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Forum for Open Research in MENA

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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# Welcome from the Organisers

On behalf of all the Organisers and Advisory Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome all the speakers and delegates to the first Forum for Open Research in MENA, together with our partners and sponsors.

We believe that the movement towards Open Science is vitally important to ensuring the accessibility, inclusivity, and long-term sustainability of our education systems and scholarly communities.

By bringing together leading global experts and key regional stakeholders (including Librarians, Research Councils, Universities, and Government Ministers), and by providing a mixture of outstanding talks, strategy sessions, networking opportunities and workshops, we aim to encourage participants to consider all the issues surrounding equitable Open Scholarship and Open Research practices.

Our goal is to encourage the exchange of actionable insights and the development of practical policies to support our region's research communities, working with you towards a more Open MENA and a more knowledgeable world.

I hope you enjoy the Forum for Open Research in MENA. Your involvement in this event demonstrates your interest in supporting a free, fair, sustainable and inclusive research ecosystem for your institution, for your country, and for the region as a whole – and we are all delighted to be working with you towards a more Open MENA.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, or if there is anything I can do for you – please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

**Kamran Kardan**

**CEO and Founder | Knowledge E Foundation**

بالنيابة عن كل المنظمين واللجنة الاستشارية، إنه لمن دواعي سروري أن أرحب بالمتحدثين والوفود المشاركة في منتدى البحث المفتوح الأول في الشرق الأوسط، وذلك بالتعاون مع شركائنا ورعاتنا.

نؤمن بأن التوجه نحو العلم المفتوح أمر في غاية الأهمية لضمان إمكانية الوصول وشمولية واستدامة أنظمتنا التعليمية والمجتمعات العلمية.

من خلال حضور خبراء دوليين رائدين وأصحاب مصالح محوريين (منهم أمناء المكتبات، والمراكز البحثية، والجامعات، والوزراء). ونقاشات متنوعة واستثنائية، وجلسات استراتيجية، وفرص التواصل والتشبيك، بالإضافة إلى ورش العمل، نسعى إلى تشجيع المشاركين على النظر في جميع القضايا المتعلقة بالوصول الحر المنصف وممارسات البحث المفتوح.

هدفنا تشجيع تبادل الرؤى التفيذية، وتطوير سياسات عملية لدعم مجتمعات الباحثين في المنطقة، والسعي معا إلى شرق أوسط مفتوح.

أرجو أن ينال هذا المنتدى رضاكم. إن مشاركتكم في هذه الفعالية تعكس اهتمامكم بدعم بيئة نظام بحثي مجاني وعادل ومستدام وشامل للجميع في مؤسساتكم وبلدكم والمنطقة ككل. ويسعدنا العمل معكم نحو شرق أوسط مفتوح.

أخيرًا، أرجو ألا تترددوا في التواصل معي لطرح أي أسئلة أو للحصول على أي استفسار.

مع تحياتي،

**كامران كاردان**

المدير التنفيذي والمؤسس | مؤسسة نوليدج إي

# Welcome from Advisory Partner



One of the key functions of UNESCO, as stipulated in Article I of its Constitution, is to maintain, increase and diffuse knowledge by encouraging cooperation among the nations in all branches of intellectual activity, including the exchange of publications, objects of artistic and scientific interest and other materials of information. It is therefore UNESCO Cairo's privilege to support the undertaking of regional activities such as the Forum for Open Research in MENA to be held in Cairo during October 26th – 27th, 2022.

UNESCO Cairo hence welcomes all institutions and their affiliates, experts and scientists to participate in this important event, which is indeed building on the movement of Open Science that originated to transform scientific practice to adapt to the changes, challenges, opportunities and risks of the 21st century digital era. Let us all work towards increasing the societal impact of science in response to the growing and complex global issues facing humanity.

From this standpoint, it was necessary for us, in cooperation with our partners in the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Arab region, to try to draw a road map through the Open Science Initiative and assess the needs of the Arab region to achieve the desired progress. We started with a number of consultative meetings in the last two years, which resulted in the participants unanimously agreeing on the importance of focusing on many issues, including but not limited to:

- Expand the regional participation of the science community, raise awareness and network to build a regional culture around open science;
- The need for relevant institutions/bodies to adopt those policies, strategies and legal frameworks for scientific research and innovation that would enhance scientific cooperation at the national and regional levels;
- Encouraging and enhancing the concept of participatory science by adopting comprehensive approaches within the framework of the scientific research cycle, including increasing the levels of citizen participation in scientific processes, data assessment and designing various scientific projects.

We look forward to seeing you all during the Forum for Open Research in MENA during October 26th – 27th, 2022.

**Dr Abdulaziz Almuzaini**

**Regional Director and UNESCO Representative, Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States**

تتمثل إحدى الوظائف الرئيسية لليونسكو، على النحو المنصوص عليه في المادة الأولى من دستورها، في زيادة المعرفة ونشرها من خلال تشجيع التعاون بين الأمم في جميع فروع الأنشطة الفكرية، بما في ذلك تبادل المنشورات والمعلومات ذات الأهمية العلمية، وغيرها من المواد الإعلامية. لذلك ، يشرف مكتب اليونسكو بالقاهرة بالتعاون لدعم تنفيذ الأنشطة الإقليمية مثل منتدى البحوث المفتوحة في منطقة الشرق الأوسط وشمال إفريقيا والذي سيعقد في القاهرة خلال الفترة من 26 إلى 27 أكتوبر 2022.

ومن ثمّ يرحب مكتب اليونسكو بالقاهرة بجميع المؤسسات والخبراء والعلماء للمشاركة في هذا الحدث الهام، والذي يعتمد في نجاحه على حركة العلوم المفتوحة التي نشأت لتحويل الممارسة العلمية للتكيف مع التغيرات والتحديات والفرص والمخاطر في القرن الحادي والعشرين. دعونا نعمل جميعًا من أجل زيادة التأثير المجتمعي الإيجابي للعلم استجابة للقضايا العالمية المتزايدة والمعقدة التي تواجه البشرية.

من هذا المنطلق ، كان من الضروري لمنظمة اليونسكو وبالتعاون مع شركائنا في جمهورية مصر العربية والمنطقة العربية والعالم، في محاولة رسم خارطة طريق من خلال مبادرة العلوم المفتوحة وتقييم احتياجات المنطقة العربية خصوصاً لتحقيق الهدف المنشود. كنا قد بدأنا بعدد من الاجتماعات التشاورية في العامين الماضيين، والتي نتج عنها اتفاق المشاركين بالإجماع على أهمية التركيز على العديد من القضايا، بما في ذلك على سبيل المثال لا الحصر:

- توسيع المشاركة الإقليمية لمجتمع العلوم، وزيادة الوعي والشبكات لبناء ثقافة إقليمية حول العلم المفتوح.
- ضرورة اعتماد المؤسسات / الهيئات ذات الصلة تلك السياسات والاستراتيجيات والأطر القانونية للبحث العلمي والابتكار التي من شأنها تعزيز التعاون العلمي على المستويين الوطني والإقليمي.
- تشجيع وتعزيز مفهوم العلوم التشاركية من خلال تبني مناهج شاملة في إطار دورة البحث العلمي بما في ذلك زيادة مستويات مشاركة المواطنين في العمليات العلمية وتقييم البيانات وتصميم المشاريع العلمية المختلفة.

نتطلع إلى رؤيتكم جميعًا خلال منتدى البحوث المفتوحة في منطقة الشرق الأوسط وشمال إفريقيا خلال الفترة من 26 إلى 27 أكتوبر 2022.

**عبد العزيز المزيني**

**المدير الإقليمي وممثل اليونسكو، المكتب الإقليمي للعلوم في الدول العربية**

# Welcome from EKB

Dear Delegates,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Forum for Open Research in MENA.

As many of you know, the Egyptian Knowledge Bank (EKB), in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, have been working diligently for more than seven years to improve the level and impact of our universities in line with international best practices and promote open, accessible research for all of our citizens.

It is therefore our especial pleasure to be the Host Partner for the first Forum for Open Research in MENA, and we are thrilled to welcome all the delegates and speakers to Cairo.

Egypt is a particularly fitting location for this inaugural event, both as the nexus point linking the Middle East and North Africa, and because of our vital work ensuring accessible research for all our citizens. In fact, the EKB has created the world's largest digital library, providing unlimited resources exclusively for Egyptians (including access to cultural and scientific content that supports needs across basic education, university, and postgraduate studies). Our efforts have contributed to the dramatic rise of Egyptian universities in the various international ranking systems beating national record, and have helped to make our nation a leader in higher education on the global stage.

I hope you find this event valuable and informative, and I would like to thank everyone for joining us here in Cairo and online.

Yours sincerely

*Dr. Tarek, Shawki*

**Former Minister of Education and Technical Education, and Supervisor of Egyptian Knowledge Bank Project (EKB)**

# Forum for Open Research in MENA

## 50
### SPEAKERS

## 15
### SESSIONS

## 8
### NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

# Day 1

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| **8:30-9:15** | Registration & Coffee |
| **9:15-10:00** | Welcome |
| **10:00-11:00** | UNESCO Keynote |
| **11:00-11:30** | ~ Coffee ~ |
| **11:30-13:00** | UNESCO Panel: Building Arabic Open Infrastructures |
| **13:00-14:00** | ~ Lunch ~ |
| **14:00-16:00** | Session A (Panels 1 & 2) |
| **16:00-16:30** | ~ Coffee ~ |
| **16:30-18:30** | Session B (Panels 3 & 4) |
| **18:30-20:00** | ~ Free Time ~ |
| **20:00-22:30** | Gala Dinner & UNESCO Announcement |

# Day 2

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| **9:00-10:30** | Session C (Panels 5 & 6) |
| **10:30-11:00** | ~ Coffee ~ |
| **11:00-12:00** | F.O.R.M. Keynote |
| **12:00-13:00** | ~ Lunch ~ |
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| **16:15-17:45** | Session E (Panels 9 & 10) |
| **17:45-18:15** | Closing Ceremony |

# Venue Information

## Location

F.O.R.M. will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Hotel, Cairo (however, as a hybrid event, delegates can also join the sessions online - see page 29).

The Grand Ballroom is on the first floor of the hotel.

## Registration

Formal registration will take place from 8:30-9:15 on the morning of the 26th of October. However, delegates will be able to register and collect their conference packs throughout the event.

The registration desk will be immediately outside the ballroom, in the main exhibition area.

## Refreshments

The registration fee includes coffees, snacks, lunches and the gala dinner. Please notify us in advance if you have any dietary requirements.

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# Day 1 Programme - 26ᵗʰ October

**WELCOME – 9:15-10:00**

**Dr. Emily Choynowski,** *Organiser, Forum for Open Research in MENA*

**Dr. Tarek Shawki,** *Egyptian Knowledge Bank*

**Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama,** *Association of Arab Universities*

**UNESCO KEYNOTE – 10:00-11:00**

**Dr. Abdulaziz Almuzaini,** *UNESCO*
"Open Science in the Arab Region: Opportunities and Challenges"

**~ COFFEE – 11:00-11:30 ~**

**UNESCO PANEL: UNESCO OPEN SCIENCE INITIATIVE – 11:30-13:00**

**Dr. Ezra Clark,** *UNESCO*
"Open Science Policies and Strategies"

**Dr. Yousef Torman,** *ASREN*
"Building Arabic Open Science Infrastructure"

**Dr. Nazar Hassan,** *UNESCO*
"Open Science Capacity Building Requirements for the Arab Region"

**~ LUNCH – 13:00-14:00 ~**

**SESSION A – 14:00-16:00**

**PANEL 1: Building Open Science Infrastructures in MENA**

**Dr. Mootaz N. Elnozahy,** *King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST)*
"A Balanced Assessment of Open Science in MENA"

**Ra'ed Al-Zoubi,** *Arab Research & Education Network (ASREN), Jordan University of Science and Technology*
"Towards a FAIR Compliant Commons in the ASREN Region – EOSC/ASREN Partnership"

**Dr. Sherif K. Shaheen,** *Misr University for Science & Technology*
"Egypt's vision towards Open Science: A content analysis study for published information sources"

**Dr. Alwaleed Alkhaja,** *Qatar National Library*
"Using Agile Methods to Navigate Complex Publisher Open Access Workflows: The Case of the Qatar National Library Open Access Fund"

**PANEL 2: Opening Scholarly Communications in MENA**

**Amina Itani and Mariam Al Jaberi,** *United Arab Emirates University*
"The Transition from a Teaching to a Research-Led Institution: The New Role of UAEU Libraries"

**Dr. Rabab Almuqahwi,** *Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (Bahrain)*
"Supporting the Global Visibility and Accessibility of the Arab Language"

**Dr. Yrjo Lappalainen,** *Zayed University Library & Learning Commons*
"Establishing and Supporting Open Research Practices at Zayed University (ZU), UAE"

**Khalid Shaalan,** *Elsevier*
"Partnering to Empower Knowledge: How Elsevier Supports Open Science & Open Access"

**~ COFFEE – 16:00-16:30 ~**

## SESSION B – 16:30-18:30

### PANEL 3: Open Science Capacity Building in MENA: Plans and Policies

**Dr. Asmaa Alfadala,** *WISE*
"Education Reimagined: Leadership for Transformation"

**Dr. Batool Almarzouq,** *Honorary research fellow at the University of Liverpool, the lead of the Open Science community Saudi Arabia (OSCSA) and a Content Subject Matter Expert (SME) in NASA's Transform to Open Science (TOPS)*
"NASA's Transform to Open Science (TOPS): A Toolkit for Fostering Open Science Practices"

**Dr. Nada Jammoul Messaikeh and Reem Jamil Younis,** *Alliance Manchester Business School and UAE Ministry of Education*
"Open science in education sector research, how can Governments and H.E Institutions collaborate to promote relevance, accessibility, and sustainability of research endeavors?"

**Dr. Tosin Ekundayo,** *Synergy University Dubai*
"Open Data: A National Data Governance Strategy for Open Science and Economic Development"

### PANEL 4: Moving Online and Opening Up: Communities and Communications (ONLINE)

**Tom Mosterd,** *OAPEN*
"Scholarly Communications is Amidst a Transition to Open Science"

**Nabil Ksibi and Paloma Marín-Arraiza,** *ORCiD*
"Communities of Practice, Open Research Infrastructure, and ORCID"

**Johan Rooryck,** *cOAlition S*
"cOAlition S Projects and Initiatives to Support Open"

**Tiberius Ignat,** *Scientific Knowledge Services*
"Research Integrity and the Future of Scholarly Communication: Internet Trackers and Algorithmic Persuasion"

### ~ GALA DINNER – 20:00-22:30 ~

#### Presentations:

Dr. Emily Choynowski on the Forum for Open Research in MENA

Dr. Nazar Hassan on the new UNESCO Open Science Platform for the Arab Region

# Day 2 Programme - 27th October

## SESSION C – 9:00-10.30

### PANEL 5: Implementing Open Access Policies (ONLINE)

**Dr. Danny Kingsley,** *University of the Sunshine Coast*
"Considerations when developing and implementing an open access policy"

**Dr. Cable Green,** *Creative Commons*
"Model Open Access Policies: Shifting toward Diamond Open Access"

**Dr. Anne Terry Gilliland,** *University of North Carolina*
"Will new public access requirements for research funded by United States federal agencies have positive or negative consequences for open access?"

### PANEL 6: Overcoming Challenges to Open Science in MENA

**Rania Abdelghani,** *Al Azar University*
"Obstacles to Open Research"

**Dr. Victorien Tamègnon Dougnon,** *University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin*
"Challenges of Predatory Academic Journals and Conferences for Open Science: Lessons learned from a multidisciplinary and a multicentric study"

**Hagar Hussein Ashour and Menna Bahloul Emam,** *Galala University*
"The effect of the researchers' Key Performance Indicators on scientific research outputs: Case Study, Galala University"

### ~ COFFEE – 10:30-11:00 ~

### F.O.R.M. KEYNOTE – 11:00-12:00

**His Excellency, Dr. Mohamed Ould Amar,** *Director General, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO)*
"ALECSO and Open Research"

### ~ LUNCH – 12:00-13:00 ~

## SESSION D – 13:00-14.30

### PANEL 7: Opening Publishing Infrastructures

**Dr. Kamel Belhamel,** *Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)*
"Diamond Open Access in Algeria"

**Amanda Stevens,** *Public Knowledge Project (PKP)*
"Beyond open access: Supporting diverse, equitable, and sustainable scholarly publishing with open infrastructure and Open Journal Systems (OJS)"

**Stephanie Dawson,** *Science Open*
"Preprints and open peer review: New workflows for Open Science"

### PANEL 8: Moving to Open – How to Get Mobilised and Why (ONLINE)

**Dr. Yousra Hamdaoui,** *Cape Town University*
"Is open access a panacea for Maghrebian research?"

**Prof. Ahmed Bawa,** *International Science Council Steering Group on the Future of Scientific Publishing*
"Mobilizing global action towards reforming scientific publishing: preprints as a pathway"

**Yvonne Campfens,** *OA Switchboard*
"OA Switchboard – a practical tool that thrives on collaboration"

### ~ COFFEE – 14:30-15:00 ~

### WORKSHOPS – 15:00-16:00

**Workshop 1:** EBSCO is Open for Research

**Workshop 2:** Use, re-use and collaboration: making open research a reality in the Middle East and North Africa.

### ~ COMFORT BREAK – 16:00-16:15 ~

## SESSION E – 16:15-17:45

### PANEL 9: Supporting Open Science

**Bakheet Beshtawy,** *Dubai Health Authority*
"Open Access Support for Healthcare Professionals: Dubai Health Authority Case"

**Kamran Kardan,** *Knowledge E*
"How can commercial businesses support open science?"

### PANEL 10: Engaging with Open Science: Practical Case Studies

**Ahmed Abdullah and Mohamed Sayed Ibrahim,** *Galala University*
"Open Source Software in Academic Libraries: Benefits & Service, Ghalala Case Study"

**Dr. Galina Kedrova,** *Lomonosov Moscow State University*
"Dissemination of the best practices of the use of open access scientific resources: the experience of Russian universities"

**Khalid Pasha,** *United Arab Emirates University*
"Evolution of metric system: gateway for Open Access Publications movement"

### CLOSING AND THANKS

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Sending a response message

Relaying the message

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# UNESCO Keynote

**Mr. Abdulaziz Almuzaini,**

Regional Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States,

Cluster Office for Egypt and Sudan and UNESCO Representative in Egypt.

Mr. Abdulaziz Almuzaini assumed his post as Regional Director of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States, Cluster Office for Egypt and Sudan and as UNESCO Representative in Egypt on 15 January 2022. Prior to his appointment to UNESCO Cairo Office, Mr. Almuzaini served as Chargé de Mission to the Director of the UNESCO Bureau of Strategic Planning in Paris since 16 September 2019. He was also assuming the functions of ad interim Chief of the Section for Donor Outreach and Resource Mobilization. In this capacity, he was in charge of mobilizing funds from partners with a particular focus on the Arab States region.

Mr. Almuzaini has extensive work experience in international fund mobilization and partnership. He held several high-level posts in the Saudi Fund for Development (Riyadh) from 1984 to 1996. He then served as an Adviser to the Saudi Ministry of Education on the utilization of communication and information technologies in distant education and learning, from 1996 to 1997.

From 1997 to 2011, he worked as Chief Executive Officer and Founder of several public and private companies including the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC, France). He served as the Counselor of Saudi Arabia in the national delegation to the World Trade Organization (Geneva) from 2009 to 2010.

Mr. Almuzaini joined UNESCO in 2011, as a Senior Advisor in the Office of the Director-General, where he contributed to the mobilization of resources and partnerships. On 1st July 2013, Mr. Almuzaini was appointed Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Geneva (Switzerland) and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva. He holds a Diplôme d'Etudes approfondies (1993) as well as a Ph. D. (1997) in Information and Communications from the Sorbonne University of Panthéon-Assas Paris II (France). He also obtained a Master's degree in Communications from the University of Quebec (Canada) in 1990.

# F.O.R.M. Keynote

**His Excellency, Dr. Mohamed Ould Amar,**

Director General, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO)

The Forum for Open Research is being held for the first time in Cairo in conjunction with the "Global Access Week" initiative, with the participation of academics, experts, stakeholders and developers of open source technology. The forum aims to launch a common thinking on issues related to open research, development, cooperation and partnership.

Within the framework of the responsibility entrusted to the Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization to advance scientific research in Arab countries, ALECSO has taken a number of initiatives, in the field of promoting open research. This keynote will explore some of the most significant, including:

- Organizing Forum for Free Access during the "International Free Access Week";

- Stimulating the enrichment of Arabic content in various scientific disciplines and fields;

- Encouraging the digitization of scientific, literary and cultural works, such as manuscripts, encyclopedias … etc, and making them available on open access platforms;

- Encouraging researchers to make their scientific publications available in accordance with the open access policy;

- Recommending the creation of comprehensive directories of available journals and repositories according to open access;

- Supporting the initiative to create an electronic platform that includes all Arab national libraries and all types of Arab libraries.

# Workshop 1

**Mari Bergeron,**
Senior Director of International Content Licensing, EBSCO

**Title:  EBSCO is OPEN for Research**

"Open" means more than open access.  EBSCO has a long history of supporting open access publishing.  EBSCO provides free resources such as GreenFile™ and EBSCO Essentials™, and we make scholarship accessible with EBSCO Open Dissertations™. At the same time, we support publishers as they transition from paid models to open models, and new tools help us to deliver the best versions of open access articles to researchers. Now we also support open development of tools for libraries including the FOLIO library services platform. Find out about the many ways EBSCO supports open access and open development of library solutions.

# Workshop 2

**Becky Hill,**
Strategic Partnership Manager, F1000

**Carolyn Kirby,**
Director of Open Research, Taylor & Francis

**Title: Use, re-use and collaboration: making open research a reality in the Middle East and North Africa.**

Open access publishing - and open research more broadly - expands the opportunities for researchers to share their research more widely and rapidly than ever before. By sharing work in more open and discoverable ways, researchers can build their networks and collaborations and be part of a more constructive, transparent and effective research culture and bring benefits to the whole research system.

Join Carolyn Kirby, Director of Open Research at Taylor & Francis, and Becky Hill, Strategic Partnership Manager at F1000, for an overview and discussion of how open research publishing practices can help researchers to enhance the discoverability and potential impact of their research. We will provide evidence of the growing appetite for open access publishing from across the region, and introduce a range of publishing options, spearheaded by F1000, to help enable open research. Focusing on publishing practices which place openness at their centre, including topics such as open data, diversity of research outputs and open community peer review, this session will bring together the evolution of the market landscape with applied experiences of open research publishing.

Session attendees will learn more about F1000 and its publishing approach, as well as being invited to ask questions, debate and share their views on all things open.

# Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner will take place at 20:00 in the Grand Ballroom.

At the start of the Gala Dinner there will be two important presentations.

First, a presentation from Dr. Emily Choynowski (Organiser of F.O.R.M.) regarding the launch of a cross-regional membership organisation to support the implementation of Open Science policies and practices at research institutions within the Middle East and North Africa.

This will be followed by a presentation from Nazar Hassan (Senior Science Specialist, UNESCO) concerning UNESCO's new Open Science platform for the Arab World.

# Online Access

This is a hybrid event, with in-person and online panels. In addition, there is online access for the whole event.

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# Our Speakers

**Rania Abdulghani**

Associate Professor, Al Azhar University

Rania Abdelghani, Associate Professor of Dermatology, Armed Forces College of Medicine and Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt. She is an Associate Alumni, Harvard Medical School (joined 2021) and Clinical Scholar, Egypt Clinical Scholar Research Training (ECSRT), Harvard Medical School (2020-BC). She is an Associate Editor in the *International Journal of Women's Dermatology*, active peer reviewer in 20+ international indexed journals (160+ reviews), internationally published (71 citations), H-index = 4 , i-10 index = 3 and Researcher. Life ambassador in Research Discovery. She is one of fewer than 50 highly influential citations according to Semantic Scholar, member in the European Association of Science Editors (EASE) and Association of the Study of Medical Education (ASME) and mentor in Web of Science Academy.

**Ahmed Abdullah Nasser**

Senior Library System Administrator, Galala University

Senior Library System Administrator at Galala University. Has 22 years of experience in library Science. Interested in the technology field and computer science. Achieved more than 10 projects in the library systems industry. Also, has 7 scientific research papers in the field of Information Technology.
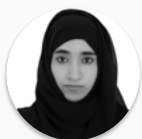
**Mariam Al Jaberi**

Unit Head of Digital Services, United Arab Emirates University

Mariam Al Jaberi is currently working as Head of Digital Library Service Section – UAE University Since 2018. Graduated in 2015 with Master in IT Management in College of IT in UAE University. Graduated in 2009 with bachelor degree in E-commerce track from College of IT - UAE University. The research topics she is interested in are cloud computing, data mining, knowledge management and Artificial Intelligence.

**Dr. Asmaa Alfadala**

Director of Research, World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE)

Dr. Asmaa Alfadala is the Director of Research at WISE. She is also a visiting fellow at Cambridge University. With over twenty five years of experience in K-12 education, higher education and policy development, she has served as policy writer at the governmental level, professor, author of books on leadership reform and board member on educational organizations. While carrying out her full-time position as Director of Research at WISE, Dr. Al Fadala has an advisory role in several organizations around the world, including Karanga, a global alliance for social – emotional learning and life skills, Hughes Hall Development Strategy Group at Cambridge University, Asia – Pacific Economic Cooperation and Qatar Academy Sidra School. Along with that, she has been a committee member in Greater Share, a philanthropic investment model that works with high impact NGOs and private equity funds. She is a board member at University of Doha for Science and Technology.

**Dr. Alwaleed K. Alkhaja**

Senior Intellectual Property Librarian, Qatar National Library

Alwaleed Alkhaja is the copyright librarian at Qatar National Library and leading the Library's open access program team. Before joining the Library, Alwaleed worked in open access publishing with QScience.com / HBKU Press. He holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the Göttingen / International Max Planck Research School and an MBA from the Alliance Manchester Business School. Alwaleed is passionate about a world where there are no barriers to research. When not thinking or talking about open access, Alwaleed enjoys photography.

## Dr. Batool Almarzouq
Founder, Open Science Community Saudi Arabia (OSCSA)

Batool Almarzouq is an honorary research fellow at the University of Liverpool and a computational biologist at King Abdullah International Medical Research Center (KAIMRC). She advocates for inclusive and collaborative community spaces to enable purposeful human-centred adoption of open research practices, tools and culture. She founded the Open Science community Saudi Arabia (OSCSA), which introduces and contextualise Open Science practices in Arabic-speaking countries. She is also a Content Subject Matter Expert (SME) in NASA's Transform to Open Science (TOPS). Batool is a committee member in the R-Ladies Global Team, which is a worldwide organisation that promotes gender diversity in the R community. She is also a core contributor to The Turing Way (UK), an open-source, community-driven guide to reproducible, ethical and collaborative data science.

## Dr. Rabab Almuqahwi
Arabic Languages Course Coordinator, RCSI Bahrain

Dr. Rabab Almuqahwi is an Arabic Language Programmes Coordinator and English Language Lecturer at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland- Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI-Bahrain). Dr. Rabab graduated from the University of Liverpool, UK, with a Doctorate Degree in Higher Education, specializing in Professional Education and Curriculum Development. Dr. Rabab is a Research Lead in her work Language and Culture Unit. She published research papers on language communication and teaching languages for specific professional purposes. The researcher is further interested in investigating the upcoming related issues to the international and the GCC higher education contexts to contribute to the development process of HE policies to align with the standards of the global higher education market. Additionally, Dr. Rabab is passionate about supporting the visibility and recognition of Arabic language research in the global research market by taking over some initiatives and sustainable projects in this field.

## Ra'ed Al-Zoubi
Library Director, Arab Research & Education Network (ASREN), Jordan University of Science and Technology

Ra'ed K. Al-Zoubi is the JUST Library Director (JUST is one of the distinguished universities in Jordan and the region). Ra'ed has more than 27 years of management/technical experience in ICT/IS/Libraries, during the last 12 years Ra'ed was dedicated to library services. Ra'ed is an active board member at CoE (Jordanian Libraries Consortium); he is the head of e-subscriptions and technical committees at CoE. In the last 3 years Ra'ed is working closely with ASREN and supports them in their projects and initiatives in the areas of Open Science, Open Access & Libraries.

## Menna Bahloul Emam
Specialist Librarian, Galala University

Specialist Librarian at Galala University. Dealing with research services. Has 6 years of experience in librarianship. Interested in the PR field and research management. Master's candidate at Cairo University. Libraries, Documentation & Information science department. The research filed is in Female-leaders in Library Science.

## Prof. Ahmed Bawa
CEO, USAF, Tokyo University

Ahmed Bawa is currently Visiting Professor at Tokyo College, Tokyo University, Japan, where his research focusses on changes in knowledge and their implications for the future of universities. He serves on a number of advisory boards such as the South African Institute of Distance Education, the Centre for the Aids Programme of Research of South Africa and the Higher Education Support Programme of the Open Society Foundation.

### Dr. Kamel Belhamel
Managing Editor, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

Kamel Belhamel is Professor of Chemistry, editor-in-chief of Algerian Journal of Natural Products and Director of the Laboratory of Organic Materials at the University of Bejaia in Algeria. He is author/co-author of several scientific papers in International Scientific Journals (ORCID ID: https://orcid.org/0000-0002-9099-8040). His scientific activities are focused on Open Access, Open Science and the Chemistry of Natural Products. He is the Ambassador and Managing Editor of DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) for the MENA region.

### Bakheet Beshtawy
Specialist Librarian, Medical Library, Dubai Health Authority

Bakheet Beshtawy has worked with the Dubai Health Authority since 2001. Along with the Library Team, he is responsible for managing and developing all the library electronic collections, services and training. His particular area of focus is Continuing Medical Education and Research, a key strategic objective for the Library. He also works with the Library's large electronic collection of primary resources (journals) from major publishers, and facilitates the provision of training and support in the Library.

### Yvonne Campfens
Founder, OA Switchboard

Yvonne Campfens holds a MSc Econometrics degree from University of Amsterdam, and has worked in academic publishing and related service sectors for almost 30 years (Elsevier, Swets Subscription Services, Springer Media, Springer Nature). She was involved in collaborative and workflow solutions like ASA model licenses (1999), ALPSP Learned Journal Collection (2004) and TRANSFER Code of Practice (2009). In 2018, she started her own consultancy business, and has been involved with OA Switchboard since 2019. In 2020 she was appointed Executive Director of Stichting ('foundation') OA Switchboard.

### Dr. Emily Choynowski
Organiser, Forum for Open Research in MENA (F.O.R.M.)

Emily Choynowski has ten years' experience in the commercial and academic publishing sectors, and currently works as Head of Publishing at Knowledge E. The move to Knowledge E reflects her enduring interest in academic research. Since gaining a PhD in English Literature from the University of Bristol in 2012, she has maintained strong ties within the academic community, publishing numerous articles and conference papers, and giving lectures at museums and universities around the world. In addition, she sits on the Editorial Boards of a leading literature journal and a university press.

### Dr. Ezra Clark
Policy and Capacity Building Division Director, UNESCO

Dr Ezra Clark is the Chief of Section for Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) and currently Director a.i. of the Division of Science Policy and Basic Science (PBS), in the Natural Sciences Sector of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Prior to this, Ezra worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in the field of ozone and climate under the Montreal Protocol. Ezra holds a PhD in Freshwater Ecology and Hydrology from Exeter University, United Kingdom.

### Stephanie Dawson
CEO, ScienceOpen

Stephanie Dawson, CEO ScienceOpen, grew up in northern California, studied Biology at Yale University and received a PhD in German Literature from the University of Washington. She spent over 10 years at the academic publisher De Gruyter in Berlin in the fields of biology and chemistry in both journals and book publishing. 2013 she joined ScienceOpen as managing director. With ScienceOpen she has been exploring scholarly communication in a digital environment, experimenting with open access publishing, discovery, preprints, open post-publication peer review, community curation, metadata enrichment, and alternative metrics.

**Dr. Victorien Dougnon**

Associate Professor, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin

Victorien Dougnon is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher in Microbiology at the Polytechnic School of Abomey-Calavi, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin. His research focuses on molecular microbiology, hygiene and public health. Specifically, he is involved in antimicrobial resistance research in Africa, applications of microbiological techniques to the resolution of development problems and exploration of Benin's flora for the treatment of infectious and non-communicable diseases. As a West African scientist, science diplomacy is also a topic close to his heart. He has established several strong scientific networks throughout the world in order to make Benin a better place to live with reduced burden of infectious diseases. Victorien is a founding member of the Research Unit in Applied Microbiology and Pharmacology of Natural Substances, at the Research Laboratory in Applied Biology, Polytechnic School of Abomey-Calavi, University of Abomey-Calavi. He is also the founding President of the Benin Young Academy of Science and the American Society for Microbiology Young Ambassador to Benin. Since 2016, he is a World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Young Affiliate and since 2020 he is a member of the Global Young Academy. As a young scientist, he experiences the damage caused by predatory journals and has organized conferences on this topic through the Benin Young Academy of Science.

**Dr. Tosin Ekundayo**

Assistant Professor, Synergy University Dubai

Tosin Ekundayo is a Dubai-based Assistant Professor with Synergy University Dubai. He doubles as an Adjunct Professor for Bathspa University (UK) — RAK campus and PPA Business School - France. He has authored/co-authored books and articles distributed in paperback and e-format across 100 cities. He is the founder of Data Governance Bureau Ltd, United Kingdom - a 2021 start-up organization, customizing data governance policies for businesses and states. He specializes in Data governance, Business and Economic development research.

**Dr. Cable Green**

Director of Open Knowledge, Creative Commons

Dr. Cable Green works with open education, science and research communities to leverage open licensing, content, practices and policies to expand equitable access and contributions to open knowledge. His work is focused on identifying complex problems (e.g., UN SDGs) where open knowledge is a critical part of the solution, and then opening that knowledge to help solve the problem. Cable is also a leading advocate for open licensing and procurement policies that ensure publicly funded education, science and research resources are freely and openly available to the public.

Cable has 25+ years of digital learning and open education experience and helped establish the: Open Course Library, Open Up Resources, OER Policy Registry, CC Certificate, CC Open Education Platform, Open Policy Network, Institute for Open Leadership, the Open Climate Campaign (to open up knowledge about climate change and biodiversity preservation), and multiple other initiatives. Cable holds a PhD in education psychology from Ohio State University, and enjoys motorcycling and skiing in the mountains with his family in Washington State.

**Dr. Yousra Hamdaoui**

Post-doctoral Fellow, Cape Town University

Yousra Hamdaoui holds a Phd in political science from the University of Settat (Morocco). She is interested in questions of security, governance, violent extremism, resilience and soft power in the Sahel region and North Africa. She has carried out research in Mali, Niger, Mauritania, Senegal and Morocco. She was in charge of communication and research at Movida/IPAR (Dakar). She is an associate researcher at the laboratoire d'analyse des sociétés et Pouvoirs (LASPAD) at the Gaston Berger University of Saint Louis (Senegal) and at the Center for Global Studies of the International University of Rabat (Morocco). Yousra is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for humanities in Africa (HUMA)-Cape Town university. She examines from a critical perspective the state of scholarly publishing and dissemination in North and arabophone Africa.

**Nazar Hassan**

Senior Science Specialist at Cairo, UNESCO

Dr. Nazar M. Hassan (b. 1964; Sudan) has been the Senior Science and Technology Advisor for the Arab States at UNESCO Regional Office for Sciences since 2009, where he has initiated several networks to build up the region's innovation and techno-preneurship culture. Dr. Hassan has substantively participated in policy dialogue in a number of countries to update/renew their Science Technology and Innovation policies (STI) and support their efforts toward sustainable development. Previously, he worked as Senior Economist in the Sustainable Development Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia. Dr. Hassan has also worked as a senior researcher in the area of systems optimization at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the United States between 1992 and 2003. Dr. Hassan has a number of published papers and reports in the area of strategic management for Sustainable Development. Dr. Hassan received his Master of Science in the area of renewable energy technologies, and his doctorate degree in Systems Optimization (Industrial Engineering), with a focus on Sustainable Energy Development (SED) from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the United States. In a few words, Mr. Hassan is an engineer by profession, a scientist, an inventor with a strong aptitude for global problems solving.

**Rebecca Hill**

Strategic Partnership Manager, F1000

Becky Hill is a Strategic Partnership Manager for F1000, with a focus on open research publishing partnerships with institutions and universities globally. Becky has worked in academic publishing since 2011, with prior roles in journal editorial and business development, largely in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Hagar Hussein Ashour**

Libraries Director, Galala University

Galala University Libraries Director has more than 17 years of experience in academic libraries in the Middle East region. a DBA candidate at Royal British College, London. MBA holder from South Wales University, UK. B.A from Cairo University. Current research field in Digital Transformation. Interested & internationally certified in strategic planning & management, and business sustainability in the educational field. Educational Consultant in several institutions.

**Tiberius Ignat**

Director, Knowledge Services

Tiberius Ignat is the Director of Scientific Knowledge Services, a company that specializes in helping research organisations to embrace new technologies and ways of working. He runs in partnership with UCL Press and LIBER Europe a successful series of workshops - Focus On Open Science, now in its 8th year. After being a long-time individual member of the European Association of Research Libraries (LIBER), he became a LIBER Associate through his company where he is now the vice-chair of LIBER Citizen Science Working Group. Tiberius is the co-chair of the Working Group "Citizen Science at University" at the European Citizen Science Association and a member of the Citizen Science Association (US). He is a member of the Scientific Committee for OAI, the CERN - Geneva University Workshop on open science. He was part of the organising committee of the Sorbonne Declaration on Research Data Rights and is currently doing research on internet tracking in a project which involves citizen scientists. Tiberius Ignat has a personal interest in research communication and open science, particularly in citizen science and how open science could remain protected against unethical technologies. He has a PhD in Library and Information Science from the University of Bucharest.

## Amina Itani

E-Resources Expert, Content & Scholarly Communication, United Arab Emirates University

Amina Itani began her library career in 1990 where she spent fifteen years working with the Australian Government tackling library automation projects in areas that were intensively research based. The other half of her career was in consultancy-sales roles in the publisher-vendor space starting with Thomson Reuters, then eLearning with Open Universities Australia promoting and developing online courses for the corporate and academic sector in the ANZ region.

In 2016, Amina pursued a career with EBSCO Australia as Regional Account Service Manager covering a portfolio of a hundred Australian and New Zealand Libraries providing best practice advice in Electronic Resource Management Systems, Workflow, Data Usage and Analytics. In October, 2019 Amina moved from Australia to assume the role as an E-Resources, Content, Scholarly Communications Expert with UAEU (United Arab Emirates University) Libraries Deanship and has been involved in strategic projects with Library system implementations like OCLC, Digital Commons institutional repository and the Pure research information system.

Amina has a Bachelor's of Mass Communication and Information Management, Lebanese University. A Graduate Certificate in Information and Knowledge Management, Edith Cowan University, Australia and is a Professional Associate Member of (ALIA) Australian Library and Information/ ALA - Association American Library Professional Member equivalent and also a board member with NDLTD — Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations.

## Reem Jamil Younis

Senior Specialist, UAE Ministry of Education

Reem Younis holds a Master's in Biotechnology Management and her 12 years of experience span the higher education, government, and healthcare sectors in the US and the Middle East. Reem is a grants manager by training, who set up two research offices in the Middle East. Her current role is as a senior specialist at the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Education's Department of Science, Technology & Scientific Research.

## Dr. Sherif K. Shaheen

Dean of Faculty of Special Education, Misr University for Science and Technology

Dr. Sherif Kamel Shaheen is a prominent friend of academic leadership and development. He is the current Dean of the Faculty of Special Education at Misr University for Science and Technology (MUST), as well as Acting Dean of Faculty of Arts at Cairo University. Dedicating his life to championing academic excellence within the Arab world, he was elected as Chairman of the Arab Council for the Arabic Citation Index (ARCI) Project and is a national advisor to the German Goethe-Institue in Cairo as of 2019. He was also the Secretary of the Permanent Scientific Committee for the Promotion of Professors and Assistant Professors in the Field of Archives and Libraries between 2019 and 2022.

Dr. Shaheen founded the New Central Library of Cairo University and was the former President of the General Authority of the National Library and Archives. Beginning his academic career in Egypt, he achieved the State Incentive Award in Social Sciences (Libraries and Information) in 2001, and in his more recent career was awarded the Sharjah Award for Library Literature in 2018. These awards are an acknowledgment of his academic contributions over the last 20 years, having published over 200 scholarly works during that period.

## Dr. Mohamed Kamal

Director of the Institute of Arab Research and Studies, and Professor of Political Science at Cairo University.

Dr. Mohamed Kamal is Director of the Institute of Arab Research and Studies, and Professor of Political Science at Cairo University. He also served as the Director of American Studies Center, and Center of Area Studies at Cairo University. He was a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Chicago. He was a former Congressional Fellow with the American Political Science Association. He obtained his PhD in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University (SAIS), and has several academic publications in Arabic and English. He writes weekly column for Al Masry Al Youm and Al Ahram newspapers.

### Kamran Kardan
CEO & Founder, Knowledge E

Kamran Robert Kardan is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Knowledge E. Founded in 2012, with the aim of providing unique, professional and high-quality services to the information professionals in the MENA region and beyond. Ten years later Knowledge E, is working with more than 200 organisations, published more than 7000 articles and has delivered over 600 high-impact workshops. Knowledge E recently launched Zendy, a product aimed to tackle the issue of discoverability and accessibility of scientific literature around the world.

Kamran holds an MSc in Marketing with a thesis on 'Open Access publishing business models' as well as an MBA from the University of Manchester with a dissertation on 'The application of Business Model Canvas in university research offices'.

Kamran has an interest in community development and started the Knowledge E Foundation, a community interest corporation focusing on supporting education and research-based projects across the globe.

### Dr. Galina Kedrova
Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University

Dr. Galina Kedrova graduated from the Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics of Faculty of Philology of Lomonosov Moscow State University (LMSU). Her major field of interest is Digital Humanities in general, and Computer Assisted Language Learning (Russian) in particular. As Director of the Centre of New Technologies in Humanities she is responsible for teaching faculty and post-doc students best practices in using digital scientific resources in research and education, organizing and providing focused training programs in the field.

### Dr. Danny Kingsley
Library Services Director, University of the Sunshine Coast

Dr Danny Kingsley is a thought leader in the international scholarly communication space. She is Director, Library Services at the University of the Sunshine Coast and Visiting Fellow at the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science. Between 2015-2019 Danny worked as the Deputy Director of Cambridge University Libraries. She established Open Access Australasia in 2013 and now sits on the Executive Committee. She completed her 2008 PhD on open access at Australian National University. She serves on the Australian Academies of Science National Committee for Data in Science, the Board of Directors of FORCE11.

### Carolyn Kirby
Director of Open Research, Taylor & Francis

Carolyn works within the Commercial Division at Taylor & Francis, in a global role focused on accelerating the open research programme. Carolyn works closely with HE libraries and consortia to understand their open research goals and to put in place agreements which are sustainable for both sides, including Transformative Agreements. An evolving area of focus has been assessing the impact of a large scale transformation of Taylor & Francis research to open, particularly within the humanities and social sciences. Carolyn also works closely with the F1000Research team and is a strong advocate for open research practices.

**Nabil Ksibi**
Engagement Lead, ORCiD

Nabil is responsible for fostering ORCID community adoption within the global direct members. As part of his responsibilities, Nabil supports ORCID members as they engage with ORCID to integrate different workflows and benefit from the ORCID API interoperability.

**Dr. Yrjo Lappalainen**
Assistant Professor and Data Services Librarian, Zayed University Library & Learning Commons

Yrjo Lappalainen is an Assistant Professor and Data Services Librarian at Zayed University Library and Learning Commons (Dubai, United Arab Emirates). He has a Master's degree in Information Studies and Interactive Media with wide-ranging experience in research information systems, repositories, scholarly communication, open science, research data management and research evaluation.

**Paloma Marín-Arraiza**
Engagement Manager, ORCiD

Paloma holds a degree in Physics, a master's degree in Scientific Information and Communication and a PhD in Information Science. Before joining ORCID, she worked with research outputs and persistent identifiers in different research libraries. At ORCID she works closely with consortia worldwide with a special focus in Europe and Latin America.

**Dr. Nada Jammoul Messaikeh**
Adjunct Faculty, Alliance Manchester Business School

Dr. Nada Jammoul Messaikeh is a consultant in higher education, a mentor, and an adjunct faculty at Alliance Manchester Business School. Her experience spans over three decades and sits at the intersection of Higher Education Management, Corporate Finance, and Audit and Advisory Services. Nada holds a Doctoral degree from the University of Manchester. Her research focuses on health system reform in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and the pivotal role of organisational culture to understand the human capital challenges facing this sector.

She is the former Associate Vice Provost for Research Administration and Financial Planning at New York University Abu Dhabi where she played an instrumental role in building the research infrastructure and negotiated and secured funding to support the expansion of the academic and research programs. In her previous roles, Nada served as a Finance and Administration Director at Abu Dhabi Education Council, Paris Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, and Abu Dhabi University, and senior audit Manager at Deloitte and Ernst & Young M.E. She is as a member of the Select Committee on Global Affairs at the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and a contributing editor of the NCURA magazine.

**Tom Mosterd**
Community Manager, OAPEN

Tom Mosterd is Community Manager at OAPEN and the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB). There, he is responsible for engaging its stakeholders around its open access book infrastructure and services. His primary focus is on working with its growing library community on further improving and developing its services, connecting these with the needs of the library community. Next to this, Tom is one of three coordinators of the Open Access Books Network (OABN) – an open and free space connecting anyone interested in open access books in the forms of events, news, discussions and useful resources.

**Dr. Mootaz N. Elnozahy**

Professor of Computer Science, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)

E.N. (Mootaz) Elnozahy is a Professor of Computer Science at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), where he previously served as special advisor to the president and dean of the Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Sciences and Engineering (CEMSE). Before joining KAUST in 2012, he spent 15 years at IBM Research where he was a Senior Manager and a Master Inventor, concurrently with being an Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. Before IBM, he was a Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University. His research interests include computing systems, and he has published in the areas of reliable computers, lower-power computing and performance.

Dr. Elnozahy is a Fellow of the U.S. National Academy of Inventors, a Fellow of the IEEE, a Fellow of the Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association, a former chair of the IEEE technical committee on dependable computing and a former chair of the IFIP 10.4 Working Group on Dependability. He received the Trailblazer Award from the University of Texas, and several awards from IBM including Master Inventor for life, Outstanding Technical Achievement Award (twice) and IBM President Award. Dr. Elnozahy obtained the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Computer Science from Rice University in 1990 and 1993, respectively.

**Khalid Pasha**

Librarian Specialist, United Arab Emirates University

Khalid Bilal Pasha is working as collection development librarian at United Arab Emirates University having 25 years of experience in Academic and public libraries. He also held many diverse roles which support the libraries progress. He was previously served Sharjah Public Library as a technical service librarian and coordinator of Sharjah Book Fair Foreign section. His area of interest includes bibliometrics studies and open access publications. Khalid holds post graduate degree in Library and Information Science.

**Johan Rooryck**

Executive Director, cOAlition S

Johan Rooryck is Executive Director of cOAlition S and the editor-in-chief of the Diamond Open Access journal Glossa: a journal of general linguistics since 2016. From 1999 to 2015, he was the executive editor of Lingua (Elsevier), when its Editorial Team and Board, as well as its reader and author community, decided to leave Lingua to found Glossa. He also is a founding member and president of the Fair Open Access Alliance (FOAA) and Linguistics in Open Access (LingOA). He is a member of the Academia Europaea, a doctor honoris causa of UiT – The Arctic University of Norway, and a visiting professor at Leiden University.

**Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama**

Secretary General, Association of Arab Universities

Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama is a Professor of Structural Engineering in Helwan University, Egypt. Dr. Amr Salama was the Counselor of The American University in Cairo. He was the focal point between the Egyptian Authorities and AUC Administration. Dr. Salama maintained excellent contacts with ministries, Egyptian universities and the Supreme Council of Universities to develop good relations with AUC and help implement the accreditation process for all AUC academic degrees. Dr. Amr is the Former Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt. He was also the Former member of the Shura Council (upper house of the parliament of Egypt) and head of its housing committee. Dr. Salama is the Chairman of the Management Engineering Society and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the President of the Executive Bureau of 57357 Foundation (Children Cancer Hospital). In addition, Dr. Salama is the Chairman of the Council of Housing and Building of Academy of Scientific Research and Technology. Formerly, Dr. Salama served as Chairman of the Housing and Building National Research Centre and President of Helwan University. Dr. Salama has worked as Professor of Civil Engineering and Chair of the University's Centre for Technology Development. He received the Excellency Award in 2006 and the State Award for Science in Engineering Science in 2012. He is a holder of PhD in Structural Engineering from Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh University, United Kingdom and his Master in Maritime Civil Engineering, from Manchester United Kingdom as well, and he earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from Cairo University.

### Mohamed Sayed Ibrahim
Senior Library Specialist, Galala University

Has 12 years of experience in Library Science. A hands-on professional experience in Open-Source Software for 5 years. Achieved more than 5 projects in educational systems. Interested in the technology field & professional training in library science.

### Khalid Shaalan
Research Solutions, Elsevier

Khalid Shaalan is the consultant for Elsevier core research solutions in Africa, responsible for capacity building and supporting researchers using ScienceDirect, Scopus, and Mendeley. Coming from a background in academia, Khalid worked on multiple roles in the British University in Egypt and Nile University as a teaching assistant, research engineer, and technology transfer officer. He graduated with honors from Cairo University Mechanical Design Engineering Program where he also received his Masters. In 2015, he joined Northwestern University in Illinois, USA on a Fulbright grant working on research funded by US DoE and in collaboration with Industry. Khalid is a co-founder ASME – Egypt Section as former vice-chair.

### Amanda Stevens
Associate Director of Publishing Services and Support |Public Knowledge Project (PKP)

Amanda Stevens is the Associate Director of Publishing Services for the Public Knowledge Project (PKP), an international research and development project that creates open source software for scholarly publishing, based out of Simon Fraser University in Canada. She manages PKP's journal and press hosting and support service and its community support services. With a Master of Library and Information Studies degree from Dalhousie University and forever a librarian at heart, she is passionate about learning and connecting people with information and resources.

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For around thirty years, I started my work as ICT specialist at highly reputable institutions in the sector of higher education and scientific research with focus on promoting and supporting the use of technology for developing and enhancing research and education.

I worked as a Director for the Computer Center at Jordan University of Science and Technology then he established worked as Executive Director of the Jordanian Universities Network (the official National Research and Education Network of Jordan). Since 2011 until now, I am working as the Managing Director of the Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) that works on establishing the pan Arab Dedicated research and education infrastructure network.

As a Managing Director for ASREN, my priority is to promote, facilitate and support Science Cooperation and joint activities through the provision of reliable e-Infrastructures with advanced research and educational services. All this with UN-SDGs and UNESCO's Open science Recommendations in mind.

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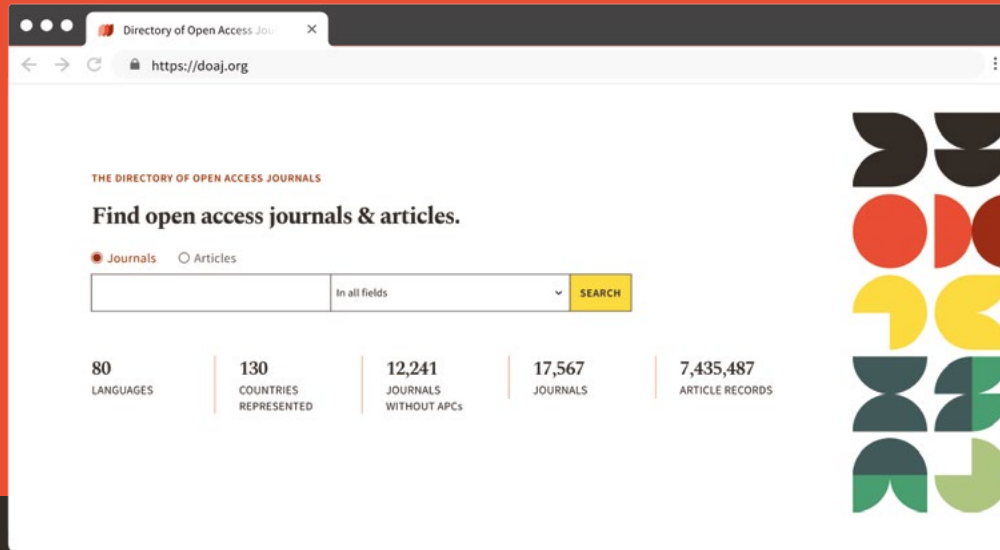


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Our vision is for a collaborative community which promotes the advancement of Open Research policies and practices across the region. Our goal is to help the evolution of strong, sustainable open research infrastructures in higher education institutions and research libraries.

Bringing together leading international experts and key regional stakeholders, **F.O.R.M.** encourages the exchange of actionable insights and facilitates the development of practical policies relating to Open Science.

In addition to our annual flagship Forum, **F.O.R.M.** members will also be able to attend our regular community development activities, including workshops from leading open-source solutions providers and webinars from open science experts, and make use of our library of practical guidelines, policy templates and other resources.

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To facilitate community collaboration and support our fellow Open Science enthusiasts during this event, we have created a discussion forum on the conference website. If you have questions or helpful suggestions related to Open Science policies and practices, visit the discussion forum to share your insights.

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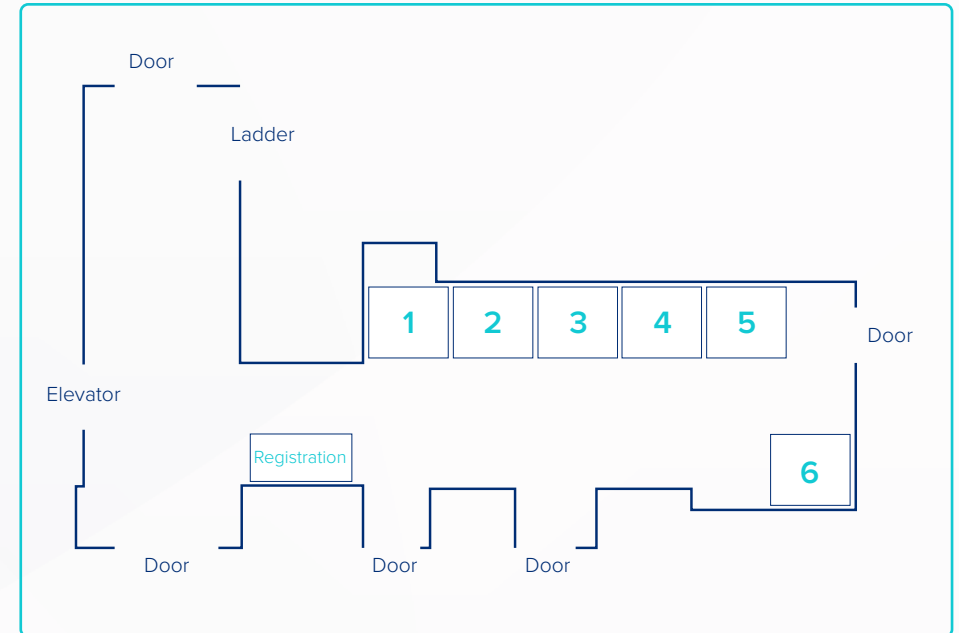**www.forumforopenresearch.com/forum**

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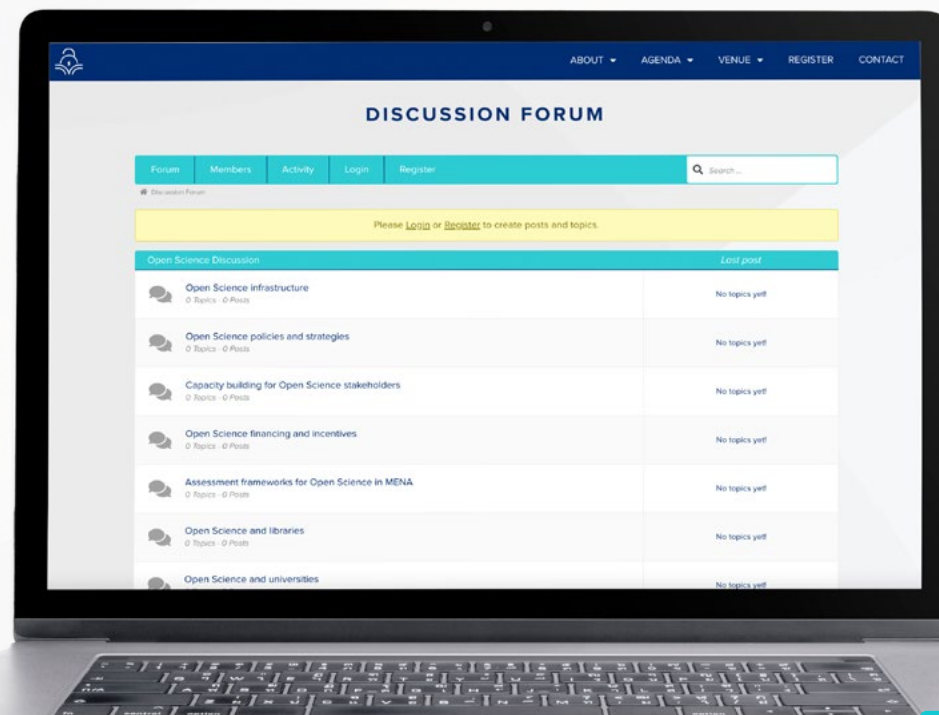
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## Think Check Submit

This is a collection of tools and practical resources designed to help researchers identify and avoid predatory publishers, promote the integrity of the scholarly communications ecosystem, and build trust in credible research and publications.

For more information visit: **www.thinkchecksubmit.org/**

## Think Check Attend

This Conference Checker allows researchers to evaluate conferences, recognise credibility markers, and identify and avoid predatory practitioners, and ensure valuable research is presented at legitimate events that will enhance their careers.

For more information visit: **www.thinkcheckattend.org/**

## OAPEN Toolkit

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## UCL Practical Guide to Open Science

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