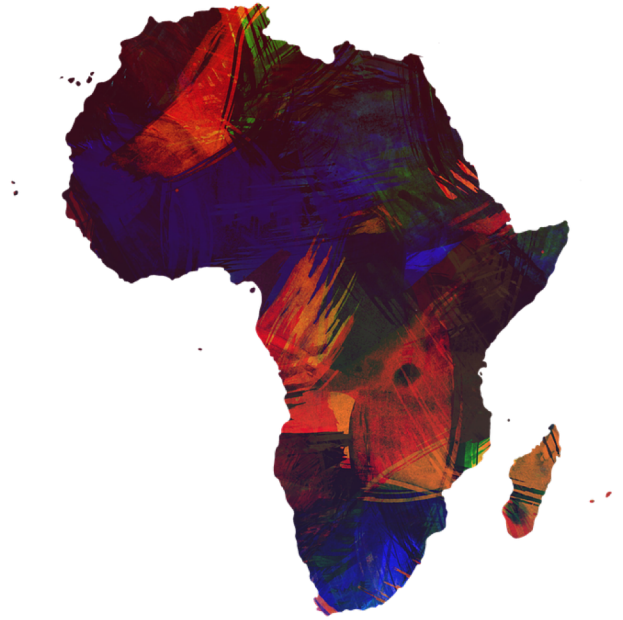


LIBSENSE/AfREN WORKSHOP

What is LIBSENSE?

Building a community for open science in the African region(s) through library-NREN collaboration in order to:

- Support cultural change
- Provide technical support
- Build capacity
- Develop value-added services



Who is LIBSENSE?



And the entire open science community in Africa...

Three workshops

Zanzibar, Tanzania - November 2018, in conjunction with Ubuntunet

Accra, Ghana - March 2019, in conjunction with WACREN

Tunis, Tunisia - April 2019, in conjunction with ASREN

The reports from the workshops are available [here](#)



Outcomes of LIBSENSE activities to date:

- Mailing list
- Survey and focus groups in three region(s)
- Template ToRs for NREN-Library collaboration
- Metadata guidelines for data providers
- Metadata/data exchange model agreement

Most importantly, we now have a coherent NREN-Library community evolving!

Some key survey findings :

- Lack of OA policies at national level
- Institutional OAR development/operation and policy development below par
- Lack of sufficient funding for management of digital information resources.
- Insufficient support for expertise on digital skills and funding for digital repositories

<https://spaces.wacren.net/display/LIBSENSE/Home>

Plans for LIBSENSE in AfricaConnect3:

- Establish framework for sustainable OA repository and journal development in Africa
- Pilot to host shared repositories and research data management platform
- Engage with free/low-cost content providers to improve access to publications and journals

Key LIBSENSE deliverables in AfricaConnect3:

- Consolidated results of LIBSENSE published and disseminated
- Community requirements and skills profiles
- Demonstrator sites for OAR/OAJ identified with action plans inclusive of content generation ideas.
- Policy Briefs and Guidelines for OAR/OAJ
- Federated identity management pilot for libraries with eduID.africa
- Training! Training!! Training!!!

The objectives for today's workshop

- Introduce you to LIBSENSE
- Reflect on the breadth and diversity of the African continent (there is no one-size fits all solution)
- Stimulate us to think about the best solutions for African researchers, institutions, countries, and regions
- Define some concrete ways in which we can work together

The agenda for today:

Three areas of discussion

1. Open access and open science policies: what works and what doesn't
2. Infrastructure and services: building cohesiveness across layers of local, national and regional services
3. Communities of practice: strengthening open science communities in Africa

Open Access and Open Science Policies

What works and what doesn't?

Infrastructure and services

Building cohesiveness across layers of local,
national and regional services

Communities of practice

Strengthening open science communities in
Africa