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# **Collaboration for sustainable open access publishing in Africa**

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- EIFL, WACREN and AJOL will collaborate on a new **three-year project to support no-fee open access (OA) publishing in Africa** (diamond OA) that launches in November 2023 **to empower African diamond OA community of practice and offer cost-efficient, open, public, shared publishing infrastructures.**
- **Two open grant funding calls for proposals will be co-designed with you** to strengthen your quality diamond OA publishing services.
- **Costs and strategies for flipping APC-based journals to diamond OA will also be defined and sustainability models will be discussed** with journals and institutions supporting them.
- Researchers will have **more equitable access to OA publishing services.**
- Governments, funders and institutions will **streamline policy and funding decisions** on the national and continental levels.



- The project will help to **define and execute the workflows for funding diamond OA journals on institutional, national and African levels.**
- Now is the right moment to address and solve some of the ongoing issues and challenges, such as –
  - quality, balanced with the researchers' wish to publish within a short time and publishing timelines;**
  - compensation, incentives and motivations for editorial work and peer review** – e.g. recognizing editorial and review work in research assessment and promotion and paying journal editorial staff;
  - infrastructure and network issues;**
  - sustainability.**



# Community consultations

- What are essential diamond OA publishing initiatives in Sierra Leone? How are they funded now, who owns them and how are they governed?
- Do journals in Sierra Leone practice open science?
- What about editorial quality, editorial management, and research integrity?
- What about technical service efficiency?
- Visibility of OA journals in Sierra Leone and their Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policies?
- What are the challenges and funding needs/funding priorities?
- How could we support diamond OA publishing in Sierra Leone?



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**We would like to hear from you!**

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