

# 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.”

-Jonathan Iyandemye & Marshall P.

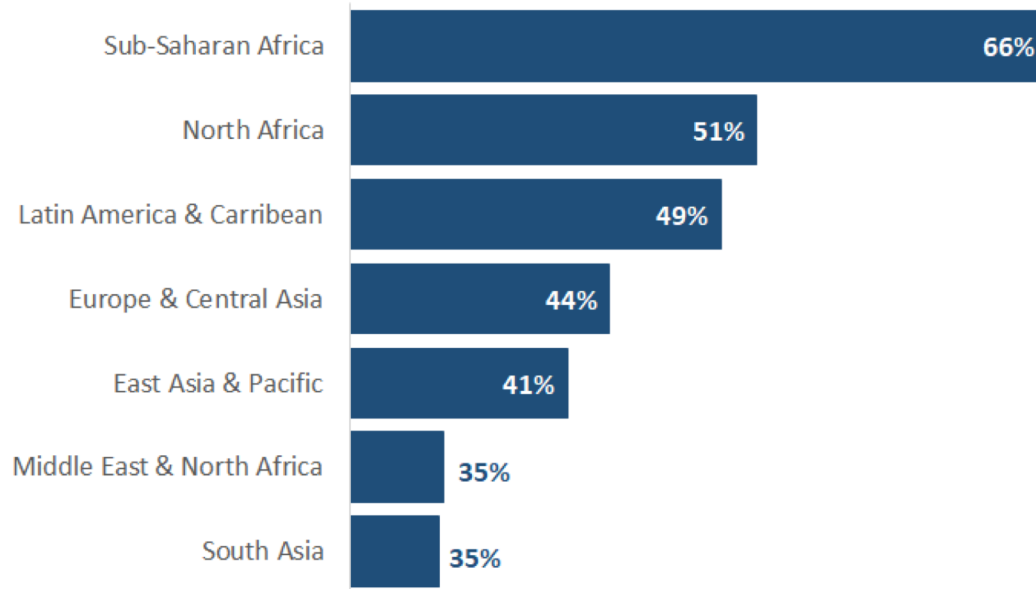
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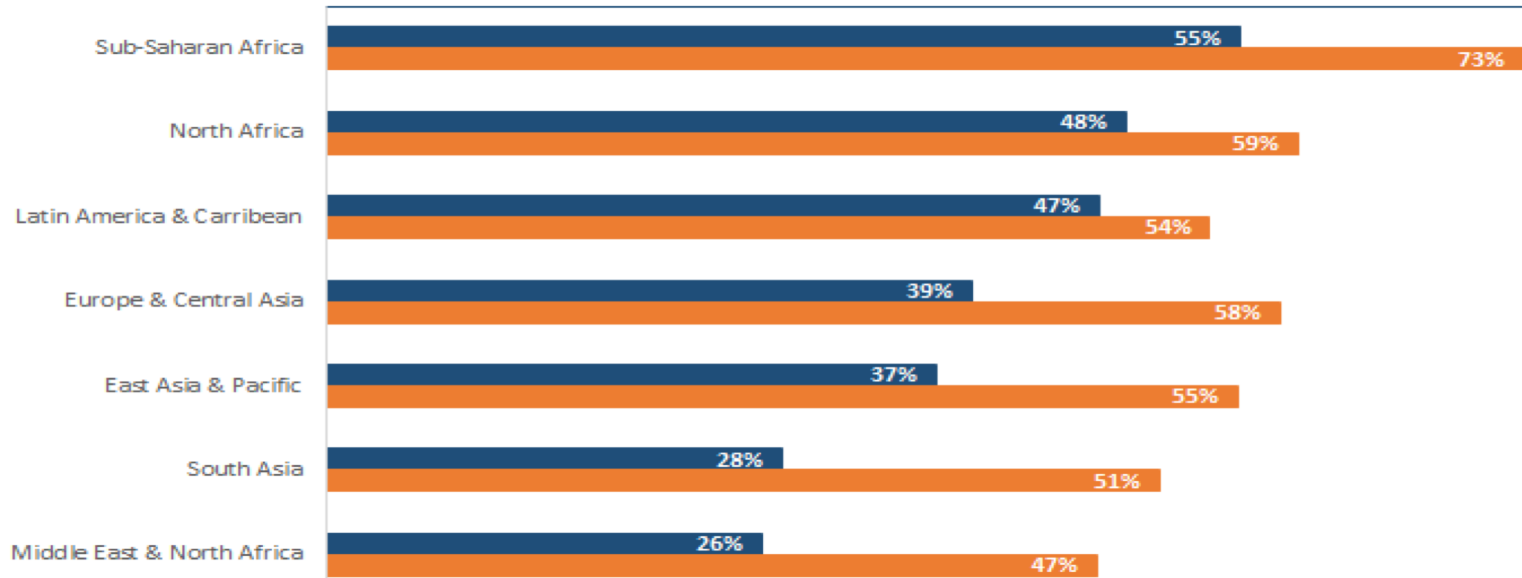
# Africa Is Already Doing Better By Proportion

Percentage of OA Papers By World Region

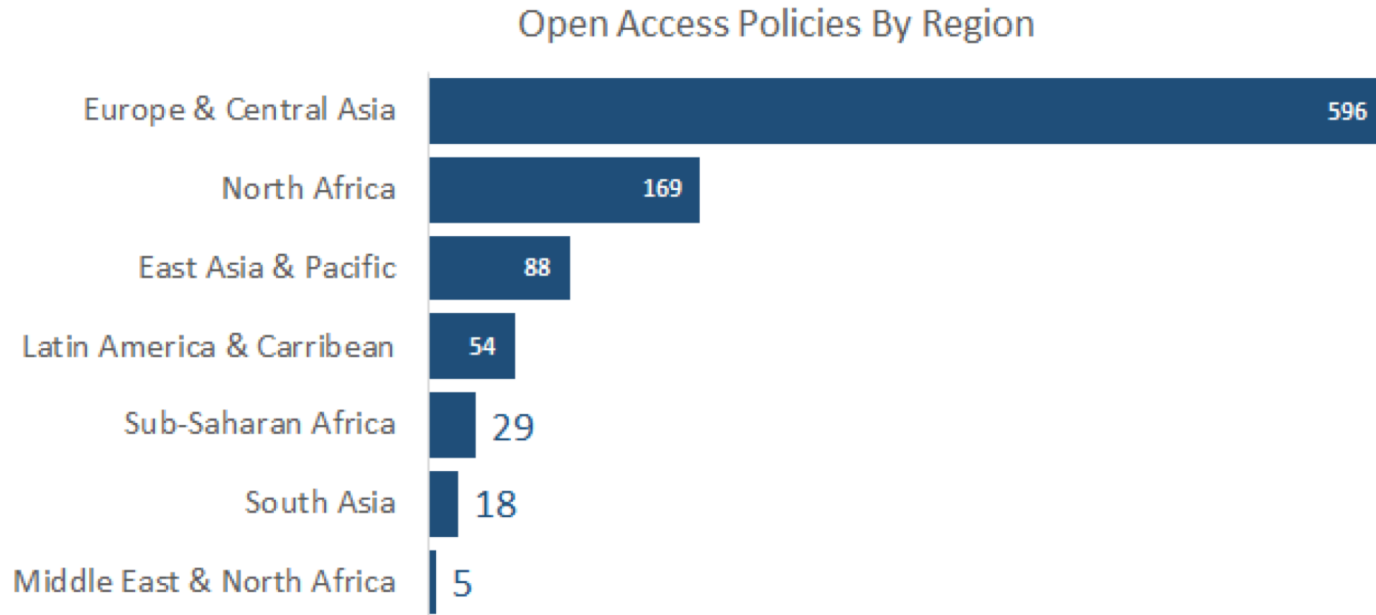


# Collaboration Fosters Open Access?

Cross regional collaboration Effect

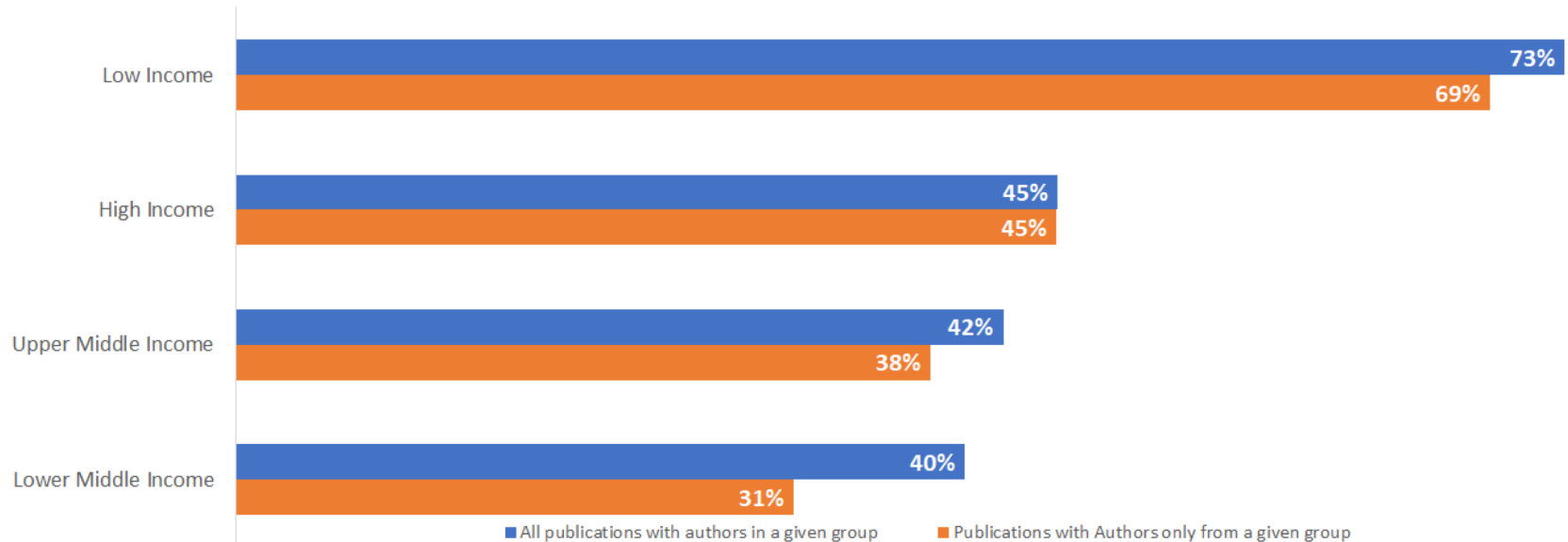


# OA Policies Tracked By ROARMAP



# More Proportion of OA Publications

Percentage of OA Papers By Income Brackets



# Collaborative Research

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- Social Justice
- Cognitive Justice
- Equitable Collaboration

# Marginalization in Collaborative Research

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

# Need To Change Thinking

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- Knowledge as a commodity
- Knowledge as a public good
- Entrenched Interests

# Need To Build Infrastructure

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- Invest in Infrastructure
- Pan-African
- Localized
- Indigenous

# Need To Dismantle Unfair Systems

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- Dependence
- Metrics
- Evaluation
- DORA

# Need To Expand The Conversation

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- DORA
- Plan S
- APCs

# Need To Engage With Allied Issues

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- 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

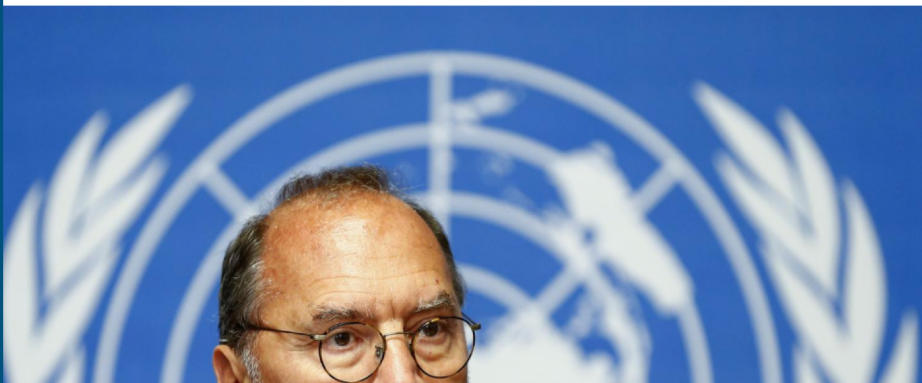
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LONDON, (Reuters) - Scientists in Britain expressed concern on Thursday after at least 17 delegates from Africa and Asia wanting to attend a health conference in London were denied visas.



## Canada refuses visas to over a dozen African AI researchers

15 November 2019



MWIZA SIMBEYE

Mwiza Simbeye was denied a visa to attend NeurIPS in Montreal last year

For the second year in a row, Canada has refused visas to dozens of researchers - most of them from Africa - who were hoping to attend an artificial intelligence (AI) conference in Vancouver. The hassles have caused at least one other AI conference to choose a different country for their next

# Credits

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- SPARC
- Nick Shockey
- Leslie Chan

Thank You