

The LIBSENSE Initiative

Eko-Konnect Users Conference

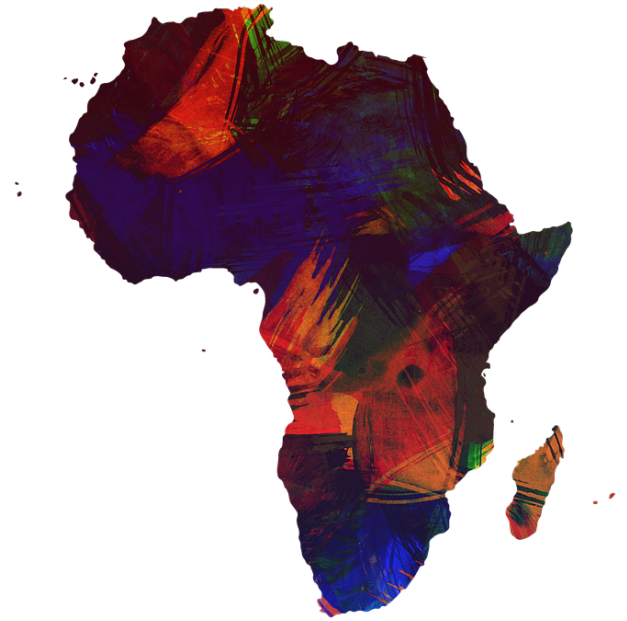
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What is LIBSENSE?

Building a community for open science in the African region(s) through library-NREN collaboration in order to:

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



Who is LIBSENSE?



And the entire open science community in Africa...

Three workshops

Zanzibar, Tanzania - November 2018, in conjunction with Ubuntunet

Accra, Ghana - March 2019, in conjunction with WACREN

Tunis, Tunisia - April 2019, in conjunction with ASREN

The reports from the workshops are available [here](#)



Outcomes of LIBSENSE activities to date:

- Mailing list
- Survey and focus groups in three region(s)
- Template ToRs for NREN-Library collaboration
- Metadata guidelines for data providers
- Metadata/data exchange model agreement

Most importantly, we now have a coherent NREN-Library community evolving!

Some key survey findings :

- Lack of OA policies at national level
- Institutional OAR development/operation and policy development below par
- Lack of sufficient funding for management of digital information resources.
- Insufficient support for expertise on digital skills and funding for digital repositories

Plans for LIBSENSE in AfricaConnect3:

- Establish framework for sustainable OA repository and journal development in Africa
- Pilot to host shared repositories and research data management platform
- Engage with free/low-cost content providers to improve access to publications and journals

Key LIBSENSE deliverables in AfricaConnect3:

- Consolidated results of LIBSENSE published and disseminated
- Community requirements and skills profiles
- Demonstrator sites for OAR/OAJ identified with action plans inclusive of content generation ideas.
- Policy Briefs and Guidelines for OAR/OAJ
- Federated identity management pilot for libraries with eduID.africa
- Training! Training!! Training!!!

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