP – Canada)

Workshop1: Library as publisher: setting-up and managing an ebook/journal

- *Target audience* - librarians and IT specialists.
- *Description of the workshop* - this workshop is designed to provide attendees with the technical skills to publish a journal or monograph. Attendees will also be equipped to provide researchers with guidance on the publication of a journal or monograph. This workshop will be facilitated by PKP, the developer of the Open Journals Systems (OJS) and Open Monograph Press (OMP) publishing software. This hands-on workshop will equip attendees with the skills to set-up and maintain a journal or monograph.
- *Expected outcomes* – up-skilling of attendees in delivering an alternative publishing model such as 'library as publisher'. Attendees will have in-depth skills in OJS and OMP which will advance the growth of this alternative publishing model.

Workshop 2: Library Publishing Curriculum workshop

Date	Time	Facilitator
2-3 December	09h00-16h00	Joshua Neds-Fox (Library Publishing Coalition - USA)

- *Target audience* - academics who teach in library and information science and cognate disciplines.
- *Description of the workshop* – the purpose of the workshop is to develop curricula for teaching of library publishing. The facilitators are colleagues from the LPC who have already developed curriculum for North American universities and have been rolling out such programmes. A significant contributor to the lack of skills in this area is the absence of library publishing in the higher education curriculum.
- *Expected outcomes* - an improved understanding of the processes associated with publishing using open source software. This improved understanding will help delegates develop curricula for adoption and adaptation depending on

institutional/country requirements. This enrichment of the curriculum will grow the library publishing service.

Workshop 3: Editors' workshop: Quality and sustainability for Open Access journals

Date	Time	Facilitator
2-3 December	09h00-16h00	Susan Murray and Kate Snow (African Journals Online (AJOL)) and Jaya Raju (Department of Knowledge & Information Stewardship, UCT)

- *Target audience* - researchers and librarians.
- *Description of the workshop* - this is a workshop that will be facilitated by AJOL and the UCT's LIS School. The purpose of the workshop is to take researchers and librarians through the academic components of publishing a journal. The entire publication process, from the call for papers, to the review, reconciliation, development of an editorial, to the oversight on the final publication will be teased out in this workshop. The ethics and rigour principles of publishing will be emphasized in this workshop.
- *Expected outcomes* - attendees will be able to develop the academic components of publishing. The attendees will have a clear understanding of the rigour involved in the publication of journals. The attendees will be skilled in the ethics of maintaining journals.

Wednesday, 4 December: AfREN		
Registration 07h00-09h00		
Session 1: 09h00 – 13h00		
	Facilitators: Omo Oaiya (REN facilitators, Nigeria)	
	AfREN	Delegates from African institutions

The coming together of African delegates is significant as it brings together the open access communities. It is a forum to engage in discussion on the federated discovery systems and shared content hosting platforms: publications and data repositories and collaborative journals and monographs publishing platforms. This session will feed off some of the work that has been done by the LIBSENSE group and provides a platform for the development of an expanded suite of services. Participants will discuss the effectiveness of open access policies linked to research assessment and evaluation, repository enhancements and collaborative open access publishing platforms.

Expected overall outcomes of the workshop
- Good practice recommendations on effective open access policies, enhanced open access repositories, incorporating open science activities as explicit criteria in researcher's and institutional assessment and evaluation
- Consolidation of the activities of the LIBSENSE group
  - ➢ Building value added, network services on top of local, institutional content
  - ➢ Building discovery services

	➢ What do repositories and other services need to do to participate in these services ➢ Regional publishing platform - wish list, functionalities, requirements ➢ Update on LIBSENSE activities in the AfricaConnect3 project • Development of open access publishing and repository communities for the continent • Development of an action plan for the federated discovery systems, shared content hosting platforms, and journals and monographs publishing platforms	
Wednesday, 4 December: Opening Session **Moderators: Jaya Raju and Andiswa Mfengu**		
Session 2: 14h30 – 17h00	Message from the Vice Chancellor of UCT	Prof. Mamokgethi Phakeng Vice Chancellor: University of Cape Town
	Welcome from UCT Libraries	Ms Ujala Satgoor *Executive Director: UCT Libraries*
	Welcome from SPARC	Dr Lorraine Haricombe *Vice Provost and Director of the University of Texas Libraries*
	Conference keynote	Prof. Thuli Madonsela *Chair in Social Justice at Stellenbosch University*
Entertainment		
Welcome Cocktail and demonstration of a publishing platform **Jill Claassen, Jeremiah Pietersen, Tamzyn Suliaman and Bonga Siyothula** Jill Claassen *Scholarly Communications and Publishing Manger* Ms Nodumo Dhlamini *Director - ICT Services & Knowledge Management* *Association of African Universities*		
Thursday, 5 December: OA and social justice driving African development		
Registration 07h00 -		
Session 3: 09h00 – 10h50	**OA and social justice: setting the scene** **Moderators: Glynnis Johnson and Simone Hansen**	
	Purpose of the session The purpose of the session is to bring together in a more explicit manner the open access movement with its social justice principles to usher in some level of equity and equal opportunity. As much as there is the default acceptance of article processing charges (APCs) to achieve the goal of openly sharing of research output, APCs do not uphold social justice principles as it is a new toll for those authors/institutions that cannot afford to PAY to have their works published. ***Expected outcome of the session*** Development of the consciousness that, especially in Africa, the open access movement must be underpinned by social justice principles. There is an understanding that social justice and open access are synonymous and the alternates to the current subscription model and the proposed alternates are fit for purpose for the African context.	

	Speakers Heather Joseph *Executive Director of SPARC* Prof. Caroline Ncube *Professor in Commercial Law and South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI), UCT* Carolina Botero Cabrera *Executive Director* *Karisma Foundation (**virtual presentation**)*
	Discussion (15 minutes)
	Tea
Session 4: 11h15-13h00	**Opening access to full participation in scholarship** **Moderators: Caroline Dean and Zanele Majebe** Open access has done relatively well in opening access to scholarly literature to the world's reading audience. However, the 'unintended but systematic' northernisation of the publishing landscape is and continues to marginalise the research output form the global south. There are a number of assumptions that have influenced the roll-out of an open access service which include, *inter alia*, that the global south will remain ignorant and underdeveloped until it has access to the global north's knowledge. In an attempt to 'eradicate' this ignorance and promote development, there has been a push for the global north to focus on improving the flow of information to the global south. As well intended as this may be, there is a desperate need to convert the one directional flow of information to knowledge exchange between the global north and global south. ***Purpose of the session*** Is to draw attention to the fact that there is a growing need for open channels of participation in the distribution of African scholarship: inclusivity in participation has to become a critical pillar in open access. The global south open access model cannot and should not mimic that of the global north. The marginalisation of African researchers perpetuates the deprivation of African communities from accessing relevant and critical information. The session needs to analyse and unravel the negative impact of the exclusion of African scholarship from the mainstream publishing model. The session will bring attention to the fact that the open access movement must be more inclusive with regard to dissemination opportunities of African scholarship. ***Expected outcome of the session*** Change the thinking with regard to the model that needs to be developed for the accessibility and distribution of global south scholarship. Engage the need for a paradigm shift in the exchange of knowledge between and among the global south and global north - one directional flow of scholarly literature must be converted into a facilitated process for a multi-directional exchange of knowledge.

	Speakers Solomon Mekonnen *Librarian, Addis Ababa University Library* Kathleen Shearer *Executive Director of COAR* Dr Helena Asamoah-Hassan *Executive Director AfLIA* Associate Prof. Leslie Chan *Associate Prof, Critical Development Studies, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada (virtual presentation)*
	Discussion (15 minutes)
Lunch and networking	
Session 5: 14h00-15h45	**Open access driving African development** **Moderators: Amina Adam and Jamie-Lee Hendricks**
	Having teased out the concept and principles of a social justice open access process, this session examines a social justice driven open access model for the fast tracking of African development. This session will engage in discussion, against the backdrop of a critical theory paradigm, on African development for a social justice driven open access model. *Purpose of the session* Is to examine the role of a social justice driven open access model in contributing to African development. *Expected outcome of the session* Delegates will be exposed to an open access paradigm that is fit for purpose for Africa.
	Speakers Lena Nyahodza *PhD candidate, Department of Knowledge and Information Stewardship, UCT* Dr Nkem Osuigwe *Human Capacity Development and Training, AfLIA* Osman Aldirdiri *Medical student, University of Khartoum* Professor Mary Abukutsa-Onyango *Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Production and Extension, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology*
	Discussion (15 minutes)
Tea	
Session 6: 16h10-17h45	**African OpenCon – research voices from the marginalised** **Moderators: Nick Shockey**
	Speakers Associate Professor Maha Bali *Associate Professor of Practice, Center for Learning and Teaching American University in Cairo*

	Ahmed Ogunlaja *Founder and Executive Director of Open Access Nigeria* Thomas Hervé Mboa Nkoudou *APSOHA, AFRICAOSH, MboaLab*
	Gala Dinner

	Friday, 6 December: Roll-out of a social justice driven OA model
	Registration 07h00-
Session 7: 09h00 -10h45	**SDGs within an OA paradigm** **Moderators: Niel Mostert and Nuroo Davids**
	Access to information is key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is clearly pointed out under target 10 in SDG 16 "Target 16.10: Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements", but it is true for many other SDGs and their respective targets. There is a default link between open access and access to information, and therefore between open access and the SDGs. Open access is key to ensuring that society benefits from scientific knowledge, by informing the end user or contributing to further research. ***Purpose of the session*** The purpose of the session is to bring into focus the critical role of access to information in realising the SDGs. The recognition of this link will contribute in delivering services to meet the need. The quest to disestablish the silo approach to open access and the SDGs, become important for the symposium. ***Expected outcome of the session*** Delegates can articulate the contribution that access to scholarly information can make in realising the SDGs. Delegates are equipped to tailor services or make services more robust and flexible to achieve the SDGs. Delegates can make explicit plans for the coupling of open access and SDGs.
	Speakers Assoc Prof Dick Ng'ambi *School of Education, UCT* Dr Daniel Murgor *University of Eldoret, Kenya* Dr Rania Baleela *Assistant Professor University of Khartoum, Sudan* Jayshree Mamtora *Research Services Coordinator, Charles Darwin University*
	Discussion (15 minutes)
	Tea
Session 8:	**Towards an African access and participation model**

11h05-12h50	**'De-northernisation' for inclusivity** **Moderators: Heather Hodgson and Danielle Abrahamse**
	Library publishing is meant to create fertile ground for new marginalised voices that can find their way into disciplinary conversations, reach new audiences, both academic and public, and positively alter the existing publishing landscape. There is a desperate need for the democratisation and decolonisation of the publishing landscape: and, library publishing is one such service that can deliver on this need. This publishing service promotes social justice and the inclusion of African researchers and research output into mainstream research processes. *Purpose of the session* Is to demonstrate, via exemplars, that alternatives are a distinct reality and with the appropriate training and technical support, Africa can work towards free and open channels of dissemination of its scholarly content. The exemplars will also highlight possibilities for the growth of emerging journals in emerging areas without the challenge of having to conform to global north benchmarks – good African science needs to be made freely available to all. *Expected outcome of the session* Consolidation in the commitment to disrupt the current prohibitive subscription model - be it via the legacy subscription model or the new APC model – both have tendencies for exclusionary practices.
	Speakers Dr Tom Olijhoek *Editor in Chief, DOAJ* Roxanne Missingham *University Librarian, Australian National University* Dr Johanna Havemann *Co-founder of AfricArxiv* Jill Claassen *Section Manager: Scholarly Communications, UCT Libraries*
	Discussion (15 minutes)
	Lunch and networking (extended)
Session 9: 14h00 -14h55	**Towards an African access and participation model**
	Building blocks for social justice driven inclusive alternate publishing model
	Alternate publishing with limited skills, exposure and support is a daunting process. However, in challenging the publishing model in support of a more inclusive open access participatory stream, it is important that libraries play a role. *Purpose of the session* This conversation will tease out collaboration opportunities that support the initiation, building and growing a library publishing service in support of creating greater opportunities for the dissemination of African scholarship.

	Expected outcomes The conservation will bring to the fore the role of communities of practice in supporting and promoting library publishing, Delegates will also be made aware of the open source eco-system that exists to support this service.
	A conversation with Joshua Neds-Fox *Coordinator for Digital Publishing, Wayne State University and Representative of Library Publishing Coalition – USA* **AND** Jason Nugent *Public Knowledge Project – Canada* **Hosted by:** Jill Claassen & Lena Nyahodza *UCT Libraries*
	Tea Break
Session 10 15h10 to 16h55	**Unbuckling the subscription model** **Moderator: Kathleen Shearer**
	The walk away from Elsevier by the University of California, the advancement of APCs (OA2020) as a solution to the current subscription model and such – are these models adequate solutions for Africa where research production is low (one of the contributing factors is lack of access to scholarly literature) and where subscriptions budgets are miniscule. *Purpose of the session* Is to engage in discourse about global north models to challenge the current subscription model. Delegates will be encouraged to examine models that speak to African imperatives or imperatives of respective institutions/countries in the global south. *Expected outcome of the session* Delegates can make informed decisions with regard to alternatives to the current subscription model. Delegates become cognisant of prevailing global north attempts to disrupt the subscription model and African delegates need to work towards developing a model that speaks to African needs and circumstances.
	Speakers Madhan Muthu *Azim Premji University, India* Neil Jacobs *Interim Programme Manager* *For cOAlitionS* *Jisc, UK*

	Ellen Tise *Senior Director, Stellenbosch University Library* Dr Arianna Becerril-García *Executive Director at Redalyc.org* *Professor at the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico* **(virtual presentation)**	
	Discussion (15 minutes)	
Session 11 17h00 to 17h30	Summation and action plans	Heather Joseph and Dr Helena Asamoah-Hassan
	Closing	

Saturday, 7 December	
Session 12: 09h00 – 13h00	Strategic planning for SPARC Africa