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Democratizing the Record of Science

Reforming scientific publishing –
Sound models for this already exist



AJOL = African Journals OnLine

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Vision of African learning informing African development

- **AJOL** is a Non Profit Organisation based in South Africa
- Providing a journal hosting platform based on Open Journal Systems (OJS) and other FOSS;
- Increasing the quality, visibility of and access to African-published, peer-reviewed scholarly journals to offset global inequities in research publishing

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- AJOL hosts **667** journals published from **38** African countries (**most of these are not for profit scholar journals**)
- 425 additional journals have applied to join AJOL with 52 actively in the JPPS assessment stage ***All new journals undergo a thorough assessment process before being accepted to the AJOL platform***
- All research areas & languages
- 70% of the full text articles are Open Access
- OJS and FOSS based and supportive of OA and Open Science, but all publishing models allowed on AJOL
- Millions of full text downloads each month from all over the world
- 60% of repeat site users from within the Africa continent

Platform services to Partner Journals

- **Free**, fast & reliable web-hosting for qualifying African journals
- Free software upgrades and website maintenance
- **Free** digital backups of all journal content sent to us
- **Massive global online visibility** (aggregation of titles)
- Free usage statistics on articles downloaded and abstracts read
- Free DOI's
- Training workshops and webinars for journal partners
- Option of online workflow management via AJOL after training
- Free publishing standards mentoring to all applicants
- Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS)
Framework is used for quality assessment and as a learning tool; summary at... www.journalquality.info

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Recalibrating the scope of scholarly publishing: A modest step in a vast decolonization process

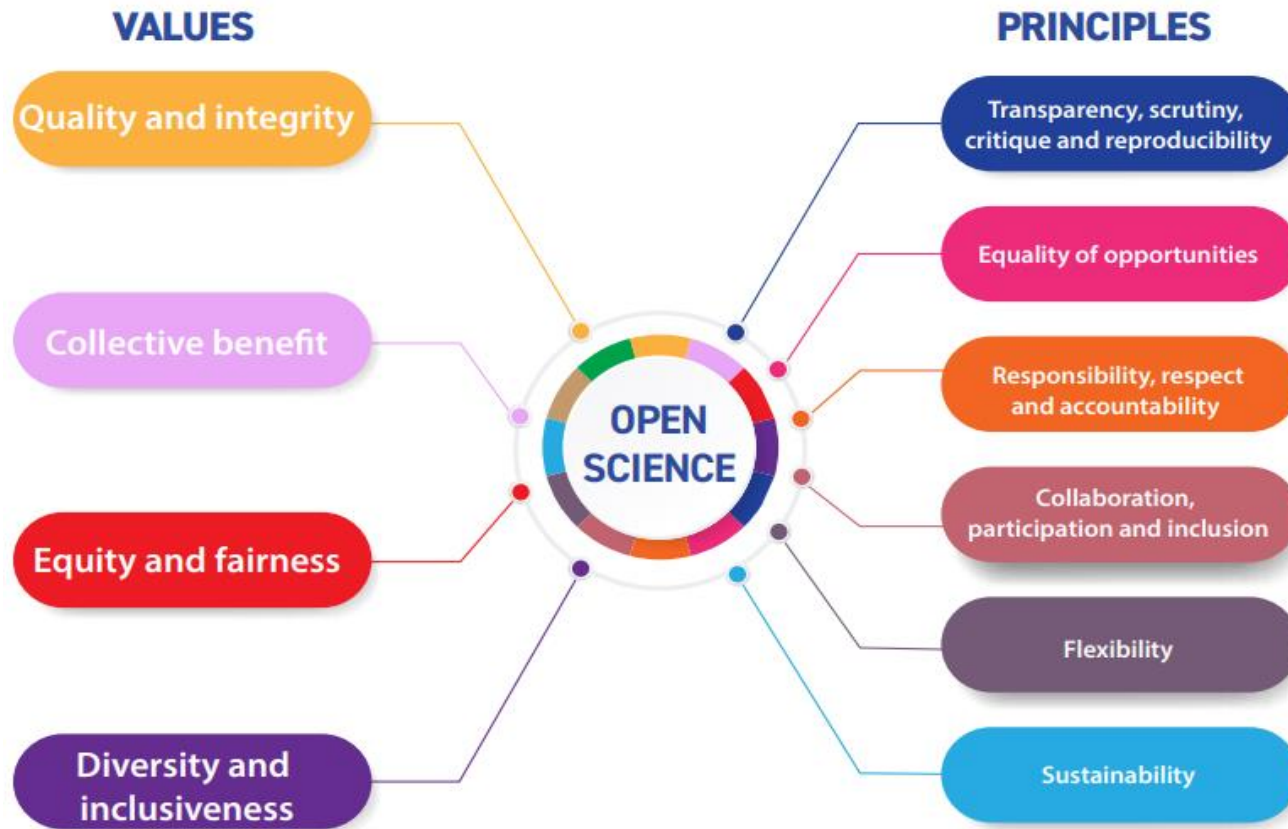
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Abstract

By analyzing 25,671 journals largely absent from common journal counts, as well as Web of Science and Scopus, this study demonstrates that **scholarly communication is more of a global endeavor than is commonly credited**. These journals, employing the open-source publishing platform Open Journal Systems (OJS), have published 5.8 million items; they are in 136 countries, with **79.9% in the Global South and 84.2% following the OA diamond model (charging neither reader nor author)**. A substantial proportion of journals **operate in more than one language (48.3%)**, with research published in 60 languages (led by English, Indonesian, Spanish, and Portuguese). The journals are distributed across the social sciences (45.9%), STEM (40.3%), and the humanities (13.8%). **For all their geographic, linguistic, and disciplinary diversity, 1.2% are indexed in the Web of Science and 5.7% in Scopus. On the other hand, 1.0% are found in Cabell's Predatory Reports, and 1.4% show up in Beall's (2021) questionable list**. This paper seeks to both contribute to and historically situate the expanded scale and diversity of scholarly publishing in the hope that this recognition may assist humankind in taking full advantage of what is increasingly a global research enterprise.

Developing Country Regional journal platforms are science commons already:



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An appeal to walk the talk....

- f. Sustainability: to be as efficient and impactful as possible, open science should build on long-term practices, services, infrastructures and funding models that ensure the equal participation of scientific producers from less privileged institutions and countries. Open science infrastructures should be organized and financed upon an essentially not-for-profit and long-term vision, which enhance open science practices and guarantee permanent and unrestricted access to all, to the largest extent possible.

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- **An appeal from this small African Non Profit Organisation... please tangibly assist in supporting AJOL's work.**

**Thank you for the inclusion and the focus
on equity!**

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