

From Pilots to Policy – Building a National OA Book Framework

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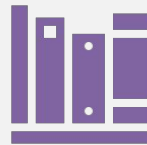
Setting the Stage



Nigeria's higher education depends heavily on imported textbooks



TETFund established APCs to strengthen local publishing



OA Books = visibility, affordability, and sovereignty in knowledge production



The Project



Fostering Academic
Self-Reliance in Nigeria
through Open Access Books



Led by APC FUTMinna with
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Builds on LIBSENSE OA
advocacy



Pilots collaborative authoring
with BookHub (Ketty-based)



26 OA books targeted across
disciplines

Technology Backbone

BookHub platform: open-source, collaborative, AI-assisted

Datasphir investment: funded Ketty web access feature – mobile-friendly book reading

Integration: digital archiving, PIDs (ARKs via WACREN, DOIs via Eko-Konnect)



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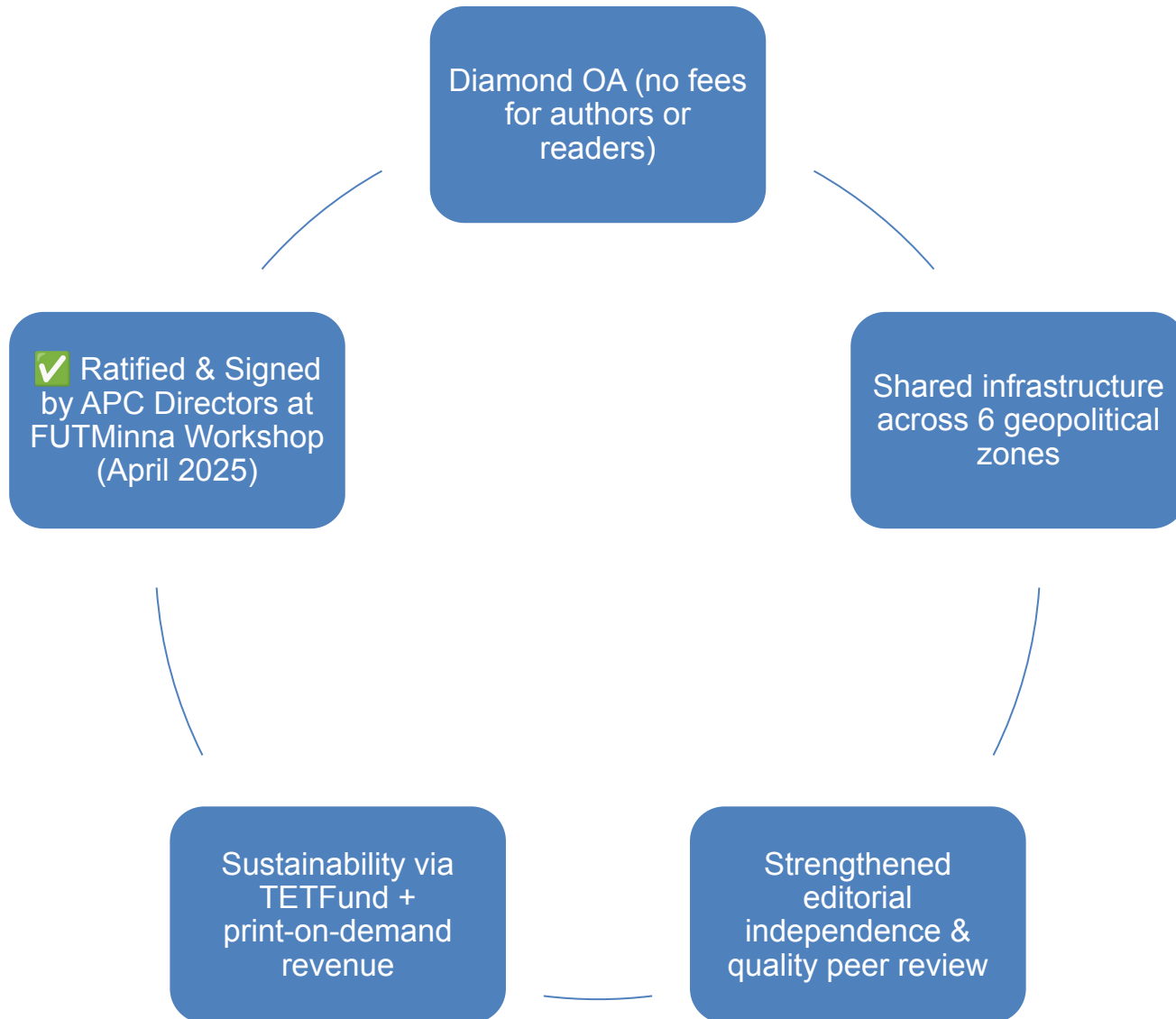


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The APC Framework



FUT Minna Pilot Case Study



First OA
Book
Workshop
(April 2025)
– 60
participants,
6 APCs
represented



Transition
from
closed-access
s print → OA
with
BookHub



5 OA books
already
published



Milestone:
APC
Framework
officially
adopted &
signed at this
workshop

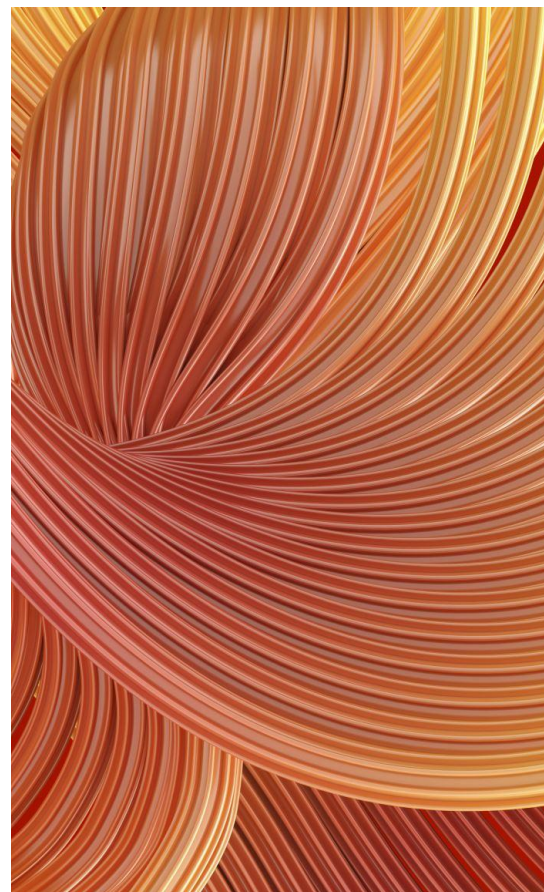
UNILAG Collaborative Authoring Pilot

South-West APC hosted regional workshop (July 2025)

Hands-on training: collaborative authoring, metadata, CC licensing

Produced draft OA books during workshop

Built community of practice among authors, librarians, early-career researchers



Outcomes of Pilots



Demonstrated feasibility of OA book publishing in Nigeria



Strengthened APC collaboration across zones



Debunked myths: OA = peer-reviewed, not end of print



Secured adoption of the APC Framework (signed by APC Directors)



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Towards National Framework



Consolidate APC pilots into a National OA Book Framework



Align with TETFund's TERAS discovery & archiving services



Formal integration with national repositories and global indexes.



National Stakeholder Summit (Oct 2025, NOUN Abuja) as launchpad

Call to Action

1

Endorse APC Framework as national policy for OA books

2

Fund APCs under a sustainable Diamond OA model

3

Archive OA books in TERAS for long-term discoverability

4

Position Nigeria as regional leader in Open Access academic publishing



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