

Collaboration for sustainable open access publishing in Africa

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EIFL, AJOL and WACREN, with support from Wellcome, launched a three-year project in November 2023 to empower African Diamond OA community and offer funding and cost-efficient, open, public, shared infrastructures, while maintaining diversity of publishing.



LANDSCAPE

PUBLISHED

A landscape study on no-fee open access (OA) journals in Africa that do not charge fees for either authors or readers (often referred to as Diamond OA journals)

Based on:

- survey responses from 199 journals and
- 21 institutional, national and continental platforms that host Diamond OA journals
- 25 country reports

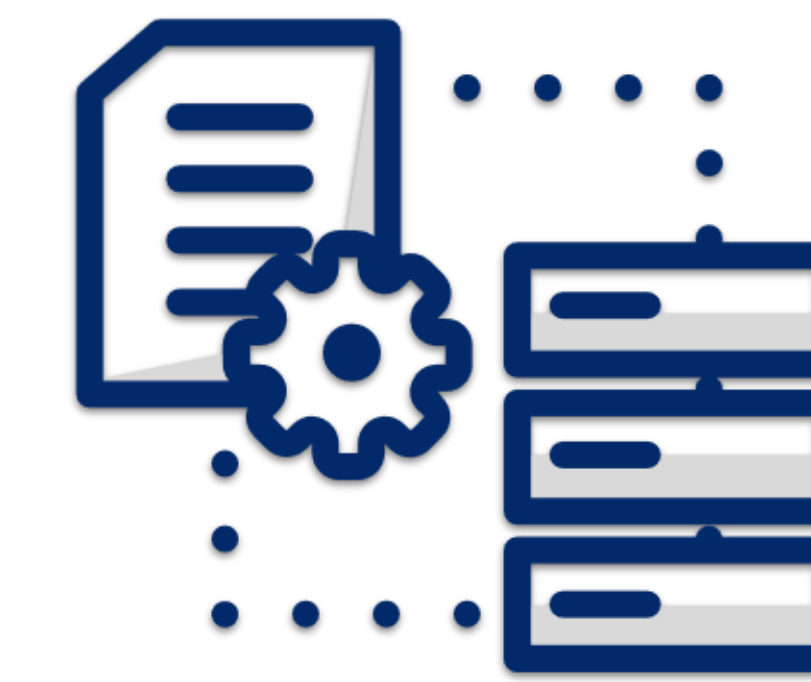
Learn more about current funding and financial sustainability approaches and challenges, institutional in-kind support, incentives, and collaborations among Diamond OA journals, needs and strategies to advance Diamond OA in Africa.



DIAMOND OA CoP

COMING SOON

Knowledge sharing, building editorial capacity, quality enhancement, African Diamond OA community of practice (CoP)



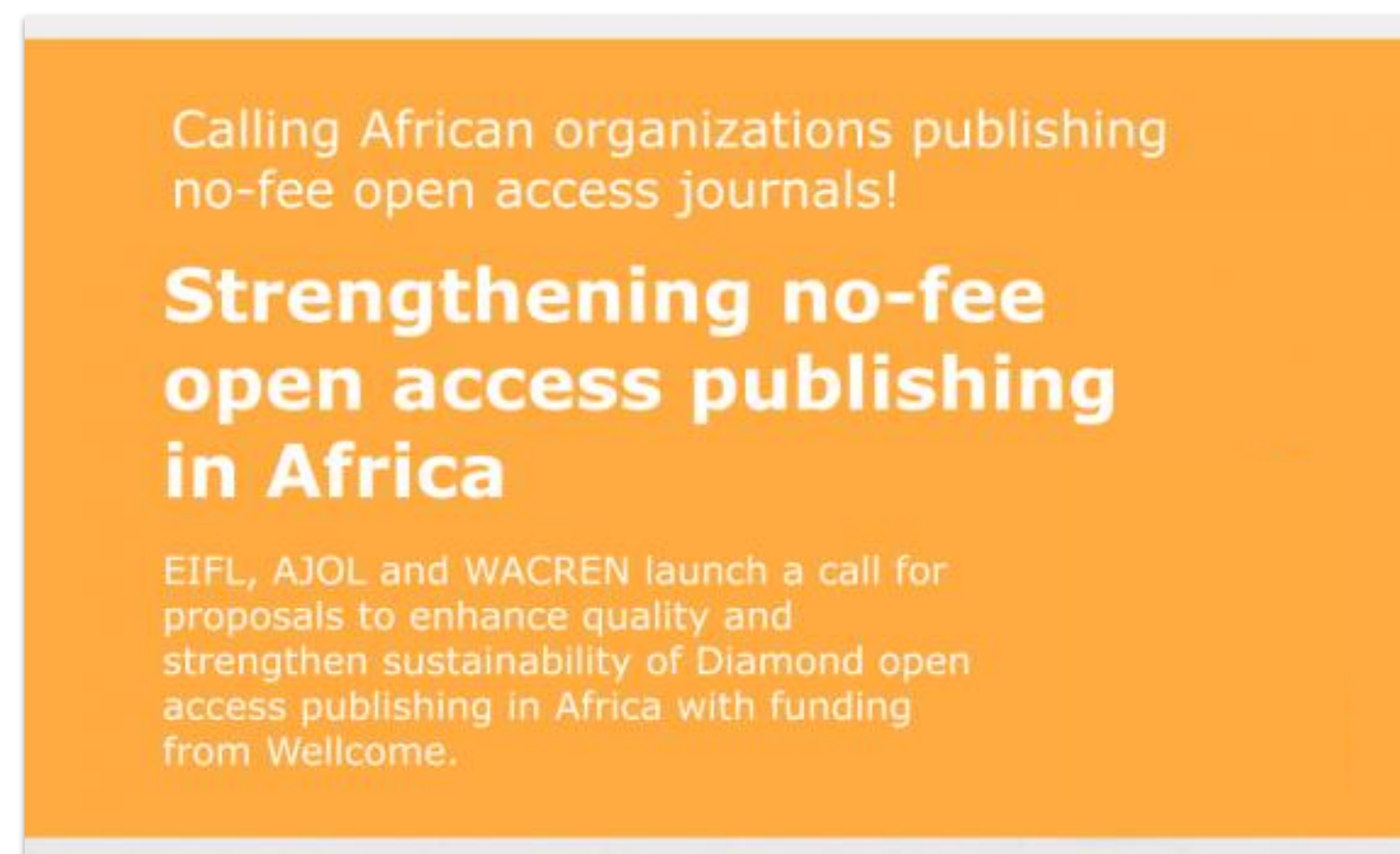
PLATFORMS AND SERVICES

Support to AJOL and disciplinary/national platforms in collaboration with WACREN



SUSTAINABILITY

Discuss sustainability models with Diamond OA journals and the institutions supporting them



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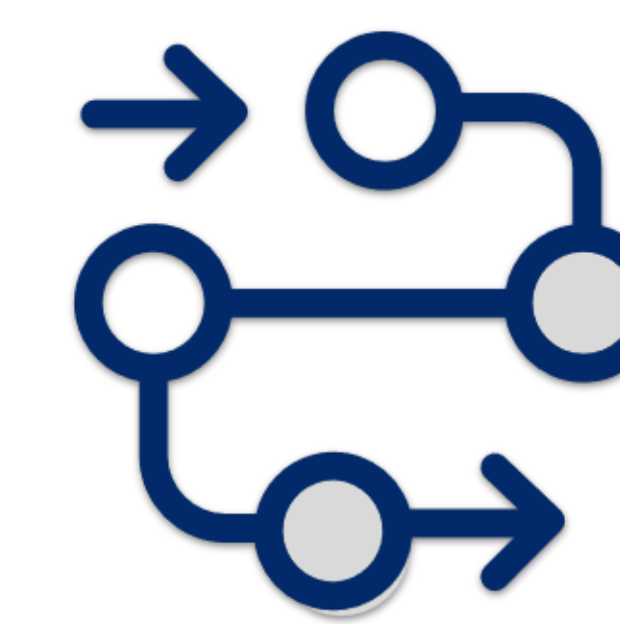
IN PROGRESS

The project developed participatory grant funding processes and the first of two grant funding calls for proposals to strengthen quality and improve sustainability of diamond OA publishing across Africa was launched and the evaluation and selection processes have been completed.



INCENTIVES

Reduce the workload of editors, institutional positions for journal management, reward peer review, incentives for publishing in African open access journals



FLIPPING TO DIAMOND OA

Define costs and strategies for flipping APC-based journals (that charge Article Processing Charges - APCs - for authors of journal articles) to Diamond OA; provide support to APC charging journals that want to flip to Diamond OA



COMMITMENTS

Secure institutional and national commitments: embed diamond OA support in open science policies, with budgets. Launch a policy observatory with funding commitments