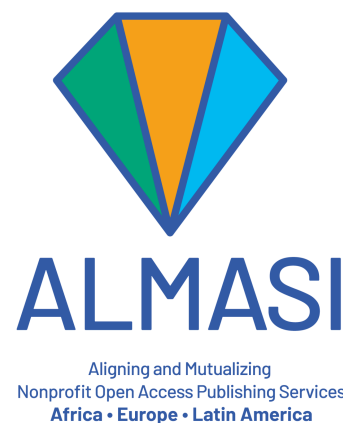


Diamond OA Policy Forum

Concept note



Forum for policymakers and funders from Africa, Europe, and Latin America on Diamond Open Access

Introduction

The [ALMASI project \(Aligning and Mutualizing Nonprofit Open Access Publishing Services Internationally\)](#) seeks to develop a nonprofit, high-quality, and sustainable scholarly communication ecosystem across Africa, Europe, and Latin America. ALMASI aims to better share regionally- and internationally-appropriate and sustainable ways to keep financial barriers out of the system of research sharing as much as possible.

Building on the [UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science](#), we are setting up the Diamond OA Policy Forum. This forum is an opportunity to develop and implement Diamond OA policy more easily with policy peers to help meet more equitable Open Access goals.

What is Diamond Open Access (OA) in short?

Diamond OA, or institutional nonprofit open access publishing, is a model of community-led open access publishing that publishes research outputs without charging obligatory fees to readers and authors, irrespective of an author's affiliation or funding

Why come together for Diamond OA?

The UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science was [unanimously adopted by 193 Member States in November 2021](#). Scores of countries across the world agree that access to scientific knowledge should be as open as possible. UNESCO "[has embraced this approach as a vital step toward fulfilling its vision of science as a global public good](#)" as it advocates for the unrestricted accessibility of scientific research.

The worldwide adoption of the Diamond OA model is in line with the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science and is on the increase in many countries: being considered by international, national and institutional research open science policymakers.

The Diamond OA Policy Forum

The unique new Diamond OA Policy Forum brings together international, national, and local policymakers and funders in three regions: Africa, Europe and Latin America to discuss nonprofit scholarly publishing policy and funding needs, progress, and challenges. The Forum will also include international funders supporting development work.

Policymakers include Open Access and Open Science high-level representatives from international, regional, and country-level governments, research and research-funding institutions, and umbrella organisations of higher education institutions.

Funders can include international, national funding agencies, non governmental organisations, charities, private funders, learned societies, professional associations, development agencies, academic libraries and their consortia, academies, cultural institutes or museums and industry funders.

Objectives

In a series of events, we aim to share, discuss and develop policy recommendations and funding mechanisms that work in various contexts to support more equitable, diverse, and community-led scholarly publishing internationally.

The Diamond OA Policy Forum will lay the foundation for three regional fora for Africa, Europe, and Latin America where policymakers and funders will gather to develop contextually-relevant, realistic and replicable policy recommendations and practicable funding mechanisms to implement those policies in support of Diamond OA research publication. Each regional forum will meet separately, as well as collectively, every 6 months.

Please join us to help set policy that works in your region, as you learn from other fellow policymakers worldwide.

Register for the launch event here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/I7N48AJDQgCnzZwftH6ZPA#/registration>.



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