

PROGRAMME AfLIA OPEN ACCESS WEEK VIRTUAL SUMMIT TUESDAY, 21ST AND WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER		
THEME - WHO OWNS OUR KNOWLEDGE? DAY 1- TUESDAY- 21ST OCTOBER 2025		
9.00 -9.25	OPENING OF CONFERENCE	
	Chairperson: Ms Sarah Negumbo, AfLIA President	
9.00 - 9.05	Guests and participants' Interaction - Introduction of Dignitaries & Chairperson - Chairperson / Welcome Address - Opening of Summit	Ms. Sarah Negumbo
9.05 – 9.10		
9.10 – 9.20		
9.20 – 9.25		
9.25 – 9.35	Virtual Break	
9.40 – 11.20	Session 1 - Artificial Intelligence: Who owns our knowledge?	
	Moderator: Dr. Monica Mensah Danquah- Chairperson, IFLA Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Division & Vice Chairperson, AfLIA Library Education and Training Institutions Section (LETIS)	
9.40 - 10.00	Keynote Speaker: Dr Mac-Anthony Cobblah <i>Whose Mind is it anyway? Rethinking Knowledge Ownership in the Age of Artificial Intelligence</i>	
10.05 – 10.15	MBUOTIDEM, Odudu Umoh PhD. CLN Esq: <i>Borderless Knowledge and Disputed Authorship in the AI Era: Libraries as Intellectual Stewards</i>	
10.20 – 10.30	EBHONU, Sylvester Israel: <i>AI and Knowledge Ownership in Africa: Between Colonisation and Opportunity</i>	
10.35 – 10.45	Dr OSUIGWE, Nkem; BOAKYE ACHAMPONG, Stanley & APPIAH, Doreen <i>Right attribution and ownership for African scholarship through PIDs</i>	
10.50 – 11.00	Stanley Boakye -Achampong <i>Overview of African OA Journals</i>	
11.00 -11.15	Q & A	
11.15 - 11.20	Discussions and Takeaways from the Session	
11.20 -11.30	Virtual Break	
Parallel Sessions: English and French		
English		
11.30 – 13.25	Session 2 - Who owns our knowledge? Persistent Identifiers and metadata prioritising best Practices for Open Access	
	Visibility, ownership and access of indigenous knowledge and Citizen Science	
	Moderator: Dr Monica Mensah Danquah- Chairperson, IFLA Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Division & Vice Chairperson, AfLIA Library Education and Training Institutions Section (LETIS)	
11.35 – 11.55	Keynote Speaker: Mohamad Mostafa <i>Enabling Open Science with DataCite: Insights from Africa</i>	
12.00 – 12.10	BUSISIWE, Ngcobo: <i>Enhancing postgraduate research visibility through institutional repositories in UFH libraries: the role of metadata</i>	
12.15 - 11.25	ARAMIDE, Kolawole Akinjide & BAMIGBOLA, Alice A: <i>Co-Creation Models in Citizen Science: Ensuring Indigenous Ownership and Respect for Traditional Knowledge</i>	
12. 30 – 12.45	Q & A	
12.50 – 13.10	CONVERSATION: Open access and Information Multipolarism: The African scenario	
13.15 – 13.20	Discussions, Takeaways, and close for the Day	
French		
11.35 – 12.40	Session 2 – Who owns our knowledge? Persistent Identifiers and metadata prioritising best practices for Open Access / Visibility, ownership and access of indigenous knowledge and Citizen science	

	Moderator: Ms Essenam Fumey
11.35 – 11.45	Dre OUATTARA-COULIBALY, Cécile; Dr (MC) N’GUESSAN, Béhou Gérard, & Prof. KOUAME, Koffi Fernand: <i>Implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science in Côte D’Ivoire and establishment of the National Consortium of Persistent Identifiers to Boost Visibility and Access to Research Results</i>
11.50 - 12.05	NGWABIJE, Cadeau Thomas <i>À qui appartient le savoir? Visibilité, Propriété Et Accès Au Savoir Autochtone Et À La Science Citoyenne. Who owns the Knowledge? Visibility, Ownership, and Access to Indigenous Knowledge and Citizen Science</i>
12. 10 – 12.25	Q & A
12.30 – 12.40	Discussions, Takeaways, and close for the day.
DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY – 22ND OCTOBER, 2025	
9.00 – 11.00	Session: 3 Visibility, ownership and access of Indigenous Knowledge And Citizen Science Moderator: Mrs Mokgadi Senyolo – Chairperson, AfLIA Academic Libraries & Library Consortia Section Chairperson
9.05 – 9.25	Keynote Speaker: Dr MW Rammutloa <i>Indigenous knowledge sovereignty in the era of citizen science"</i>
9.30 – 9.50	2. Keynote Speaker: Dr Collence Chisita <i>Exploring indigenous knowledge sovereignty and access through citizen science lenses: Rendering the invisible manifest in an era of epistemic insecurity</i>
9.55 – 10.05	SAIDU, Danjuma & Dr ADETORO Salau Sadiat <i>Citizen Science or Citizen Silence? Navigating Ownership in Knowledge Production from the Global South</i>
10.10 – 10.20	OKEAGU, Glory: <i>National Library of Nigeria Role in Documentation, Collection, Access and Visibility of Indigenous Knowledge (Ik)</i>
10.25 - 10.35	OSUCHUKWU, Ngozi Perpetua <i>Indigenous Knowledge Inclusion: Bringing the Youth on board through classroom</i>
10.40 – 10.55	Q & A
10.55 – 11.00	Discussions and Takeaways from the Session
11.00– 11.10	Virtual Break
11.15 – 13.35	Session 4 – Digital Infrastructure, structural inequities and open access Moderator: Mrs Mokgadi Senyolo – Chairperson, AfLIA Academic Libraries & Library Consortia Section Chairperson
11.15 – 11.35	Keynote Speaker: Dr Josiline Chigwada <i>Bridging the Digital Divide: Building Equitable Infrastructures for Open Access in the Global South</i>
11.40 – 11.50	Dr MUFTAU, Diyaolu, Akorede <i>“Who Owns the Knowledge?” from the perspectives of Digital infrastructures, structural inequities, and Open Access</i>
11.55 -12.05	NWOGWUGWU, Ngozi Ogechukwu (PhD, CLN) <i>Digital Infrastructure as Correlates of Equitable Access to Open Educational Resources in Federal Universities in South-East Nigeria</i>
12.10 – 12.25	Q & A
12.25 - 12.55	CONVERSATION: Geo-politics, location-specific social engineering, algorithmic biases and Open Access
12.55 – 13.00	Discussions and Takeaways from the Session
13.05 – 13.30	Quiz of the day
13.30 – 13. 35	Ms Sarah Negumbo (AfLIA President): Closing Remarks and Closing of Summit
Thank you	