

LIBSENSE - An African Framework for Sustainable Open Science

Pan-African Library-REN Collaborations around Open Science at the Institutional, National and Regional levels.

Goals:

- Support cultural change
- Provide technical support
- Build capacity
- Develop value-added services

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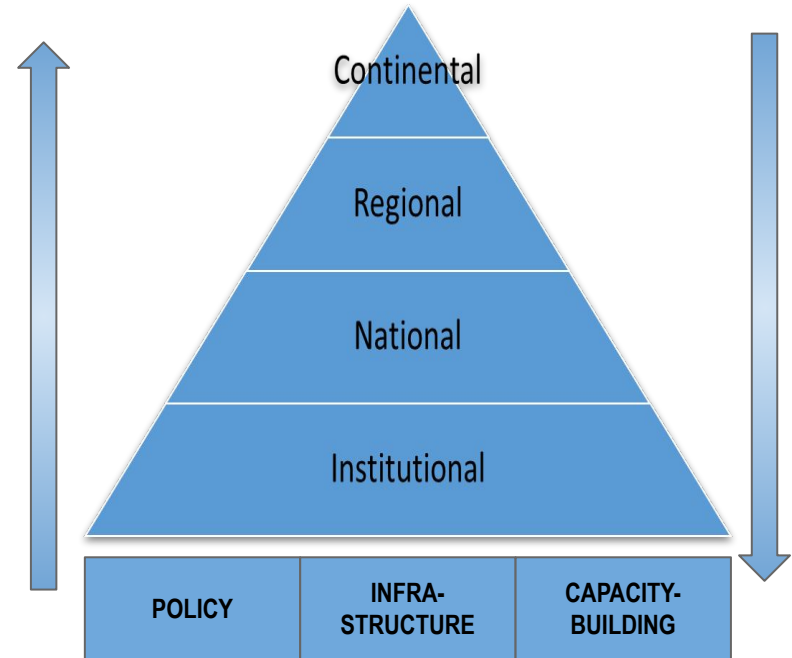
Strategy & Organisation

Overall Strategy:

- Building communities of practice
- Strengthening local and national services
- Bottom-up, distributed, heterogeneous
- Inclusive -
 - 3 Working languages, Arabic, English and French
 - Indigenous and traditional knowledge

Three Pillars:

- **Policy:** open science policies, governance and leadership
- **Infrastructure:** open access journals, repositories for publications and data and open discovery services
- **Capacity-building:** communities of practice and training



Strategic pillars and example activities/collaborations

- **Policy**

- Open Science Africa: Principles and Actions for Global Participation
- Roll-out of **national** Open Science roadmaps across the continent, ensuring African priorities are maintained
- Workshops aligning Open Science policy at the **regional** level leveraging regional HE associations
- Open Science policy development and implementation at the institutional level

- **Infrastructure**

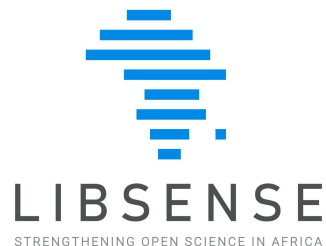
- Open Science services and platforms
 - National shared open access repository and publishing platforms - Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Uganda
 - Regional data platform for agriculture - collaboration with RUFORUM
 - Federated Identity platform for secure access - eduid.africa

- **Capacity Building**

- Strengthening African expertise and know-how in Open Science across Africa
- Regional workshops, knowledge building and sharing
 - Webinar series for OA journals editors and publishers
- Training and skills development for digital services specific to the institutional context
 - Early Career Open Science Researcher Programme

Aims of this webinar

- Raise awareness of LIBSENSE aspiration to support Open Science practices in Public Health in Africa
- Introduce the LIBSENSE - PublicHealth.Africa project and preliminary results
- Provide Open Access publishing advice
- Discuss collaboration on capacity building and an education programme to support practitioners



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