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National Scholarly Publishing Infrastructure and the BookHub Lifecycle

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THE PROBLEM

Nigerian books are being written. They are not being found.

01

Published in isolation

Each press or department works alone, on its own tools and conventions.

02

Deposited by hand

Repository copies arrive late, incomplete, or not at all.

03

Identifiers in silos

DOIs and preservation IDs are assigned separately, so records drift apart.

04

Metadata retyped

Every catalogue and index needs the same details entered again.

The result: scholarship that is hard to see, hard to cite and hard to count, for rankings, for funders and for promotion.

WHY INFRASTRUCTURE

Visibility rests on unfashionable foundations

Identity

Who wrote it, and where they work. ORCID iDs, institutional IDs.

Identifiers

What it is, permanently. DOIs for citation, ARKs for preservation.

Preservation

Where it lives, for the long term. A trusted repository copy.

Metadata

How the world finds it. Open records that flow to global indexes.

No university should build these alone. Built once as national infrastructure, they are shared by every institution, author and press.

THE NATIONAL STACK

Six layers, community-owned, hosted in Nigeria

Policy and coordination	National Open Access Coordination Council, with NUC
Community and capacity	LIBSENSE · Academic Publishing Centres · libraries and university presses
Publishing platforms	**BookHub** for books · JournalHub for journals
Preservation	RUMBU shared repository, linking institutional repositories
Identifiers and discovery	Crossref DOIs · PIDsLink ARKs · ORCID · Thoth Open Metadata · DOAB
Network and hosting	Eko-Konnect and NgREN - national research and education infrastructure

HOW WE GOT HERE

From one pilot to a national programme

The pilot

FUTMinna

Open Book Collective–funded project pilots OA book workflows and builds BookHub.

July 2025

UNILAG

First collaborative authoring workshop, South-West edition.

October 2025

National Summit

Summit on OA Book Publishing recognises BookHub as shared national infrastructure.

2026

Coordination

National OA Coordination Council forms. BookHub extends to the regional Academic Publishing Centres.

Today

FUTO, Owerri

South-East edition, days after TETFund commissioned the zone’s Academic Publishing Centre at UNIZIK.

THE BOOKHUB LIFECYCLE

From manuscript to global discovery

1

Write

Collaborative authoring and structuring in BookHub

2

Review

Editorial and peer review against quality checkpoints

3

Publish

Open licence, DOI, and PDF, EPUB and web editions

4

Preserve

Deposit in RUMBU, ARK assigned for the long term

5

Discover

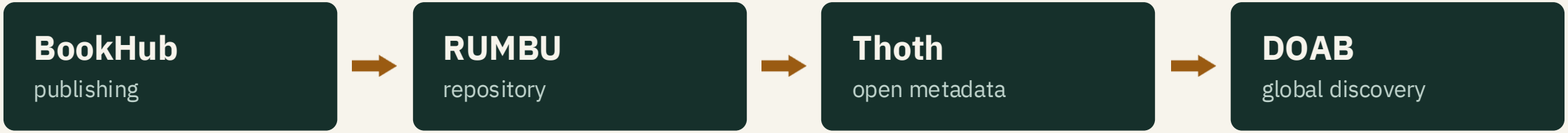
Metadata via Thoth to DOAB and library catalogues

Days 1 and 2 of this workshop

Day 3: understanding how BookHub gets your book here

BEHIND THE SCENES

Enter it once. The systems tell each other.



Message	From → to	What happens
Deposit requested	BookHub → RUMBU	Files and metadata sent for preservation
Record created, ARK assigned	RUMBU → BookHub	Book record enriched with its preservation ID
Dissemination ready	RUMBU → Thoth	Complete record released to DOAB and catalogues

Where we are heading: event messages on the open COAR Notify protocol, so no one retypes a record.

DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS

No fee to publish.
No fee to read.

Authors keep their rights

Open licences mean you retain copyright and choose how others reuse your work.

Costs are shared

Institutions and the community carry the infrastructure together, not the author.

Quality is not traded away

Peer review and editorial standards are the same as any reputable press.

WHAT THIS MEANS HERE

A role for everyone in the room

Authors

A clear route from manuscript to a citable book, listed worldwide and linked to your ORCID.

Library

FUTOSpace and library staff as the local anchor for metadata, licensing and preservation.

Research leadership

Visible, countable outputs for rankings, and a stronger case for TETFund and grant funding.

The South-East

The new APC at UNIZIK brings print capacity. This cohort brings authors, editors and reviewers.

THE NEXT THREE DAYS

You leave with a book in progress, not just notes

Day 1 · Foundations

Your BookHub project is set up

Account access, chapter structure and initial manuscript content in place.

Day 2 · Develop and review

Your manuscript moves forward

Substantive progress, editorial gaps identified and a clear revision plan.

Day 3 · Publication readiness

You know the road to publication

What metadata, licensing, ORCID and identifiers involve, how BookHub handles them, and your plan to finish.

Write it here.
Publish it openly.
Be found everywhere.

Thank you

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