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Welcome from the Organisers



Dear Delegates

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2nd Annual Forum for Open Research, on behalf of the Conference Organisers and Advisory Board.

This year's Forum deals with the important theme of Democratising Knowledge, specifically with regards to the development and implementation of Open Science policies and practices in research institutions and research communities across the Arab world. This region has the potential to spearhead the global transition towards truly sustainable research ecosystems, and our hope is that the ideas generated during this conference will help support this transformation.

Our schedule includes exciting keynote speakers and outstanding presentations from a long list of leading regional open science advocates. This event is only possible because of their willingness to share their knowledge and experiences. I, and my fellow organisers and board members, are hugely excited about the important thought-provoking discussions and presentations which will take place over the next few days – and we hope you will find them valuable and informative. I am sure we will all learn a great deal!

I also hope that everyone will take advantage of the various social and networking opportunities. As a hybrid event, with numerous online delegates joining from across the world, it is important to us that everyone can engage in collaborative discussions, so in addition to social events we have also created a dedicated Slack channel allowing all our delegates to exchange ideas and share their insights as the Annual Forum unfolds.

Thank you again for joining us – whether in-person or online. And I look forward to meeting you all!



Dr. Emily Choynowski
Director of Operations, FORM

Welcome from the Foundation



Dear Delegates

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome you all to the 2nd Annual Forum for Open Research on behalf of the Knowledge E Foundation.

When I established the Foundation back in 2012 I had a vision of a more knowledgeable world, and wanted to support education projects in all shapes and sizes, from building schools and providing scholarships to helping fund Open Science projects. The Foundation's initiatives have left a lasting positive impact on many countries around the world, including in Cambodia, Egypt, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Senegal, and the Arab region.

Developing and funding the Forum for Open Research as an independent project has been an important part of our focus over the past two years, and I am thrilled at the far-reaching impact we have already achieved across the Arab region, developing a network of over 2,000 individuals from over 70 countries.

I hope you will find the next few days exciting and informative as we exchange ideas, explore opportunities, and build valuable cross-regional partnerships. And please do feel free to stop me for a chat!

Yours Sincerely



Kamran Kardan

Founder, Knowledge E Foundation
CEO & Founder, Knowledge E

Welcome from Khalifa University



On behalf of Khalifa University of Science and Technology and our partners Knowledge E Foundation, I am delighted to welcome you to the second edition of the Forum for Open Research in MENA (F.O.R.M.).

In line with the event's theme 'Democratizing Knowledge: The evolution of Open Science research ecosystems and communities in the Arab World', Khalifa University proudly stands in support of open science research ecosystems and communities in the region. Placed against the backdrop of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to tackle inequality and injustice, Khalifa University is keen to contribute to further inspiring people worldwide to tackle inequality and injustice across every sector of the society.

As COP28 nears, it is similarly important that we raise awareness about the UN SDGs and their implications to living sustainably while preserving natural resources. At the same time, Khalifa University continues to play its role as a responsible higher education institution, implementing several sustainability initiatives, creating future leaders who will live sustainably and encouraging others to emulate.

I strongly believe this edition of F.O.R.M. will appropriately spotlight open science topics to increase visibility while fostering equal opportunities for all stakeholders, including innovators, scientists, policymakers, practitioners, clinicians, and the general public, to be able to view, cite, and share scientific work.

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About FORM

The **Forum for Open Research in MENA (FORM)** is a non-profit membership organisation supporting the advancement of Open Science policies and practices in research communities and institutions across the Arab region.

The Arab states have the resources and capability to play a pivotal role in the global transition towards more accessible, sustainable and inclusive research and education models. However, while many institutions and organisations are at the forefront of this change, there is a clear need for something more focused on the specific needs of research communities and research institutions just starting out on their journey towards openness.

Our focus is on empowering libraries, higher education institutions, research councils and policy makers to collaborate on activities, projects and resources that promote engagement with, and the generation of, open research. We seek to support all our stakeholder groups in the journey towards a more 'open' world by facilitating the exchange of actionable insights and the development of practical policies, and by encouraging the evolution of a strong cross-regional collaborative community.



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Become a Member of FORM

Becoming a member of FORM means becoming part of an international community of Arab researchers and research institutions, championing the advancement of Open Science policies and practices in your institution, and working in a shared direction for positive change and more sustainable and inclusive educational models.

Any research institution or research community based within the Arab region that wishes to support our mission and become a signatory of our principles can become a member. Non-profit organisations and non-profit solutions-providers working to support Open Science policies and practices can also become members. (Membership is free).

Joining us represents a public commitment to contribute actively and constructively to the advancement of Open Science within research institutions and research communities across the Arab World.

We hope you will join us, and together we can work towards a more ‘Open’ Arab Region and a more Knowledgeable World.

The Knowledge E Foundation

The Knowledge E Foundation is a community interest company that is constantly growing and intensifying its activities to contribute to more diverse causes and offer aid wherever possible. As the philanthropic arm of Knowledge E, the KnE Foundation tends to focus its efforts on funding education projects, building and renovating schools in remote areas around the world, contributing to disaster relief efforts, empowering research, and endorsing the movement towards Open Science.

The foundation's initiatives have left a lasting positive impact on many countries around the world, including in Cambodia, Egypt, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Senegal, and the region.









Day 1 - 22nd October

Saadiyat Rotana Hotel

18.00-20.00	Welcome Reception and Early Registration, sponsored by IEEE (hotel lawn)

Day 2 - 23rd October

Saadiyat Rotana Hotel

08.00-09.00	Registration and Coffee (hotel conference centre)
09.00-09.40	Welcome Ceremony (Almas Ballroom)
09.40-10.00	Keynote (Almas Ballroom)
10.00-10.40	~ Coffee ~
10.40-12.30	Building an Open Arab World: Regional Strategy Panel (Almas Ballroom)
12.30-14.15	~ Lunch ~ (Sim Sim Restaurant) and transport to Khalifa University

Khalifa University

14.30-16.00	Welcome and Keynote
16.00-16.30	~ Coffee ~
16.30-17.30	Leadership Panel: Achieving Openness in Higher Education
17.30-18.45	~ Drinks Reception and Tour of Khalifa's Body Museum ~
18.45	Transport back to hotel
19.00-21.00	Closed Strategy Session (by invitation only)

Day 3 - 24th October

Saadiyat Rotana Hotel

09.00-10.30	Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)
10.30-11.00	~ Coffee ~
11.00-12.30	Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)
12.30-14.00	~ Lunch ~ (Sim Sim Restaurant)
14.00-15.30	Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)
15.30-16.00	~ Coffee ~
16.00-17.30	Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)
17.30-17.45	~ Coffee ~
17.45-18.45	Keynote (Almas Ballroom)
18.45-19.00	Thanks & Acknowledgements
20.15-22.00	Gala Dinner (Almas Ballroom)

Day 4 - 25th October

Online Only

09.00-10.30	Parallel Panels (online)
10.30-11.00	~ Break ~
11.00-12.30	Parallel Panels (online)
12.30-14.00	~ Lunch ~
14.00-15.30	Parallel Panels (online)
15.30-16.00	~ Break ~
16.00-17.30	Parallel Panels (online)

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Venue Information

The 2023 Annual Forum will be held in two physical venues in Abu Dhabi, UAE, as well as online. FORM will host Welcome Drinks on the evening of the 22nd of October on The Lawn of Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas.

The scientific programme will begin at Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas on the morning of the 23rd of October. We will then provide transport to Khalifa University on the afternoon of the 23rd to all delegates joining us for the remaining sessions of the day in the Main Lecture Auditorium.

The sessions hosted on the 24th of October will all be held at Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas. However, as a hybrid event, delegates can also join the sessions online (see page 42).

Finally, all panels held on the 25th of October will be hosted completely online, and no physical viewing venue will be provided by FORM. You will be able to access all panels via the Zoom links shared with you via your email, or by scanning the QR code available on page 42, and log on using your device.

Registration

Formal registration will begin the evening of the 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm and will also be held on the morning of the 23rd from 8:00-8:45am. However, delegates will be able to register and collect their conference packs throughout the event.

There will be a registration desk placed at the lobby entrance and main entrance of the ballroom area of the hotel conference venue.

If you arrive late to the hotel venue on the 23rd and miss the bus transfer to Khalifa University, you will need to register and collect your badge from the Khalifa University registration desk, directly outside of the auditorium.

Transport Between Venues

FORM will be organizing appropriate transport for all delegates and speakers joining us at both Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas and Khalifa University. Buses will collect delegates and speakers after Lunch on the 23rd of October (around 1:30pm), and drop them off at Khalifa University.

Following the completion of the Khalifa University programme, the buses will then collect delegates and speakers and return them to the hotel venue, where they can return to their rooms, catch the shuttle back to the Beach Rotana Hotel, or drive home.

If you miss the bus transfer between venues, we recommend that you download the 'Careem' application, where you can then book affordable taxi services to and from both venues. Please find the relevant addresses below to input into the app:

- **Khalifa University, Shakhbout Bin Sultan St - Hadbat Al Za'faranah - Zone 1 - Abu Dhabi.**
- **Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas, Al Saadiyat Island - Abu Dhabi.**

Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas

Location

The 2023 Annual Forum will host its parallel sessions in the Emerald Meeting Room and the Almas Ballroom at Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas on the 23rd and 24th of October.

If you are staying at the hotel, you will be able to access the conference venue through the lobby on the Ground Floor (to the right of the main hotel entrance). There will be signage within the hotel to guide you to the Annual Forum.

If you are driving to the conference, you can access the conference venue directly through the ballroom parking, to the right of the hotel driveway (signage available to follow outside). The hotel offers both Valet parking options, as well as self-parking in the parking lot directly outside of the Almas ballroom hall.

Amenities & Facilities

The hotel has designated prayer rooms within the conference area and are clearly marked near the Lobby entrance of the venue.

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Lunch will be provided on the 23rd and 24th of October at Sim Sim restaurant, located on the 1st floor (signage will be provided to assist guests to the restaurant location).

Please note that while we will provide be hosting the Gala Dinner on the 24th of October as part of our programme, we will not be providing dinner on the 23rd of October.

Khalifa University

Location

The conference will be partially held at Khalifa University on the afternoon of the 23rd of October, in the Main Lecture Auditorium in Building E. While it is possible to drive to Khalifa University, please note that parking is extremely limited and as a result, we highly recommend that you leave your car parked at the Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas, and join us on the buses we will be providing to move all delegates and speakers over to the University campus.

If you must drive, please refer to our campus map on page 27, and make sure to account for the potential wait time of 30+ minutes to find a parking spot when planning your journey.

Once inside, there will be signage and a support team that will be able to guide you to the relevant lecture auditorium for the remainder of the sessions.

Dress Code

Please note that Khalifa University has a strict dress code policy that must be adhered to by all those affiliated with our event, including delegates, speakers, VIPs, and organisers. Emirati attendees must dress in traditional clothing (Abayas for women and Kandoras for men).

The following points must be observed regarding visitors' dress at the University campus:

Male Visitors Dress Code

- Male visitors must wear a shirt and long trousers/jeans. Shorts and sleeveless shirts must be avoided.
- Clothes displaying offensive/objectionable writings/drawings/pictures must be avoided.
- Visible tattoos and piercings must be avoided.

Female Visitors Dress Code

- Female visitors must dress conservatively wearing long-sleeved shirts/blouses with long and loose fitting skirts/slacks, or a long-sleeve loose fitting long dress.
- Shorts, short skirts and sleeveless/low-cut neckline shirts must be avoided.
- Clothing that is tight, transparent, or short and shows too much skin or exposes the waist, back, or legs must be avoided.
- Clothes displaying offensive/objectionable writings/drawings/pictures must be avoided.
- Visible tattoos and piercings must be avoided. This does not include generally acceptable items such as earrings and henna.

Social Activities

The 2023 Annual Programme has planned many networking opportunities for delegates and speakers, highlighted below:

Welcome Drinks at Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas:

The welcome drinks (non-alcoholic) will be hosted at Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas on the evening of the 22nd of October, between 6:00-8:00pm. All full-conference attendees will have complimentary access to this event, and be given the opportunity to network with our advisory board and fellow Open Science advocates from across the region.

Please note that if you have registered for a Day Pass, you will need to email your interest in attending the Welcome Drinks to us at contact@forumforopenresearch.com as this activity has limited seats available.

Drinks Reception at Khalifa University:

A drinks reception (non-alcoholic) will also be hosted at Khalifa University following the conclusion of our panel sessions on the evening of the 23rd of October.

This will include a complimentary tour of the Body Museum, a permanent exhibition that offers an unprecedented opportunity for everyone to learn about our bodies and be inspired to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

Gala Dinner:

The Gala Dinner will take place at 8pm on the 24th of October in the Almas Ballroom, located on the Ground Floor of Al Saadiyat Rotana Resorts & Villas.

There will be some important announcements regarding product launches and membership initiatives at the start of the dinner.

Please note that dinner will be served as a buffet, and so there will be several options to select from (meat, vegetarian, dairy-free, etc.). However, if you have any dietary requirements that you feel need to be flagged in advance, please email them to us at contact@forumforopenresearch.com.

Finally, if you have registered for the 23rd of October Day Pass, you will not be able to attend the Gala Dinner, as this social activity is a part of the full conference pass and 24th of October Day Pass packages only.

Contact Us

If you have any questions before, during, or after the 2023 Annual Forum, or wish to learn more about how you can support our initiative, please do not hesitate to contact us at contact@forumforopenresearch.com or joining our mailing list by scanning the QR code below.

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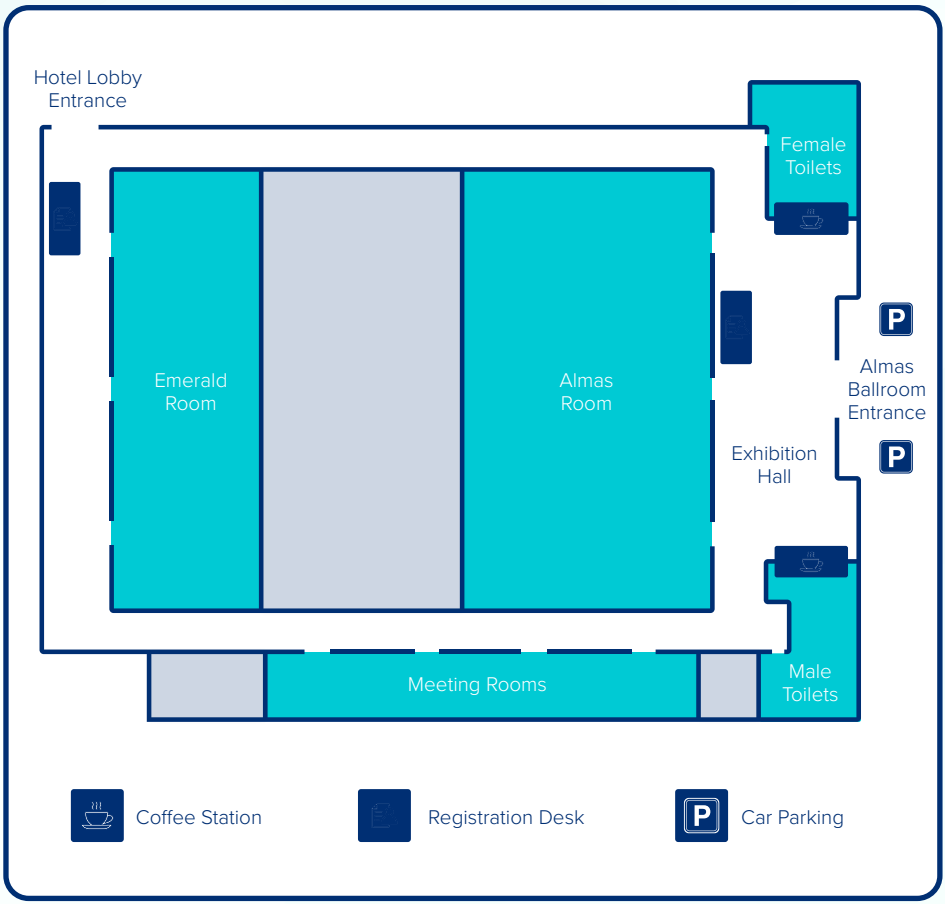

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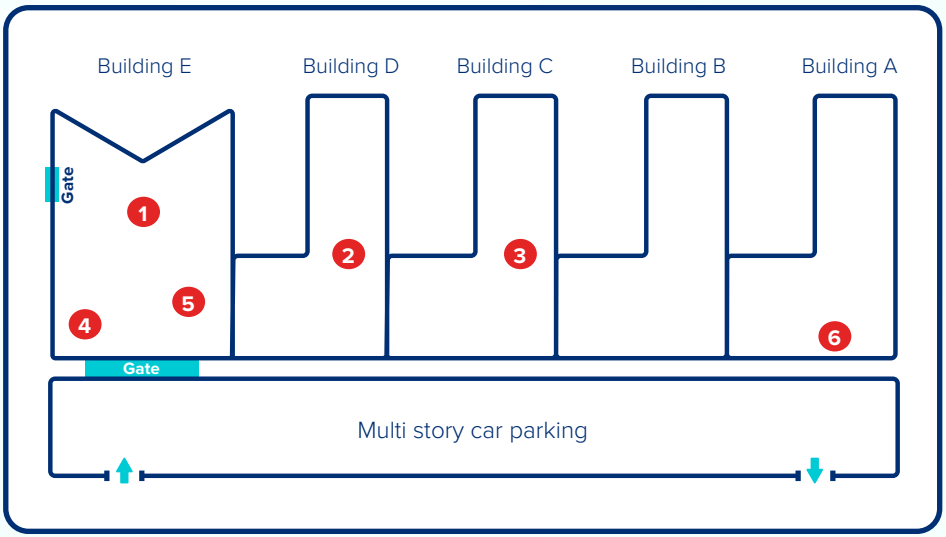

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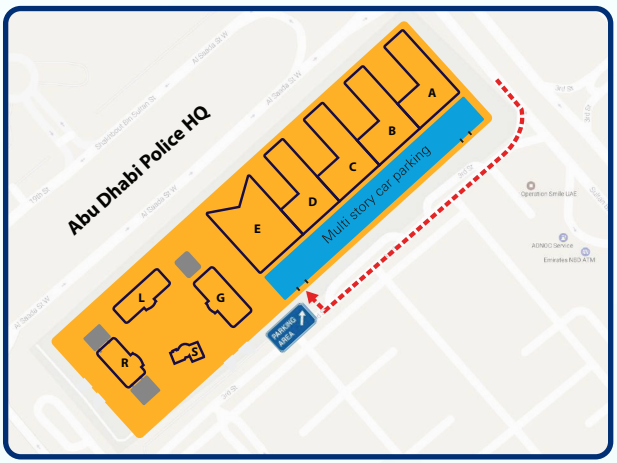
5. Prayer Room
6. Body Museum



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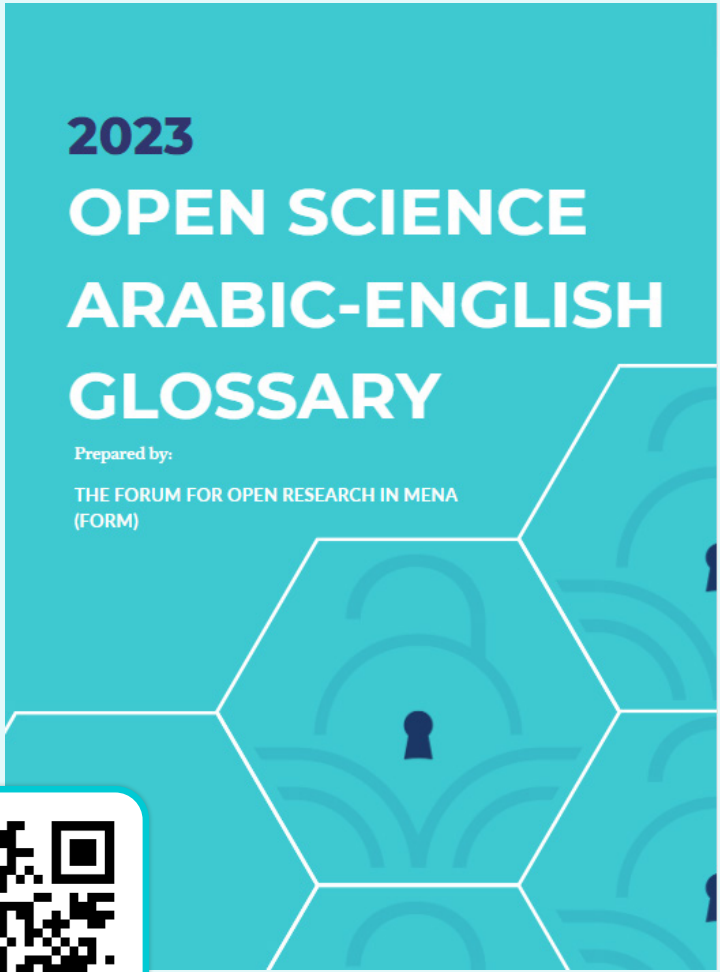

We have worked with a group of experts from across the Arab region to produce a short glossary of key Arabic terms relating to the application of Open Science policies and practises in higher education and research communities.

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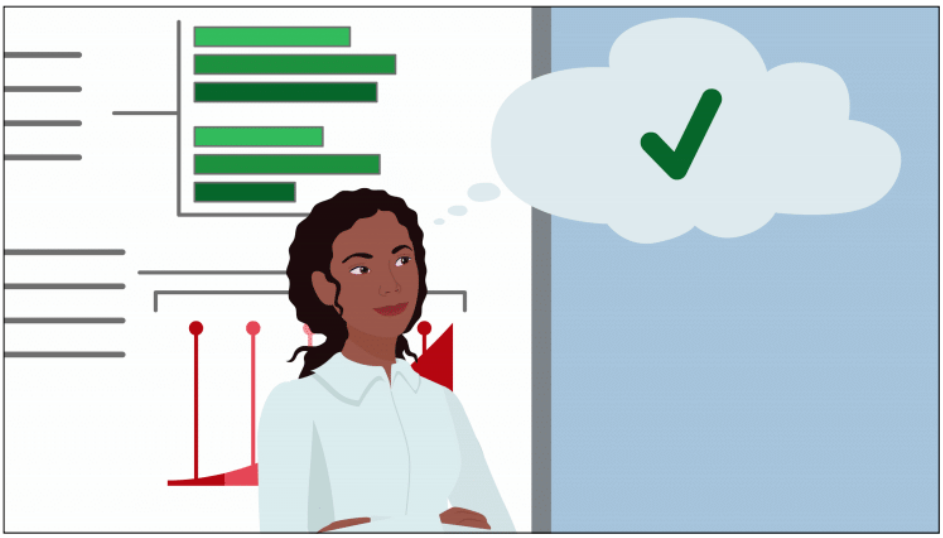

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23rd October

Saadiyat Rotana Hotel

08.00-09.00 – Registration and Coffee (hotel conference centre)

09.00-09.40 – Welcome Ceremony (Almas Ballroom)

- Kamran Kardan, Knowledge E Foundation
- HE Sheikh Salem bin Khaled Al-Qassimi, UAE Minister of Culture and Youth
- Dr. Salah Khaled, UNESCO
- Dr. Arif Sultan Al Hammadi, Khalifa University of Science and Technology

09.40-10.00 – Keynote (Almas Ballroom)

- HE Dr. Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi, UAE Minister of Education

10.00-10.40 – Coffee Break

10.40-12.30 – Building an Open Arab World: Regional Strategy Panel (Almas Ballroom)

Introduction to FORM Activities

- Dr. Emily Choynowski, (FORM)

Moderated Discussion

Chair: Dr. Yousef Torman (Arab Scientific Research & Education Network)

- Exc. Prof. Amr Ezzat Salama, Association of Arab Universities Egypt & Former Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Prof. Mahmoud Sakr, Egyptian Academy for Scientific Research and Technology
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- H.E. Prof Abdelmajid Benamara, Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils
- Dr. Hend Altair, Technology & Science Research Department of the UAE Ministry of Education

12.30-14.15 – Lunch at Sim Sim Restaurant and transport to Khalifa University

Khalifa University

2:30-2:45 – Welcome to Khalifa University

– Dr. Bayan Sharif, Provost at Khalifa University

2:45-3:00 – Khalifa's Open Access Case Study

– Walter Brian Hall, Khalifa University

3:00-4:00 – Keynote

Chair: Dr. Abdulla Al Hefeiti

– Dr. Salvatore Aricò, CEO of the International Science Council

16.00-16.30 – Coffee Break

16.30-17.30 – Leadership Panel: Achieving Openness in Higher Education

Chair: Heather Joseph (SPARC)

– Panelists: Leaders of key UAE educational and research institutions

17.30-18.45 – Drinks Reception and Tour of Khalifa's Body Museum

18.45 – Transport back to hotel

19.00-21.00 – Closed Strategy Session (by invitation only)

24th October

Saadiyat Rotana Hotel

09.00-10.30 – Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)

Panel A: How to be Open: Case studies from Arab Research Libraries

Almas Ballroom

Chair: Dr. Imad Bachir (American University of Iraq – Baghdad)

Empowering the Research Community, Inspiring Transformation and Supporting the Educational and Research Missions of UAEU: The UAEU Libraries Manifesto
– Ameneiha Itani, United Arab Emirates University (UAEU)

Read and Publish Open Access Agreements: The Case of Qatar National Library
– Dr. Alwaleed AlKhaja, Qatar National Library

Academic Libraries Role in the Open Science Era
– Raed Al-Zoubi, Jordan University of Science and Technology

Panel B: Believing in Open: Building Trust and Ensuring Research Integrity

Emerald Ballroom

Chair: Prof. Kamel Belhamel (DOAJ)

The Burden of Predatory Academic Journals and Conferences in Benin (West Africa): Deep Roots and Options to Promote Proper Open Science
– Dr. Victorien Dougnon, University of Abomey-Calavi

Research integrity: Can Open Science Publishing Help to Safeguard and Build Trust in Research?
– Carolyn Kirby, F1000

Benefits and (Sometimes Hidden) Costs of Open Science: Preparing for Problems and Mitigating Them
– Rick Anderson, Birgham Young University

10.30-11.00 – Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 - Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)

Panel C: Policies and Practises to Support the Transition to Open Science in Research

Emerald Ballroom

Chair: Dr. Rabab Almuqahwi (RCSI Bahrain)

Fostering Open Science in R&D: An Exploration of Research Funders' Role
- Nada Jammoul Messaikeh, Alliance Manchester Business School
- Reem Jamil Younis, R&D Consultant

Addressing the Elephant in the Room: Science Policy as a Driver of Open Science in the UAE
- Mohamed Boufarss, House of Wisdom

The Foundational Role of Open Access in Open Science: What Can be Done?
- Geoffrey Boulton, International Science Council
- Moumita Koley, International Science Council

Panel D: Supporting Sustainability: Developing Arab Open Science Ecosystems

Almas Ballroom

Chair: Ameneiha Itani (UAE University)

Driving Economic Knowledge Through Open Science in Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Batool Almarzouq, The Alan Turing Institute

Citation Impact of Open Access Publications by Scholars in the Middle East
- Nikesh Narayanan & Yrjo Lappalainan, Zayed University

Building and Sustaining Communities of Practice (CoP) in Arabic-Speaking Countries
- Haleama Al Sabbah, Abu Dhabi University

12.30-14.00 - Lunch (Sim Sim restaurant)

14.00-15.30 – Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)

Panel E: Academic Human Resource Building in the UAE – Moderated Discussion Panel

Emerald Ballroom

Chair: Dr. Tatiana Karabchuk (UAEU University)

- Dr. Mohammed Farid, TRENDS
- Prof. Glenn Muschert, Khalifa Univeristy
- Prof. Habibul Knondker, Zayed University
- Dr. Saad Ibrahim Yaaqeib, Abu Dhabi Department of Community Development
- Mrs. Aizhan Shomotova, Zayed University/UAE University
- Prof. Ali Shehadeh, College of Education, UAE University
- Prof. Bronwyn Wood, College of Business and Economics, UAE University

Panel F: Globalising Arab Research: Maximising Visibility and Accessibility with Open Science

Almas Ballroom

Chair: Dr. Batool Almarzouq (Turing Institute/OSCSA)

The Most Common Challenges to Arabic Translation and Localization; Current and Future Position of Arabic Scientific Research in the Era of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Existence of Open Access Research
– Dr. Rabab Almuqahwi, RCSI Bahrain

The Open Science in the Arab World: The Current Practices and Challenges
– Mohamed Salah Eldin Mohamed, Dubai Health Authority (DHA

Navigating Linguistic and Academic Tensions: Rethinking Language and Knowledge Production in Gulf Higher Education
– Jessica Maluch, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research

15.30-16.00 – Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 – Parallel Panels (Almas Ballroom and Emerald Ballroom)

Panel G: Open Data and Open Source: Benefits and Case Studies

Emerald Ballroom

Chair: Raed Al-Zoubi (Jordan University of Science & Technology)

Leveraging Big Data and Machine Learning to Enhance Open Data Quality: Insights for Developing Regions
– Rodrigo Pinto, Zendy

The Intersection of SciArt and Open Data: Communicating Climate Change Mitigation in the MENA Region
– Nada Al-Shammari, Higher Colleges of Technology

Open Source Software and OSPOs: The Connection between Open Science and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
– Sayeed Choudhury, Carnegie Mellon University

Panel H: Preprints and Publishing: Open Access Strategies and Developments

Almas Ballroom

Chair: Dr. Alwaleed Alkhaja (Qatar National Library)

Improving Open Access Workflows in Scholarly Communications with the Advent of Artificial Intelligence
– Prof. Kamel Behamel, Directory of Open Access Journals

Evaluating Institutional Repositories in Select Leading Arab Universities with Focus on literature about the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
– Dr. Imad Bachir, American University of Iraq – Baghdad

Institutional Repository: Opening Doors to Undergraduate Scholarship
– Tatiana Usova, Carnegie Mellon University

17.30-17.45 – Comfort Break

17.45-18.45 – Keynote (Almas Ballroom)

Chair: Kamran Kardan (Knowledge E Foundation)

Open Sharing of Knowledge for the Benefit of the Global Community
– Heather Joseph, Executive Director of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)

18.45-19.00 – Thanks & Acknowledgements

– Kamran Kardan (Knowledge E Foundation)

20.15 – 22.00 – Gala Dinner (including Announcements)

Announcements include:
Kris Zakrzewski (IEEE)
Prof. Kamel Behamel (DOAJ)
Kamran Kardan (Knowledge E Foundation)

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9.00-10.30 – Parallel Panels

Panel I: Strategies to Encourage Researcher Engagement with Open Access

Chair: Dr. Emily Choynowski (FORM)

Ensuring Engagement: Lifelong Learning Through OER
– Isaac Tabor, Knowledge E

A Tree for Every Research Article: The Company of Biologists' Commitment to Biodiversity and Sustainability
– Sarah Logan, The Company of Biologists

Opening the Open: Role of Article Processing Charges and Publication Fee in Opening Knowledge from Sub-Sahara Africa
– Alkasim Hamisu Abdu, Yusuf Maitama Sule University Kano

Panel J: Barriers to Openness: Challenges and solutions

Chair: Marlyn Davis

Conflicts in the Arab World and Challenges of Achieving Open Science and Democracy
– Ebtsam Abdullah

Overcoming Barriers to Realise Opportunities: Open Research in Economics Education in the Arab World
– Nick Sheppard & Salha Abdo, Leeds Knowledge Network

Capacity Building for Open Science Education in the UAE: An Examination of Perception and Integration Strategies
– Dr. Tosin Ekundayo, Synergy University Dubai

10.30-11.00 – Break

11.00-12.30 – Parallel Panels

Panel K: Opening up Around the World: Global Case Studies

Chair: Isaac Tabor (Knowledge E)

Are We Open Yet? Evaluating the Progress of One Library's Open Science Initiatives
– Jordan Bass, University of Manitoba

Education for Sustainable Development in the Arab World: Strategies for Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing
– Sosil Somokian, Box Hill College Kuwait

A Tale of Two Open Source Software in Libraries: Present and Future
– Mohit Garg, Indian Institute of Technology

Panel L: Decolonisation: How Open Science Benefits Everyone

Chair: Nahil Nassar (FORM)

Global Equity in Open Academic Book Publishing
– Dr. Danny Kingsley, OAPEN Foundation

Recalibrating the Scope of Scholarly Publishing: A Modest Step in a Vast Decolonization Process
– Saurabh Khanna, PKP

AfricArXiv – Increasing Discoverability of African Research Output
– Jo Havermann, AfrixArxiv

12.30-14.00 – Lunch

14.00-15.30 – Parallel Panels

Panel M: How Open are We? Regional Evaluations

Chair: Rasha Atia Kadri Ibrahim (Fatima College of Health Sciences)

Sustainable Development and Higher Education: Investigating the Impact of Open Science Ecosystems on Academic Communities in the Arab World
– Dr. Aftab Ara, College of Business Administration, University of Hail

Overview of the Current State of Open Science in the Arab world
– Ali Saleh Alkhabti, University of Business & Technology (UBT)

What is the Perspective for Open Sciences in the Reform of the Higher Education Ecosystem in Morocco?
– Elomari Driss, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University

Workshop – Identifying and Avoiding Predatory Journals and Conferences
– Dr. Emiy Choynowski (Knowledge E)

In this 1.5 hour workshop, Dr. Emily Choynowski (Head of Research Development and Dissemination at Knowledge E), will discuss how to identify these predatory publishers and predatory conference organisers, and give some useful tips on how to avoid them.

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Participants will gain valuable insights into how predatory publishers operate, and how to identify fake journals

Participants will discover the different types of predatory conference practises, and learn how to identify a fake event

15.30-16.00 – Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 – Parallel Panels

Panel N: Becoming open: Building Open Research communities

Chair: Dr. Emily Choynowski (FORM)

Open Science Community in Egypt initiative
- Doaa Abdelkader, British University in Egypt
- Yasmeen Ashraf, Cairo University
- Menna Bahloul Emam, Galala University

Building Sustainable Workplace Communities of Practices Across Diverse Multinational Contexts within the Arabian Gulf Region
- Anthonia Akhidenor-Bamidele, University of Technology Bahrain

Building and Sustaining Communities of Practice among Health Professions Educators of the MENA region
- Ciraj Ali Mohammed, National University of Science & Technology Oman

Panel O: Trusting the process: How to build trust in open science research

Chair: Prof. Abhilasha Singh (American University in the Emirates)

The role of ORCID in Laying the Foundation of Trust in Digital Research Information
- Nabil Ksibi, ORCID

Open Data: The role of Presentient Identifier (PIDs) in building a trusted and open research infrastructure in MENA
- Mohamad Mostafa, Datacite

The Research Nexus: A Rich and Reusable Open Network of Relationships of the Scholarly Record
- Johanssen Obanda, Crossref

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H.E. Sheikh Salem bin Khaled AlQassimi

His Excellency Sheikh Salem bin Khaled AlQassimi is the UAE Minister of Culture and Youth. He leads the Ministry's initiatives to enable a robust cultural and creative ecosystem in the country and ensure its sustainability and active contribution to the local economy. He is also the Permanent Delegate of the UAE to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Keynote Speakers



H.E. Dr. Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi

His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi is the UAE Minister of Education. He is also the Deputy Chairman of the Emirates Development Bank and the First Vice of the National Olympic Committee. In his time as the Minister of Education, he developed new policies for the sector and streamlined the work of higher education institutions to ensure quality outputs that match the requirements of the labour market.



Heather Joseph

Heather Joseph is the Executive Director of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), an international coalition of academic and research libraries promoting the open sharing of knowledge. Under her stewardship, SPARC has become the leading advocacy organization promoting innovative open and equitable global systems of research and education.



Dr. Salvatore Arico

Dr. Salvatore Aricò was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the International Science Council in January 2023. He has 30 years of scientific experience at the international and intergovernmental level including as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board and Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations University. Salvatore's knowledge and skills focus on the organization of large science endeavors and the brokerage between science and policy.

Welcome Addresses



Kamran Kardan

Kamran Robert Kardan is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Knowledge E, headquartered in Dubai. He founded Knowledge E in 2012, with the aim of providing unique, professional and high-quality services to information professionals in the Middle Eastern region and beyond. Kamran is also heading Knowledge E Networking Services based in Dubai as well as the Knowledge E Foundation and Knowledge E UK LTD, both based in the UK.



Dr. Salah Khaled

Dr. Salah Khaled is the Director of the UNESCO Doha Office for Gulf States and Yemen and the UNESCO representative to Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.



Dr. Arif Sultan Al Hammadi

Dr. Arif Sultan Al Hammadi is the Executive Vice-President of the Khalifa University of Science Technology. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Emirates College of Advanced Education, a Chair of the Steering Committee of the UAE Graduate Studies Research Conference and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the UAE Advanced Network for Research and Education.

Regional Strategy Panel



H.E Professor Abdelmajid Ben Amara

His Excellency Professor Abdelmajid Benamara is the Secretary General of the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils. He is a professor at the National School of Engineers, Monastir. He represents Tunisia in the PRIMA Foundation for the Mediterranean and the Permanent Committee for Scientific Research and Innovation in Arab Countries at the Arab Organization for Education, Culture, and Science.



Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama

Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama is a Professor of Structural Engineering in Helwan University, Egypt. As 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 in order to develop good relations with AUC and help implement the accreditation process for all AUC's academic degrees. Dr. Amr has also served as the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt.



Dr. Emily Choynowski

Emily Choynowski is Director of Operations for the Forum for Open Research in MENA, and Head of Publishing for Knowledge E. Emily has eight years' experience in the commercial publishing sector, working first as Editorial Manager and later as Head of Product and Marketing for two world-class macroeconomic research publishers, managing large publishing teams based across the globe.



Dr. Hend Altair

Dr. Hend Altair is the UAE Ministry of Education's Director of the Science, Technology and Scientific Research Department. She is passionate about advancing research and linking higher education institutions with national priorities and strategies.



Prof. Mahmoud Sakr

Professor Mahmoud M. Sakr is the President of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT), Egypt. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology and the Arab Journal of Science, Technology and Innovation Policies. He is also the Secretary General of the Arab Association of Biotechnology.



Prof. Seteney Shami

Seteney Shami is the founding Director-General of the Arab Council for the Social Sciences. Her research interests centre on issues of ethnicity and nationalism in the context of globalization, urban politics and state-building strategies, and population displacement and transnational mobility.



Dr. Yousef Torman

Dr. Yousef Torman is the Managing Director of the Arab States Research and Education Network. As a Managing Director for ASREN, his 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.



Dr. Nazar Hassan

Dr. Nazar Mohamed Hassan is the Senior Science and Technology Advisor for the Arab States at the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences. He has initiated several STI networks to build up the region's techno-preneurship culture. Formerly, he was a Senior Economist in sustainable energy at the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Other Speakers



Dr. Aftab Ara

Dr. Aftab Ara is an Asst. Professor,Course Coordinator and Academic Advisor at the University of Hail, Saudi Arabia in the Business and MIS Department where she strives to apply a systems approach and multidisciplinary techniques while tackling practical issues to implement effective solutions accordingly. She researches and writes about technology and business with the goal of creating a positive impact on the world.



Aizhan Shomotova

Aizhan Shomotova is a Faculty Instructor at the College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Zayed University, UAE. Her research interests focus on interdisciplinary studies, higher education, youth employment, labour studies, leadership development, student learning and engagement, career and skills development, gender studies, media, digitalization, and digital capital.



Dr. Ali Alkhabti

Ali Alkhabti has been working as a Vice President, Digital Services at University Of Business And Technology for 8 years. University Of Business And Technology is part of the Colleges & Universities industry, and located in Saudi Arabia.



Dr. Ali Shehadeh

Dr. Ali Shehadeh is a Professor of Applied Linguistics and TESOL in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, UAE University (UAEU). He is also the Coordinator of the Master of Education Program at UAEU. Dr. Shehadeh's research interests include second language acquisition, task-based language teaching and learning, L2 writing research and instruction and academic publishing.



Alkasim Hamisu Abdu

Alkasim Hamisu Abdu is the Coordinator of Branch Libraries at the Yusuf Maitama Sule University Kano-Nigeria. He had his BA in library science in 2003, now pursuing a PhD in library and information science all at Bayero University Kano. His major areas of research interest is scholarly communication and open education with keen interest in advocating for the use of OER in the Nigerian Educational.



Dr. Alwaleed Alkhaja

Alwaleed Alkhaja is a distinguished professional with a rich and diverse career spanning intellectual property, academic publishing, and research. Currently serving as the Head of Open Access and Copyright at Qatar National Library, Alwaleed has been in this role since January 2023, demonstrating remarkable leadership in facilitating open access initiatives. In his role, Alwaleed oversees the Open Access Program operations and outreach; he is also part of the team that launched Manara - Qatar's Research Repository in 2023.



Ameneiha Itani

Amina Itani is a seasoned information library and research professional. Her journey in the world of libraries and information began in Australia and New Zealand, where she honed her skills and expertise. Through her dedicated work and commitment to excellence, Amina established herself as a respected veteran in the library and publishing industry, recognized for her ability to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of information resources.



Dr. Anthonia Akhidenor-Bamidele

Ms. Anthonia Akhidenor-Bamidele is a faculty member in the Centre for General Education at the University of Technology Bahrain. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Modern Languages and Applied Linguistics at the University of Limerick, Ireland. Her research interests cover topics related to communities of practice, social inclusion, intercultural communication, workplace discourse, workplace language policy, multinationals and multilingualism, EME/EMI studies, and ESOL.



Dr. Batool Almarzouq

Dr. Batool Almarzouq is a is a computational biologist and advocate for open science. She currently holds the position of an honorary research fellow at the University of Liverpool and serves as a research project manager for AI for Multiple long terms conditions at the Alan Turing Institute. Batool's commitment to open science is evident in her leadership of the Open Science community Saudi Arabia (OSCSA) which aims to introduce and contextualize Open Science practices in Arabic-speaking countries. She also plays a pivotal role as a Content Subject Matter Expert in NASA's Transform to Open Science (TOPS) initiative.



Dr. Bayan Sharif

Dr. Bayan Sharif was appointed as the Dean of the College of Engineering at Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research (KUSTAR) in 2012 and subsequently in 2017 as Dean of the College of Engineering at Khalifa University. In 2018, he was also appointed as Acting Provost. Dr. Sharif's research interests are in digital communications with a focus on DSP algorithms for receiver structures and optimization of wireless networks.



Dr. Bronwyn Wood

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Carolyn Kirby

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Dr. Ciraj Ali Mohammed

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Dr. Danny Kingsley

Dr. Danny Kingsley is an Australian-based thought leader in the international scholarly communication space. She took up the position of Community Manager (Southern Hemisphere) at OAPEN in August 2023. She has consulted for multiple Australian universities since returning from the UK where she worked as the Deputy Director of Cambridge University Libraries from 2015-2019.



Ebtsam Abdullah

In 2017, Ebtsam graduated from Sana'a University with a degree in Political Science. Her academic journey has been distinguished by numerous published articles and research papers in the fields of Political Science and International Relations. She holds the position of a representative for the Yemeni Cancer Control Foundation in Turkey and also serves as a Coordinator at the International Youth Council (IYCY). Additionally, she has participated in several conferences related to climate issues and the environmental impact of international policies on our planet.



Prof. Driss Elomari

Driss Elomari is a Moroccan teacher-researcher born on 30/10/1981. specializes in the teaching of French as a foreign language (FLE) and educational engineering. He obtained a doctorate in educational engineering from Ibn Tofail University in Morocco, in collaboration with the University of Lorraine in France. As a teacher-researcher, Driss Elomari has participated in several research projects and published articles in scientific journals. His research focuses in particular on soft skills (transversal skills) at the Moroccan university and on distance teaching and learning systems.



Dr. Glenn Muschert

Dr. Glenn Muschert is a Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Khalifa University of Science and Technology, UAE. He has served as a research advisor to the Abu Dhabi Department of Community Development. He has been the Len Jessup Professor of Leadership and Organizational Change at Woxsen University, India. His research focuses on the metaverse, digital inequalities, sustainable development, and the ethical resolution of social problems.



Dr. Habibul Khondker

Habibul Haque Khondker, BA (Hons), (Dhaka); MA (Carleton, Ottawa); PhD (Pittsburgh) is Professor of Social Sciences at Zayed University, Abu Dhabi since 2006. Before joining Zayed University, he was an Associate Professor of sociology at the National University or Singapore. He held visiting positions at Institute of Development Studies, Hague, Columbia University, Cornell University, University of Pittsburgh, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, and the United Nations University, Tokyo.



Dr. Haleema Alsabah

Dr. Haleema Alsabah is an Associate Professor and Senior Public Health Nutrition Specialist at the Public Health Department, College of Health Sciences, Abu Dhabi University, UAE. Dr. Alsabah is the principal investigator and leader for several research grants, has published numerous number of articles in scientific peer-reviewed journals, and serves as a guest editor (e.g. Frontier in Nutrition and Frontier in Public Health), an editorial board member and reviewer for several well-known reputed peer-reviewed journals.



Dr. Imad Bachir

Dr. Imad Bachir has been the Dean of Libraries at the American University of Iraq-Baghdad (AUIB) since April 2021, and professor of Library and Information Studies at the Lebanese University. Since January 2019 he has been a member of the Scientific Council of the Higher Institute of Doctoral Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Lebanese University. He was also the Chair of the IFLA MENA Regional Division Committee from July 2021 until August 2023.



Isaac Tabor

As the Head of Digital Learning, Isaac provides expertise on best practices and current trends in digital learning and strategic oversight. He is developing a KnE digital learning environment that leverages our existing network of subject matter experts and vast experience in training delivery. Isaac has ten years of professional experience in digital learning and education development initiatives in the secondary and higher education sectors of the UAE, USA, Cambodia, and various other parts of South-East Asia.



Dr. Jessica Maluch

Jessica T. Maluch is the Director of Strategy, Research, and Impact at the Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research. She also serves on the advisory boards of Ras al Khaimah Medical and Health Sciences University's College of Nursing and Ras al Khaimah Academy. She is passionate about conducting research that positively impacts the children and education systems.



Dr. Jo Havermann

With a background in Evolution and Developmental Biology, Dr. Jo Havemann is a trainer and consultant in Open Scholarly Communication and Research Project Management and the founder at AfricArXiv. Her work experience covers NGOs, a science startup and international institutions including the UN Environment Programme. With a focus on digital tools for science and her label Access 2 Perspectives, she aims at strengthening global science communication in general – and with a regional focus on Africa – through Open Science.



Dr. Johanssen Obanda

Johanssen Obanda is the Community Engagement Manager at Crossref. He works with Crossref Ambassadors to effectively engage their communities and support Crossref's outreach initiatives. Obanda is passionate about building inclusive research ecosystems where researchers across the globe can easily access scientific knowledge.



Jordan Bass

Jordan Bass is the Coordinator for Research Services and Digital Strategies at the University of Manitoba Libraries. In this role he oversees the portfolios of research data management and open scholarship, as well as digital initiatives and projects in the libraries. Jordan is also a PhD candidate in history where his research focuses on the topics of digital inequities in First Nations communities and the history of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Manitoba.



Prof. Kamel Belhamel

Kamel Belhamel is Professor of Chemistry at the University of Bejaia in Algeria and Editor in chief of Algerian Journal of Natural Products. He is author/co-author of several scientific papers in International Scientific Journals. His scientific activities are focused on Open Access, Open Science and the chemistry of Natural Products. Actually, he is the Ambassador and Managing Editor of DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) for the MENA region.



Prof. Menna Bahloul Emam

Dealing with research services. Has 7 years of experience in librarianship. Interested in the PR field and research management. Master's candidate at Cairo University. Libraries, Documentation & Information science department. Master's candidate at Cairo University Faculty of Graduate Studies for Statistical Research. The research field is in Female-leaders in Library Science & Project Management Professional.



Mohamad Mostafa

Mohamad Mostafa joined DataCite in June 2023 as a Regional Engagement Specialist for the Middle East and Asia. He works with the community to build more openness and trust in scholarly infrastructure and supports emerging communities transition towards Open Research and implementing its principles. Mohamad has participated in launching the ORCID Arabic interface to the Arab world and served as a volunteer Crossref Ambassador for the MENA region.



Mohamed Boufarss

Mohamed Boufarss is the Head of Library Operations at the House of Wisdom in Sharjah. Prior to this position, he has worked in academic and government libraries both in Morocco and the UAE. His library career spans over 20 years in different capacities. Mohamed is currently in the final year of a PhD in Information Studies and Interactive Media at Tampere University with research investigating the scholarly communication landscape in the UAE and a focus on science policy and Open Access.



Dr. Mohamed Salah Eldin Mudawi

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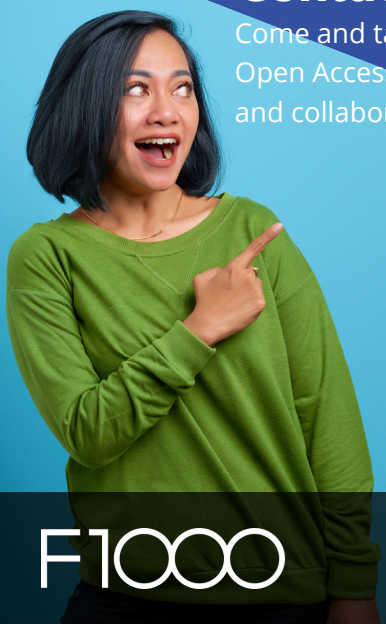

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- ☑ توصية اليونسكو بشأن العلم المفتوح
- ☑ مُقَدِّمَة حول توصية اليونسكو بشأن العلم المفتوح

مبادئ توجيهية

- ☑ بناء القدرات لنشر مفهوم العلم المفتوح
- ☑ إعداد ووضع السياسات اللازمة للعلم المفتوح
- ☑ مصادر تمويل العلم المفتوح
- ☑ تعزيز البنى الأساسية للعلم المفتوح للجميع
- ☐ مشاركة المجتمع في مبادرة العلم المفتوح
- ☐ تعزيز الأجهزة مفتوحة المصدر للتفاعل مع العلم المفتوح
- ☐ تمكين الصحافة لدعم التواصل العلمي المقترن بممارسات العلم المفتوح
- ☐ تعزيز الحوار المفتوح مع أنظمة معرفية أخرى

قوائم مرجعية

- ☑ قائمة مرجعية للجامعات في إطار تنفيذ توصية اليونسكو بشأن العلم المفتوح
- ☑ قائمة مرجعية لناشري العلم المفتوح في إطار تنفيذ توصية اليونسكو بشأن العلم المفتوح
- ☐ قائمة مرجعية لخطة العمل المؤسسية في إطار عمل العلم المفتوح

قوائم حقائق

- ☑ الإلمام بمفهوم العلم المفتوح
- ☑ تحديد المجلات والمؤتمرات الأكاديمية القائمة على الاستغلال
- ☐ نحو تحقيق نشر علمي مُنصِف
- ☐ مراعاة حقوق الملكية الفكرية في إطار مبادرة العلم المفتوح
- ☐ مجابهة التحديات التي تواجه تنفيذ مبادرة العلم المفتوح

فهارس:

يرجى مراجعة موقع اليونسكو للعلم المفتوح لمعرفة:

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- ☐ فهرس بناء القدرات لنشر مفهوم العلم المفتوح: https://www.unesco.org/en/open-science/capacity-building-index
- ☐ فهرس اليونسكو بشأن منصات تبادل المعرفة العلمية المفتوحة

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