

# Setting the Context: Why Open Access Books Matter

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# Presentation Outline



- ☐ Academic Book Publishing and Open Access Models
- ☐ Why Open Access Matters
- ☐ Debunking Myths around Open Access
- ☐ APC Publishing Framework – adoption & implementation
- ☐ Future Directions

# Future Directions...

TETFund APCs, Bookhub, LIBSENSE ECRs, upcoming events.



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# Academic Publishing Centres (APC) in Nigeria

There are seven APCs and some university presses in the different zones of Nigeria managed by a Director or CEO.

1. APC North-Central Zone (FUT Minna)
2. APC North-East Zone (MAU Yola)
3. APC North-West Zone (UDUS Sokoto)
4. APC South-East Zone (NAU Awka)
5. APC South-South Zone (UNICAL Calabar)
6. APC South-West Zone (UNILAG Lagos)
7. APC UniAbuja (FCT, Abuja)

# University Presses in Nigeria

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Some university presses in Nigeria:

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UNIJOS Press

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ABU Press

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NOUN Press

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OAU Press

# APC Directors & Managers of University Press in Nigeria



**Professor Abdulsalami Kovo**  
Director, Academic Publishing Centre,  
FUT Minna



**Prof Manu Donga**  
APC Director,  
Modibbo Adama University, Yola



**Ahmad Ibrahim Jae**  
Managing Director,  
Ahmadu Bello University Press Ltd



**Sebastian Abel Sanke**  
General Manager/ CEO Jos University Press



**Professor Olubiye A. Adewale**  
Directorate of the NOUN Press



**Dr. (Mrs.) Mojisola Shodipe**  
Director, APC, University of Lagos (UNILAG)



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Director, Academic Publishing Centre, Usman  
Danfodiyo University, Sokoto

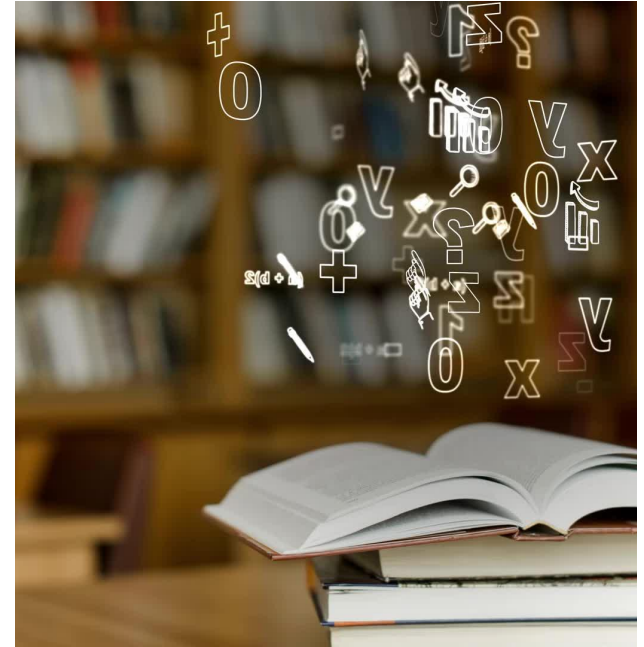


**Funminiyi Isaac OGUNDIPE**  
Manager, Obafemi Awolowo University Press, Ile-Ife (OAU PRESS)

# The BookHub Publishing Platform

- Our collaborative authoring workshop will show you how we hope to revolutionise academic publishing in Nigeria.

• **ANTICIPATE!**





# The LIBSENSE ECR Nigeria

- LIBSENSE is an initiative of WACREN aimed at advancing open science practices in Africa.
- The LIBSENSE ECR is a network of early career researchers from institutions in Nigeria that have come together to advance the adoption of open science practices and policies in Nigeria through their various advocacy and capacity-building programs.
- You can read about their activities here:

<https://libsense.ren.africa/ecr-nigeria>





# Upcoming Events



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- The FUTMinna APC plans to publish **18 open-access books by the end of 2025.**
- July - Co-host an authoring workshop with the UNILag APC to build capacity in OA scholarly book publishing among Nigerian scholars and librarians.
- October - Co-host a **National Stakeholder Conference** with APCs, Presses and other stakeholders.
- Work with TETFund TAG on manuscript development and publishing.
- Utilise the **APC Framework for Open Access Book Development in Nigeria** and collaborate with the LIBSENSE ECR Group to promote Open Academic Book Publishing.

# Thanks for Listening!

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# Academic Book Publishing



This is the production and dissemination of scholarly materials, including textbooks, research monographs, and reference texts, usually written by experts for an audience of students, researchers, and professionals.

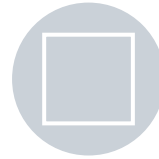


Key features of academic book publishing include peer review, global reach, specialised content, and unlimited access to academic content to promote knowledge sharing.

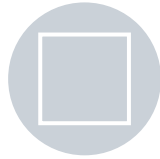
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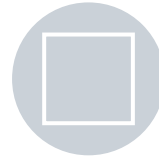
Limited Audience  
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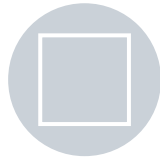
Inflexibility and  
Longer Lead Time  
(especially for  
updates or  
correction)



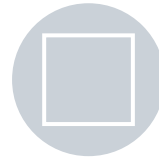
High Production and  
Distribution Costs



Environmental  
Impact



Limited Interactivity  
–(including  
thePeerReview  
Process)



Challenges in  
Measuring  
Effectiveness

These factors, among others, are leading publishers to explore digital book publishing options for easy access and wider reach.

# The Open Access Publishing



Open-access (book) publishing is a model that allows scholarly books to be freely accessible to the public.

This means that anyone can read, download, and share the content without any cost or subscription barriers.



“...as opened as possible and as closed as necessary”





# Why Open Access Matters

## WHY OPEN ACCESS?



### **Visibility and impact**

OA makes your research more widely and easily visible



### **Usage**

OA journal articles and manuscripts are viewed and cited more often



### **Collaboration**

OA fosters greater dialogue across disciplinary and geographical boundaries



### **Social Justice**

OA reduces inequalities in access to knowledge



# Open Access Publishing Models



## **Gold/APC-OA Publishing Model**

Institutions, funders, researchers pay Article/Book Processing Charges (APC/BPC) to have research outputs openly published with commercial publishers.

## **Diamond/No-fee/Non-APC OA Publishing Model**

Research-community driven and no APCs is paid by either the author or reader.

## **Green OA Publishing Model**

Researchers do not pay APCs but can share pre-peer reviewed manuscript (pre-print). Researchers do not own the final copyright, and readers must pay to read the final published version.

# OA Book Publishing: Debunking the MYTHS

OPEN  
ACCESS?



The most common factor hindering the adoption of OA book publishing is the **cultural resistance and myths** about open-access publishing.

- OA books are not peer-reviewed (**peer-review process is a major component of academic publishing**)
- Open access publishing means the end of print (**the need for coexistence with digital books due to users' preference, archival purposes or hybrid print-on-demand models**)
- Open access leads to lower quality and prestige (**more citations, more impact when it is open**).

# OA Book Publishing: Debunking the MYTHS

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- All open-access journals/books charge APC/BPC (**no charges to authors or readers in Diamond no-fee open access i.e., a community-driven publishing model**)
- Open-access publishing is not sustainable (**there are alternative sources of funding and sustainability e.g., the APC framework**)
- Open-access publishing increases plagiarism (**copyright and Creative Commons licenses applies**).

# APC Publishing Framework – adoption & implementation



## Academic Publishing Center (APC) Framework for OA Book Development in Nigeria



*A Sustainable, Community-Driven Publishing Model for Nigerian Higher Education*  
This framework expands on the FUTMinna APC BookHub project, and aligns with its commitment to advance academic publishing in Nigeria through open access and digital innovation.

### 1. Vision and Obj

#### Vision:

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high-quality, locally autho

#### Objectives:

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- Develop a non-con resources.
- Strengthen instituti commercial publi
- Support policy-driv research policies.
- Encourage multilin

### 5. Expected Outcomes

- ✓ A national OA publishing framework, reducing Nigeria's reliance on commercial publishing models.
- ✓ Significant growth in freely available academic materials, improving accessibility of research output.
- ✓ A self-sustaining OA book publishing network integrating universities, libraries, and funding bodies.
- ✓ More substantial institutional recognition for OA publishing, encouraging faculty participation.

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