

## Susan Murray



For the past 12 years, **Susan Murray** has been the Executive Director of African Journals OnLine ([www.ajol.info](http://www.ajol.info)). AJOL is a South African Non-Profit Organisation working toward increased visibility and quality of African-published research journals. AJOL hosts the world's largest online collection of peer-reviewed, African-published scholarly journals. Murray has an academic background in Development Economics and an abiding interest in the role that increased access to relevant research outputs can play in low income and emerging economies, as well as the practicalities of attaining this.

Included in Murray's work for AJOL, she has the following international roles:

- Advisory Committee Member of the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- Elected Member of the CrossRef (Pila) Board of Directors (in November 2018)
- Member of the Advisory Board for Public Knowledge Project research project
- Resource Member for the African Journals Partnership Program (AJPP)
- Frequent African and international conference speaker including having been an invited opening plenary speaker at the 10th anniversary conference of the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA) held in 2018

Along with AJOL's free web-hosting and journal software platform for African-published journals (usually non-commercial, small, stand-alone titles), AJOL has extensive experience in supporting African Editors and journal volunteers throughout the continent in quality and supporting Open Access transition. We do this via in-person regional training and network-building workshops that have been held in Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Ghana, Senegal, Uganda and South Africa, mass-mails with information about publishing standards (encouraging and assisting African journals to meet the DOAJ inclusion criteria) and tailored email response support on questions and issues ranging from the technical, to sustainability planning, to assisting with explaining the worth of an online journal presence and Open Access in particular!