

PROGRAMME 6th AfLIA CONFERENCE & 8th AFRICAN LIBRARY SUMMIT MONDAY 19TH - THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025, MERCURE HOTEL, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA THEME - OPEN KNOWLEDGE: PRESENT, FUTURE, AND AFRICAN REALITIES		
19th May 2025 - Pre-Conference Workshops 08.00 - 17.00		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figshare/AfLIA /TCC Open Data Management for African Librarians Workshop – [VIRTUAL] IFLA-SSA Pre-Conference - University of Namibia (UNAM) Video Conference Room: 10:00hrs- 12:00hrs AfLIA Council Meeting I (17.00 – 19.00) 		
DAY 1- TUESDAY- 20TH MAY 2025		
08.30- 11.30	OPENING OF CONFERENCE Chairperson: Dr. John Tsebe	
08.30 - 09.00 09.00 - 10.30	Guests and participants seated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Dignitaries & Chairperson Chairperson's Opening Remarks Welcome Address Keynote Address - Open Knowledge; Present, Future, and African Realities Opening of Conference by Guest of Honour Vote of Thanks Chairperson's Closing Remarks Photographs 	Dr. John Tsebe Prof. Rosemary Shafack, President of AfLIA Prof. Ellen Ndeshi Namhilla, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Admin. & Finance, University of Namibia. Honourable Dino Ballotti, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts & Culture.
10.30 - 11.15	Opening of Exhibition / Refreshment	

11.15 - 13.00	Session 1 - African Open Academic Data Facilitator: Dr Nkem Osuigwe MOHAMAD Mostafa, DataCite OLATUNBOSUN, Obileye, DataCite
11.15 -13.00	DataCite - Advancing Open Knowledge in Africa through Persistent Identifiers and Open Research Infrastructure
13.00 - 14.00	LUNCH
14.00-15.20	Session 2 - Whose Knowledge? Open practices, technology and African scholarship /Open research infrastructure in Africa / Open knowledge through Wikimedia projects: impact in Africa Facilitator: Dr. Chiku Mchombu
14.00-14.15	ADETORO, Salau Sadiat ; ADEGBILERO-IWALARI, Idowu ; EMEZIE, Amauche Nkeiru -Advancing Open Research Adoption in Nigeria: Assessment Reforms and Funders Mandates as catalysts of change"
14.15-14.30	NG'ANDWE, Euphrasia; MUTINTA, Nabuyanda; MATUKA, Chipemebele - Open Science and Scholarly Writing: Rethinking Traditional Journals - A Scoping Review
14.30-14.45	COBBLAH, Mac-Anthony and TACHIE-DONKOR, Gloria -Open Research Ecosystems in African Universities: A Catalyst for Innovation and Development – A Systematic Review (2000–2024)
14.45-15.00	ASHLEIGH, Harris and OBERST, Ursula - Linking Multilingual Open Data on African Literature and Culture with Wikidata: Experiences, Challenges, and Vision of the ALMEDA project
15.00-15.20	Discussions and Takeaways from the Session
15.20 – 18.00	Session 3 – UNESCO OER Recommendation and African Educational Systems Facilitator: Prof. Rosemary Shafack
15.20 – 15.50	Dr Mark HAHNEL , Founder of Figshare and VP for Open Research at Digital Science - African Open Academic Data and its potential for AI – Online Session
15.50- 16.00	Q&A

16.00- 16.15	OKEOMA C. Ezechukwu; OSUCHUKWU, P. Ngozi; USORO, P. Ima-M. - Adoption of Open Educational Resources in Nigerian federal universities: a hype, fad or farce?
16.15- 16.30	JIBRIL, Lynn and MOMOH, Omeiza Emmanuel - Advancing African Educational Systems: Leveraging UNESCO OER Recommendations for Sustainable Knowledge Access
16.30 -16.45	Discussions and Takeaways from the Session
16.45 -16.55	Time with Publisher - Britannica Education
17.00-17.10	Time with Publisher - Clarivate
17.15- 17.25	Time with Publisher - PressReader
17.30 – 17.40	Time with Publisher - Sabinet
17.45-17.55	Time with Publisher - Wiley
18.00	Closing
18.00-19.00	Cocktail Reception
	DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY- 21ST MAY 2025
09.00 -11.00	Session 4 – Sustainable Open Knowledge Communities of Practice (COP) in Africa Facilitator: Dr Helena Asamoah-Hassan
09.00 – 09.15	LELLIOTT, Tony - Towards a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Framework for Academic Librarians
09.15- 09.30	SITWALA, Melba K.; JOHANNES, Fredrika;; NAMPWEYA, Helena N. - Strengthening Collaborative Networks using Communities of Practice to enhance Information Professionals Knowledge and Skills.

09.30- 09.45	BENSON, Oyemike Victor; AMAECHI, Nkechi M.; UDENSI, Friday Iheke -Towards Repositioning of African Libraries for Effective Knowledge Management Practices through Community of Practices: issues, strategies and Challenges
09.45 -10.00	Lombe Tembo - Empowering Open Knowledge in Africa: ORCID's Global Participation Program and the Rise of Sustainable Communities of Practice [POSTER]
10.00 - 10.15	Discussion and Takeaways from the Session
10.15 - 10.25	Time with Publisher - EBSCO
10.30-10.40	Time with Publisher - CSX Customer Service & Edusol
10.45- 10.55	Time with Publisher - FCTEC
11.00 - 11.15	Tea Break/ Visit to the Exhibition
11.15- 13.00	Session 5 - Open Knowledge, Citizenship Education, Democracy, Good Governance / Open Knowledge and Intellectual Property Legislation in Africa Facilitator: Dr. MacAnthony Cobblah
11.15-11.30	WAGWU, Victor; OKPALA Angela Ebele; OKORO, Caroline A.; BABATOPE, Ihuoma Sandra - Open Knowledge, Citizenship Education, Democracy and Good Governance in Rivers State.
11.30 -11.45	KAPUNDA, Shaun Barlet; TJIMBUNDU, Jobackassa; KAMBAURUMA, Kathrine - Enhancing Learners' Competence through Study Skills Workshops and Effective Use of Reading Periods in Omaheke Region: Challenges and Opportunities
11.45-12.00	BAIDOO, Koteikor Dinah ; APOLOT, Barbara ; ARTHUR, Beatrice;TAMALE, Drake - Open Knowledge and Intellectual Property Legislation in Africa: The Librarians' Role in Academic Integrity
12.00- 12.15	CHISITA, Collence T. - Indigenous Data and Knowledge Sovereignty in the Age of Digital Transformation: Navigating the Way Forward
12.15- 12.30	Discussions and Takeaways from the Session

12.30-12.40	Time with Publisher - Walters Kluwer
12.45- 12.55	Time with Publisher -
13.00- 14.00	LUNCH / Visit to the Exhibition
14.00- 15.45	Session 6 - Looking into the Future: AI, Open Knowledge, Technology and Quality Education in Africa / Open Knowledge And Climate Change In Africa Facilitator: Dr. Collence Chisita
14.00 - 14.15	MFENGU, Andiswa - Extending Information Literacy for the Realization of Artificial Intelligence Literacy
14.15 - 14.30	CHIGWADA, Josiline and LEONARD, Anna - The role of academic libraries in advancing open science in institutions of higher learning in Africa
14.30 - 14.45	HIPANGWA, Martin -Do librarians need to reinvent the wheel? AI literacy in African context
14.45– 15.00	LIATO, Sharon Munshya and MUMBA, Moses - Assessing the Knowledge and Utilization of Artificial Intelligence among Students, Lecturers and Librarians in Colleges of Education in Zambia: Implications for the Quality of Education
15.00 -15.15	MULEKA, Jakob - Assessing the Readiness of Namibian Library Professionals to Promote Open Knowledge Practices on Climate Change: A Case Study of Oshana, Oshikoto, Kavango West, Ohangwena, Kavango East and Zambezi Regions',
15.15 - 15.30	NDINDE, Shadreck - Quality control methods in the selection of open-access resources in selected Zimbabwean university libraries
15.30 - 15.45	Discussion on Takeaways from the Session
15.45 - 16.45	Session 7 - Managing Perceptions about Libraries for Stakeholders' Engagement Session / IFLA Session Facilitator: Dr. John Tsebe
15.45 - 16.00	SHIKUNI, Katrina - Building Stronger Community Relations: Stakeholder Engagement at Ohangwena Regional Library
16.00 - 16.30	IFLA Session
16.30- 16.45	Discussion on Takeaways from the Session
16.45 – 17.30	Session 8 Community-Led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs Facilitator: Dr Nkem Osuigwe

16.45 – 17.30	<i>Open Access Monographs Session</i>
17.30 – 17.45	Q & A
17.45	Closing
18.30- 21.00	CULTURAL EVENING
	DAY 3 – THURSDAY- 22nd MAY 2025
09.00 – 09.45	Section 9 - AfLIA Section Meetings for Key Outcomes Based on Session Outcomes / Other Issues Facilitators: Chairpersons of Sections
09.00- 10.00	AfLIA Library - Type Meetings
10.00- 10.30	Presentation of Key Outcomes from Library-Type meetings
10.30 – 11.15	Unconference
11.15-11.30	TEA / Visit to Exhibitions
11.30 – 13.30	Session 10 - AfLIA GENERAL MEETING / SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS/ Facilitators: Prof Rosemary Shafack / Sarah Negumbo
11.30- 12.45	AfLIA General Meeting
12.45 - 13.30	CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE
13.30-14.30	LUNCH
18.00 – 19.30	Council Meeting II (Old & New members)
	DAY 4/ DAY 5 – FRIDAY/ SATURDAY – 23RD / 24TH MAY 2025 DEPARTURE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS