Access Is Not Enough

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“Low income countries have the highest percentages of open access publication: A systematic computational analysis of the biomedical literature.”

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Africa Is Already Doing Better By Proportion

Percentage of OA Papers By World Region

- Sub-Saharan Africa: 66%
- North Africa: 51%
- Latin America & Caribbean: 49%
- Europe & Central Asia: 44%
- East Asia & Pacific: 41%
- Middle East & North Africa: 35%
- South Asia: 35%
Collaboration Fosters Open Access?

[Bar chart showing cross-regional collaboration effect across different regions]

- Sub-Saharan Africa: 55% to 73%
- North Africa: 48% to 59%
- Latin America & Caribbean: 47% to 54%
- Europe & Central Asia: 39% to 58%
- East Asia & Pacific: 37% to 55%
- South Asia: 28% to 51%
- Middle East & North Africa: 26% to 47%
OA Policies Tracked By ROARMAP

Open Access Policies By Region

- Europe & Central Asia: 596
- North Africa: 169
- East Asia & Pacific: 88
- Latin America & Caribbean: 54
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 29
- South Asia: 18
- Middle East & North Africa: 5
More Proportion of OA Publications

Percentage of OA Papers By Income Brackets

- Low Income: 73% (69% total)
- High Income: 45% (45% total)
- Upper Middle Income: 42% (38% total)
- Lower Middle Income: 40% (31% total)

Legend:
- Blue: All publications with authors in a given group
- Orange: Publications with Authors only from a given group
Collaborative Research

- Social Justice
- Cognitive Justice
- Equitable Collaboration
Marginalization in Collaborative Research

- Multiple stages
- Design of the research problem
- Data collection analysis methodologies
- Publication & circulation of findings
Need To Change Thinking

- Knowledge as a commodity
- Knowledge as a public good
- Entrenched Interests
Need To Build Infrastructure

- Invest in Infrastructure
- Pan-African
- Localized
- Indigenous
Need To Dismantle Unfair Systems

- Dependence
- Metrics
- Evaluation
- DORA
Need To Expand The Conversation

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- Plan S
- APCs
Need To Engage With Allied Issues

- Internet Access & Affordability
- Internet Decolonization
- Platforms, spaces and opportunities for exchange
- Advocacy & Education
Visa Denials Contribute To Marginalization

Scientists angry at UK visa denials for African, Asian researchers

LONDON, (Reuters) - Scientists in Britain expressed concern on Thursday after at least 17 delegates from Africa and Asia wanting to attend a health conference in London were denied visas.
Credits

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