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**5th
Annual Forum for Open Research
(2026)**

SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS

The Forum for Open Research in MENA

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 institutions and research communities throughout the Arab world, by facilitating the exchange of actionable insights and the development of practical policies.

A catalyst for positive action, we work with key stakeholders to develop and implement a pragmatic programme to facilitate the transition towards more accessible, inclusive and sustainable research and education models across the Arab world.

Our Goals



SUPPORT

The advancements of Open Science ecosystems in HEIs and RLs across Arab world.



CREATE

Accessible and localized resources relating to the implementation of Open Science policies and practises.



ENCOURAGE

Collaborative community partnerships and cooperation between members and partners of FORM.



CHAMPION

The development of RTL functionality in key open source and open science technological solutions.

Our Annual Forum

Bringing together leading international experts and key regional stakeholders, along with Open Science solutions and technology providers, the Annual Forum for Open Research facilitates the Arab world's transition towards more accessible, sustainable and inclusive research and education models.

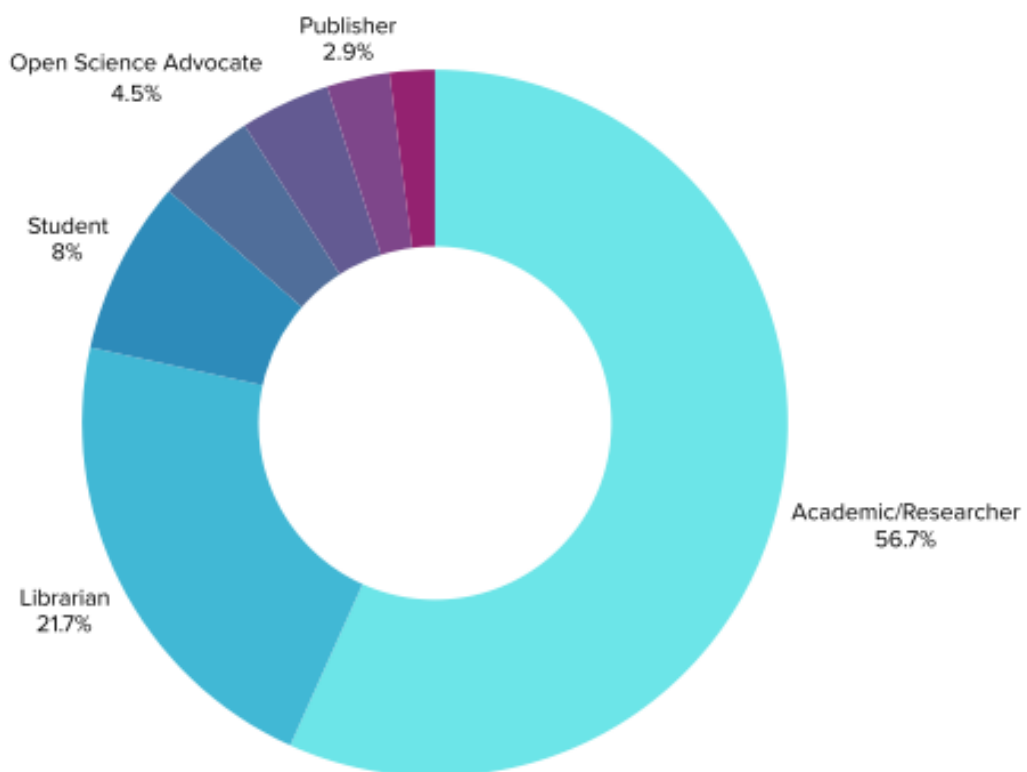
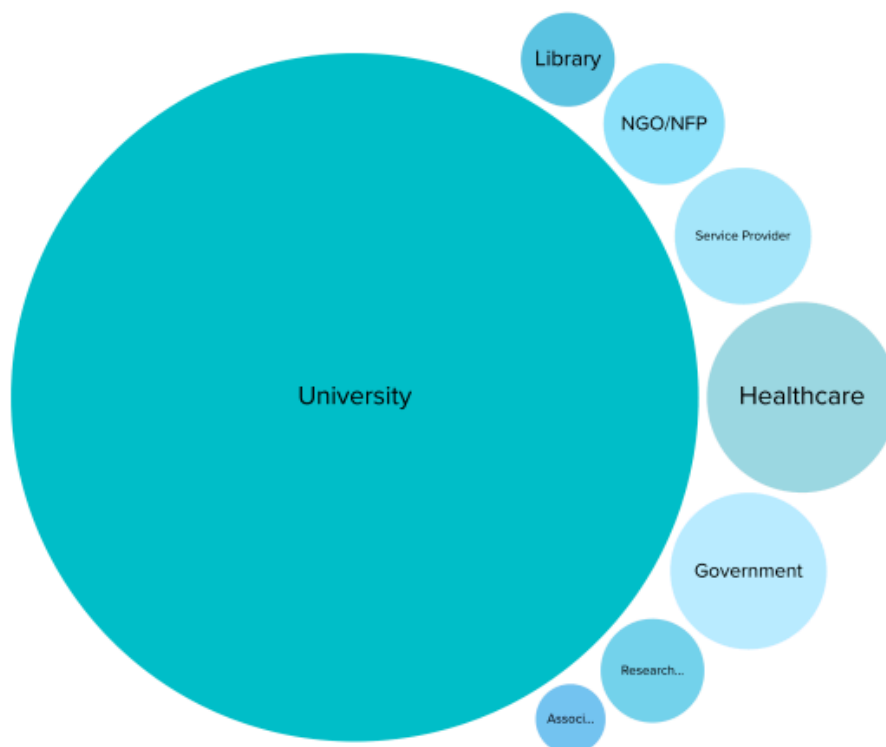
This annual event provides an opportunity for librarians, researchers, government policy makers and higher-education institutions (HEI) from all the Arab States to exchange ideas and start new cross-regional collaborations developing Open Science policies and infrastructures.

Each year the Annual Forum is hosted in a different Arab nation. So far we have collaborated with Host Partners in Egypt (the Egyptian Knowledge Bank), the UAE (Khalifa University, American University of Sharjah, and the Ministries of Education and Tourism & Culture), and Qatar (The Qatar National Library). Our patrons have included government ministries, the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), the Association of Arab Universities (AArU), and UNESCO.

The impact and prestige of our event has grown substantially each year, and our network of speakers, delegates and supporters now includes:

- **7,000** individuals from **1,300** institutions and organisations across the Arab World
- **20** Institutional Members from the region
- **14** Global Strategic Partners

Delegate Demographics



5th Annual Forum (2026)

The goal of this conference is to bring together **librarians, researchers, policy makers and university leaders**, to support the exchange of ideas, and facilitate the development of new collaborative communities and partnerships.

This year, in recognition of the geopolitical tensions, we will be having a fully online event to maximise accessibility. The event will be free, with no registration fees to ensure all stakeholders can attend, discuss their challenges, and exchange ideas.

This year we have chosen a special theme which we feel is particularly important for the Arab world (but will also resonate with research communities and open science advocacy groups across the globe) - **Resilience in Research: The Role of Open Science in the Arab World**.

This Annual Forum will look at the importance of open science policies and practices for countries in crisis, both regionally and globally. In particular, our community will discuss what resilience and autonomy mean in the open science movement during human made crises, the challenges of maintaining open policies and practices during times of crisis and the challenges associated with recovery and reconstruction. The event will also address the value of open science activities and outputs during these periods of upheaval and aftermath, the benefits provided by transparency, visibility, credibility, and accessibility.

The format of the symposium will be:

- A series of invited plenaries providing key insights and contexts from across the Arab world
- A round table discussion with major global open science organisations and infrastructure providers to discuss how these groups can better support countries in crisis in maintaining and rebuilding openness
- Multi-speaker panel presentations structured around key themes, with speakers sourced via an open Call for Papers

Why Sponsor the Annual Forum?

We have a limited number of exclusive sponsorship packages available to pre-selected commercial and educational organisations.

Sponsoring this event will allow your organisation to build brand awareness within key regional audiences and demographics, develop new strategic partnerships, and reinforce existing relationships.

Benefits of Sponsorship



Showcase your services and expertise to library, university and research council decision makers invited from all 22 Arab States, giving you an unparalleled opportunity to develop new strategic partnerships.



This particular event will attract significant regional and global attention, from press and policymakers as well as the research communities, and all our partners and supporters will benefit from that publicity.



The Annual Forum focuses on the latest developments and initiatives in Open Science for higher education institutions and research communities. Sponsoring this event strengthens your brand profile as a supporter of Open Science initiatives and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



Leverage marketing opportunities, with visibility on event website and in associated event collateral and marketing materials.

Conference Sponsorship Opportunities:

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: Translation Sponsor USD 3,000

Get widespread global recognition! Ensure the 5th Annual Forum can be as inclusive as possible and partner with us to sponsor live bilingual interpretation throughout the two-day event.

With your support we can provide translations AR-EN and EN-AR.

This Sponsorship Package includes:

- Recognition as the sole Translation Sponsor on all conference materials
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- Mention in the Welcome Ceremony and Holding slide for each session.
- 1 full page colour advert in the conference programme
- Mention in the Supporter of Open Science email announcement.
- Dedicated social media announcement on FORM LinkedIn
- Interview about your organisations activities supporting Open Science to be published on the FORM website, ensuring promotion beyond the Annual Forum

(Joint support for the Translation, with 2 organisations collaborating to fund this is also possible, if you have a collaboration in mind please send a joint proposal with your partner organisation).

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- Mention in the Supporter of Open Science email announcement
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- 1 full page colour advert in the conference programme
- Mention in the Welcome Ceremony

Gold Sponsorship Package

\$1,000

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- Mention in the Supporter of Open Science email announcement
- Social media announcement on FORM LinkedIn
- 1 half page colour advert in the conference programme
- Contribute a guest article about your organisation's support for Open Science which will be posted on our website and circulated to both conference delegates and the wider network
- Mention in the Welcome Ceremony

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- Mention in the Supporter of Open Science email announcement
- Dedicated social media announcement on FORM LinkedIn
- Mention in the Welcome Ceremony

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