

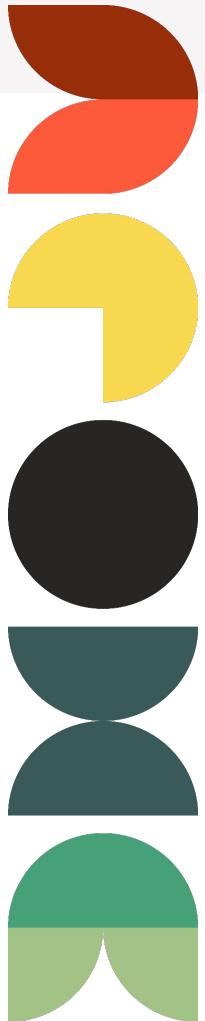
African representation in DOAJ

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DOAJ Senior Ambassador Africa

17 September 2025

<https://doaj.org>





Mission

DOAJ's mission is to increase the visibility, accessibility, reputation, usage and impact of quality, peer-reviewed, open access scholarly research journals globally, regardless of discipline, geography or language.

DOAJ is committed to being 100% independent and maintaining all of its primary services and metadata as open to everyone.

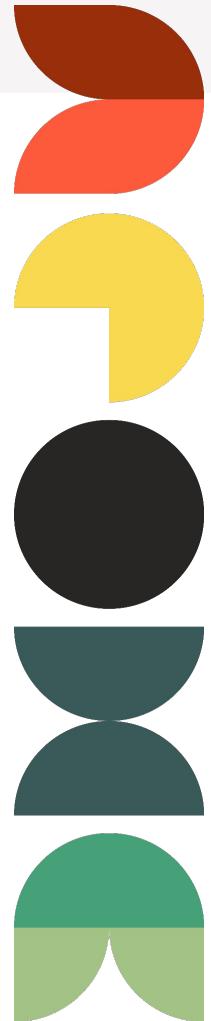
Vision

DOAJ works to build an equitable and diverse scholarly ecosystem where trusted research can be accessed globally without barriers.

Diversity, equity and inclusion

DOAJ believes in the power and value of diversity in scholarly communications. DOAJ is an adopting organisation of the C4DISC Joint Statement of Principles. Adopting the Joint Statement of Principles demonstrates our support for improving diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in our industry.

DEI takes many forms, and at DOAJ, we apply these values across multiple levels. Our Foundation Board and Advisory Board have been designed to represent different regions and user communities because we believe that global representation is the best way to promote the values of DEI. We think of DEI values operationally when we discuss the running of the organisation, who we work with and who chooses to work with us. We build DEI into our editorial policies and our approaches for onboarding journals. We actively work to make the range of journals we index as diverse as possible, including journals from all disciplines, in all languages and regardless of business model. We ensure that our website and our services are as accessible and open as possible to anyone who wants to use them.



DOAJ as an open scholarly infrastructure...

1

cannot be bought
or sold.

2

is committed to
openness,
diversity and
accountability.

3

has adopted the
Principles of
Open Scholarly
Infrastructure in
2022.

4

collaborates with
other open
infrastructures to
drive change
towards an open
and transparent
culture.

Open infrastructure (in scholarly publishing) =
the shared,
community-governed
“plumbing” that makes
research communication work
- and that anyone can use,
improve, and trust without
needing a single vendor’s
permission.



Why index journals in DOAJ?



Demonstrate your journal
meets good publishing
standards



Attract more authors and
readers locally and from
around the world



Inclusion of Journals
in local languages



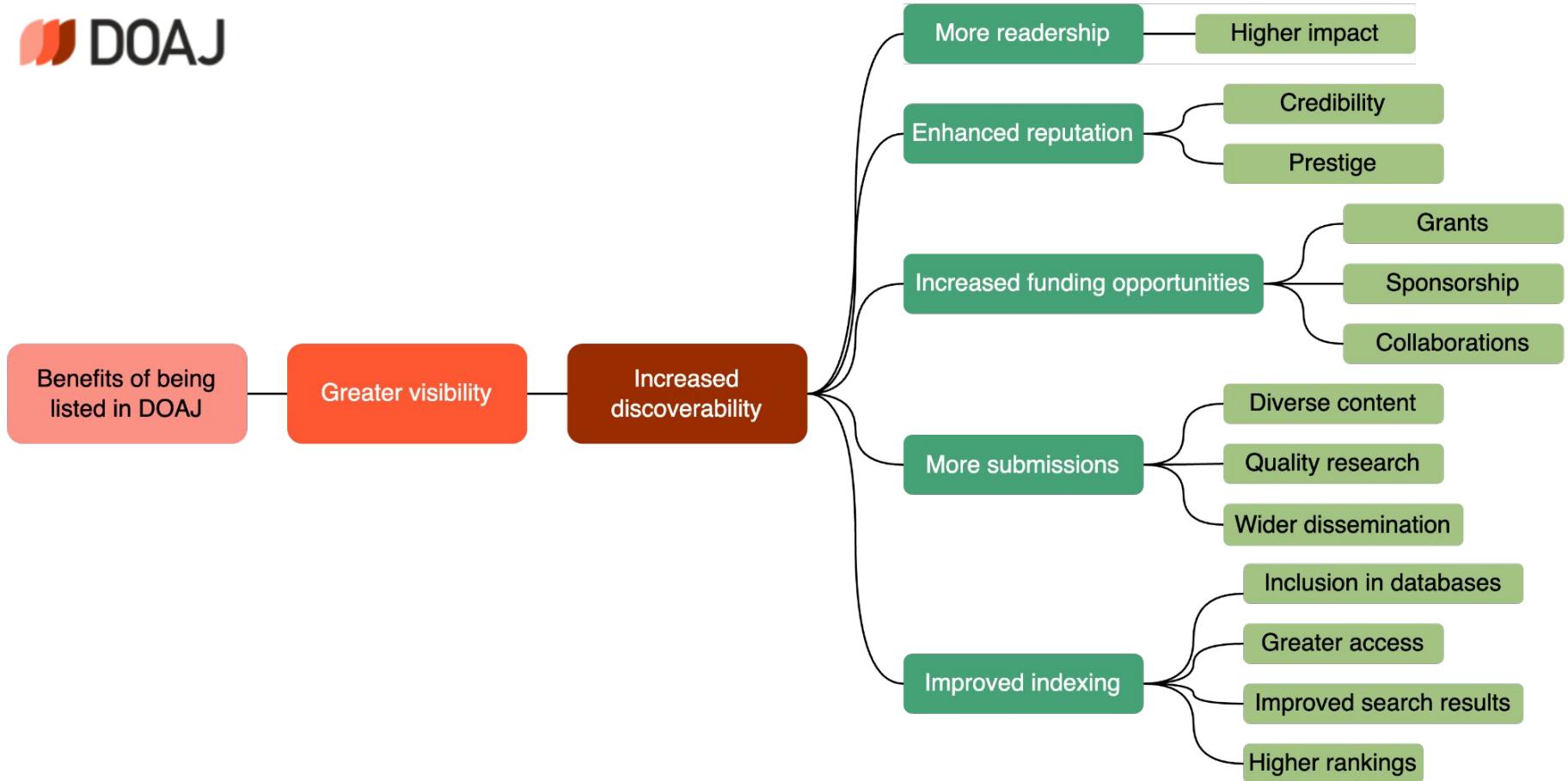
Increase discoverability of
your journal in search
engines and indexing
services



Enhance the reputation
and societal impact of your
journal (also in your
country)



DOAJ index included
in government lists like
DHET(South Africa)



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LANGUAGES

139
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

13,879
JOURNALS WITHOUT
FEES

21,995
JOURNALS

11,594,693
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DOAJ and its people

- DOAJ is run and managed by the [DOAJ Foundation](#), a non-profit community-governed Danish foundation based in Denmark and with its registered office in Roskilde, Denmark
- Foundation Board (6) (1 from Africa)
- Advisory Board (27) (3 from Africa)
- Editorial Policy Advisory Group (8) (1 from Africa)
- DOAJ Team with Managing Director (26) (1 from Africa)
- Ambassadors (17) (5 from Africa)
- Volunteers (110)

DOAJ Ambassadors in Africa



SOUTHERN AFRICA

Ina Smith

14 countries



NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST

Kamel Belhamel

6 countries



WEST AFRICA

Angela Aikins

8 countries



WEST AFRICA

Oluchi Okere

8 countries



EAST AFRICA

Melkamu Beyene

18 countries

Role of DOAJ Ambassadors

- Regional outreach & community building: map the local journal landscape, engage key stakeholders, and build partnerships to raise awareness and reputation of open access journals
- Education & guidance: run talks/workshops/webinars, localize/translate materials, report on region, and promote integrity and best practices in OA publishing
- Liaison & support: act as the local point of contact between DOAJ and journals - fielding questions on applications, indexing, and metadata, and signposting resources

Challenges on the African continent



Lack of infrastructure; Africa stays vast and disconnected, regardless of numerous efforts (54 countries)



Requirement to publish in **high IF journals** from developed countries **vs** push for **decolonisation** ([source](#))



Open access journals of low quality, journals in print only



Lots of policies, little implementation



Lack of journal infrastructures, publishing resources ([EIFL 2024 report](#))



Need for capacity building in publishing online - OJS, DOI, licensing etc in addition to DOAJ

Activities Jan - Sept 2025

- 8 Ambassador regional team meetings (since Dec 2024)
- Marketing & training material (video, flyer translations)
- Multiple workshops, presentations, training sessions
- Online Google Classroom course with Katrine Sundsø



Preparing to apply for DOAJ inclusion (English)



 Meet 

 Join

 Not visible to students

 Announce something to your class 

 Katrine Sundsø 
Yesterday
Hello everyone!

Module 3 is now available here: <https://classroom.google.com/w/NzY2NjgxMzQ2Mzgy/tc/NzY2ODE3ODU2Mzc3>

There will also soon be another video available which shows you how to do the application on the DOAJ website.

Enjoy the module! 😊

Kat & Ina

Class code 
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Upcoming
No work due soon 

 Add class comment... 

 Katrine Sundsø posted a new material: Relevant blog posts - Module 4 

WEBINAR

STRENGTHENING AFRICAN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS THROUGH THE DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS (DOAJ)

Participants will learn how to:



WED. OCT 22, 2025 | 10HR UTC

Register here

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WEBINAIRE

RENFORCER LES REVUES SCIENTIFIQUES AFRICAINES GRÂCE AU DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS (DOAJ)

Les participants apprendront à :



Acquérir des connaissances pratiques pour renforcer les pratiques éditoriales et de publication en vue de la conformité au DOAJ.



Découvrir comment améliorer la visibilité, la découvrabilité et la crédibilité des revues africaines.



Comprendre les stratégies pour éviter et contrer les pratiques de publication prédatrices.



Se connecter avec des acteurs régionaux et mondiaux œuvrant pour la science ouverte et une communication scientifique durable.

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Invites Editors of Journals and
Librarians to a virtual workshop on:

Best Practices in OA Publishing: DOAJ Inclusion Criteria.



Presenter

**Dr Oluchi
Ojinamma Okere**
Regional Ambassador, West
Africa, Directory of Open
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12noon

 Thursday, 21st
August 2025



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- ♦ Practical guidance on managing and sustaining ethical OA journals
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Infrastructure to Support Open Access Books and Journals: DOAB, OAPEN and DOAJ

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 National Journal Editors Workshop – Strengthening Scientific Publishing in Tanzania

Following Tanzania's first National Open Science Dialogue in 2023 <https://lnkd.in/dncXpn5M> and a recent national survey on academic journals, the next step is here! The **Tanzania Commission for Science & Technology** (COSTECH), in collaboration with TCC Africa, **University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)** and **PLOS**, is hosting a Journal Editors Workshop to introduce the new National Guidelines for the Recognition and Promotion of Scientific Journals.

 27th August 2025
 University of Dar-es-Salaam,孔子学院 Confucius Institute, Kilimahewa Rd, Dar es Salaam & Zoom
 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EAT

 Register here: <https://lnkd.in/dagcE7zG>
Together, let's strengthen research quality, visibility, and integrity in Tanzania.
Dr. Mathew Agripinus Senga, AFRICAN JOURNALS ONLINE (RF),DOAJ, Crossref, Johanssen Obanda
University of Dodoma, Sokoine University of Agriculture,Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS),Susan Murray, Chuo Kikuu Cha Sokoine Cha Kilimo, Chuo Kikuu Huria Cha Tanzania, Dr. Luhunga Philbert, Smith Ina



Tanzania Journal Editors Workshop



Advancing epistemic justice through DOAJ: inclusivity, visibility, and the right to be heard

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دليل مجالات الوصول الحر (دواج)

دواج هو دليل فريد من نوعه ومتفاوت خاص يحصر مجالات الوصول الحر من جميع أنحاء العالم، وهو حاصل على دعم مجتمعي كبير. يلتزم دليل دواج بضمان جودة المحتوى وحرية الأناقة والوصول للجميع.



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من المستفيدون من دواج؟

الناشرين، المكتبات، المجلات، المحررين
المسؤولين، مساعي الفرار، الحكومات
الفراء، المؤلفين، العلماء، الباحثين، المصحفون العلميون، والمجتمع بشكل عام

ما هي المجالات التي يمكن تكتشيفها في دواج؟

يمكن للمجلات العلمية عالية الجودة، والخاصة للتحكيم العلمي، والمفتوحة الوصول، من جميع أنحاء العالم - بجميع اللغات - التقدّم بطلب الانضمام المحمّل إلى DOAJ.

يمجد أن يتحقق مقدم الطلب (الناشر / المحرر) من أن المجلة تلتزم بالمعايير الأساسية، فمـ يتمـكـنـ حـسـابـ علىـ موقعـ دـواـجـ وـاسـتـكـملـ بـمـوـدـعـ طـبـ الـانـضـمامـ عـبـرـ الـإـنـتـرـنـتـ.

يتوفر التدريب والدعم عند الطلب.

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في دواج بعد ضمان سلامة ونزاهة النشر العلمي هو جوهر ما تقوم به، بلقب مجلات الحرجة لدينا دواجاً محورياً في الحفاظ على طبل مجالات الوصول الحر عالية الجودة والموثوقة، ومساعدة الباحثين والمكتبات و هيئات التمويل في تحديد المصادر الموثوقة للنشر والوصول إلى الأبحاث، من خلال الحفاظ على معايير الجودة الصارمة، تعلم دواج على تعزيز سمعة المجالات المردحة بالدليل وتعزيز التفاوٍ بين معايير النشر العلمي.

تركز دواج على خمسة مجالات رئيسية:
الشغافية، تفاصيل، واصحة عن هيئة التحرير، والملكية، وبيانات النشر.
هيئة التحرير: كفایات، وخبرات، ومؤهلات ومتانة.
التحكيم العلمي: عمليات فحص، وغایة، ونسمة موثوقة.
المحتوى.
السمعة: تجنب القواليات العلمية المضللة أو الادعيات.
الكتابية.
الادارة: الرقابة الصارمة و استقلال العمل التحريري.

لأقرأ المزيد عن المعايير الأساسية التي يجب تلزيم بها المجالات
<https://doaj.org/about/guide>

English, French, Polish, Turkish, Arabic



Unique & extensive global index

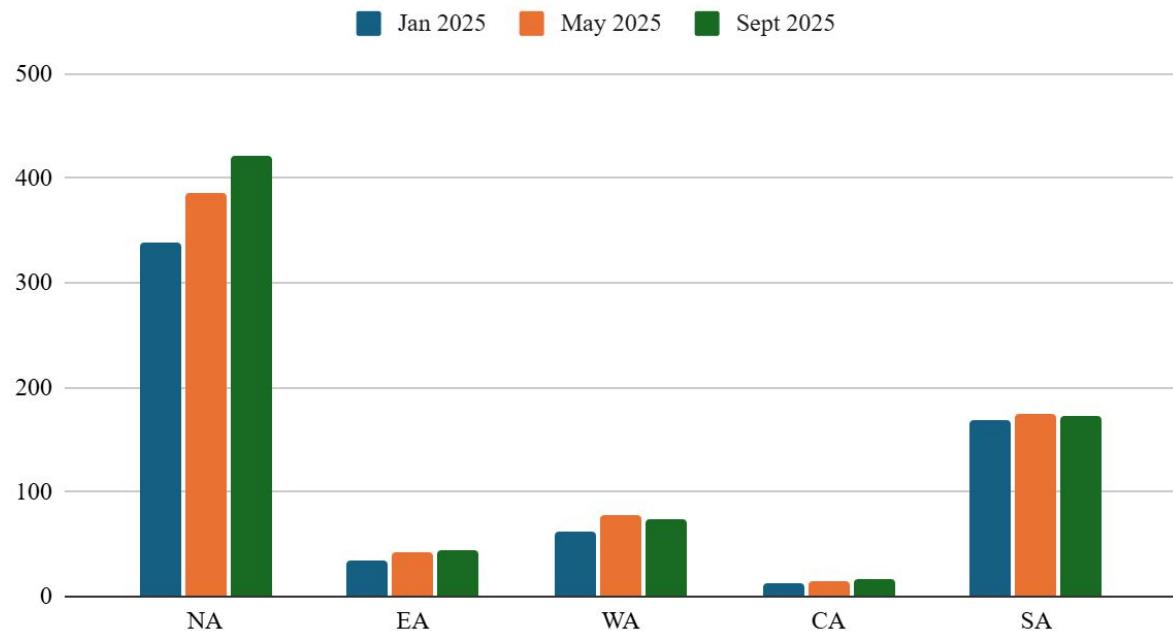
Diverse quality scholarly open access journals

89 languages, 136 countries, 21 297 journals

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Growth African Journals in DOAJ Jan - Sept 2025

Jan 2025, May 2025 and Sept 2025



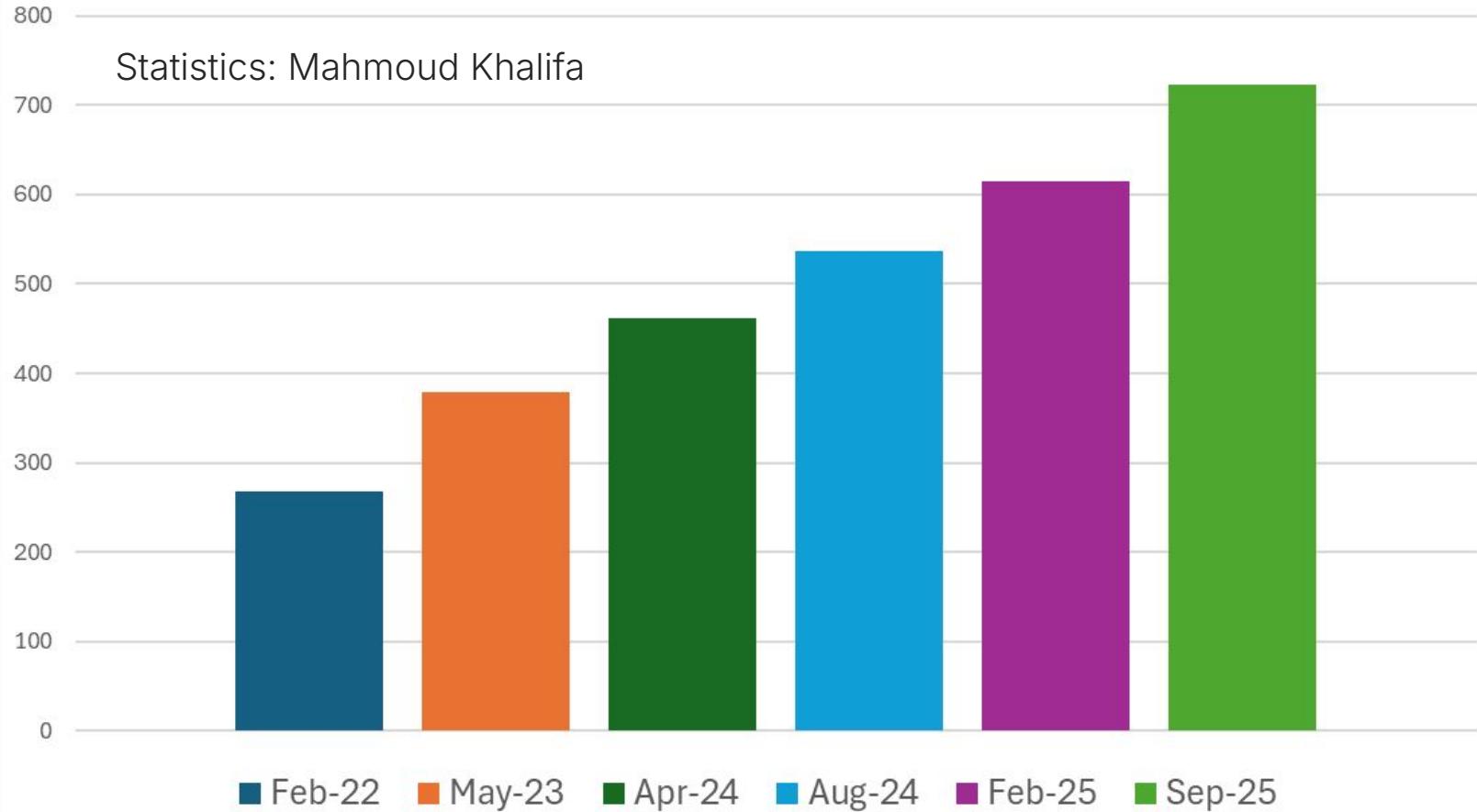
	Jan 2025	May 2025	Sept 2025
NA	339	386	421
EA	35	42	44
WA	63	78	73
CA	12	15	16
SA	169	175	172

African journal coverage in DOAJ (September 2025)

- African journals in DOAJ = 723 (3.28%)
- 332 journals indexed from Egypt
- 169 journals indexed from South Africa
- 51 journals indexed from Nigeria
- 20-40 journals: Morocco, Algeria
- 10-20 Journals: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda
- 6-10 journals: Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Tunisia, Libya
- 2-5 journals: Angola, Cameroon, DR Congo, Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Tanzania
- 1 journal: Gambia, Malawi, Mali, Senegal, South Sudan, Gabon, Niger

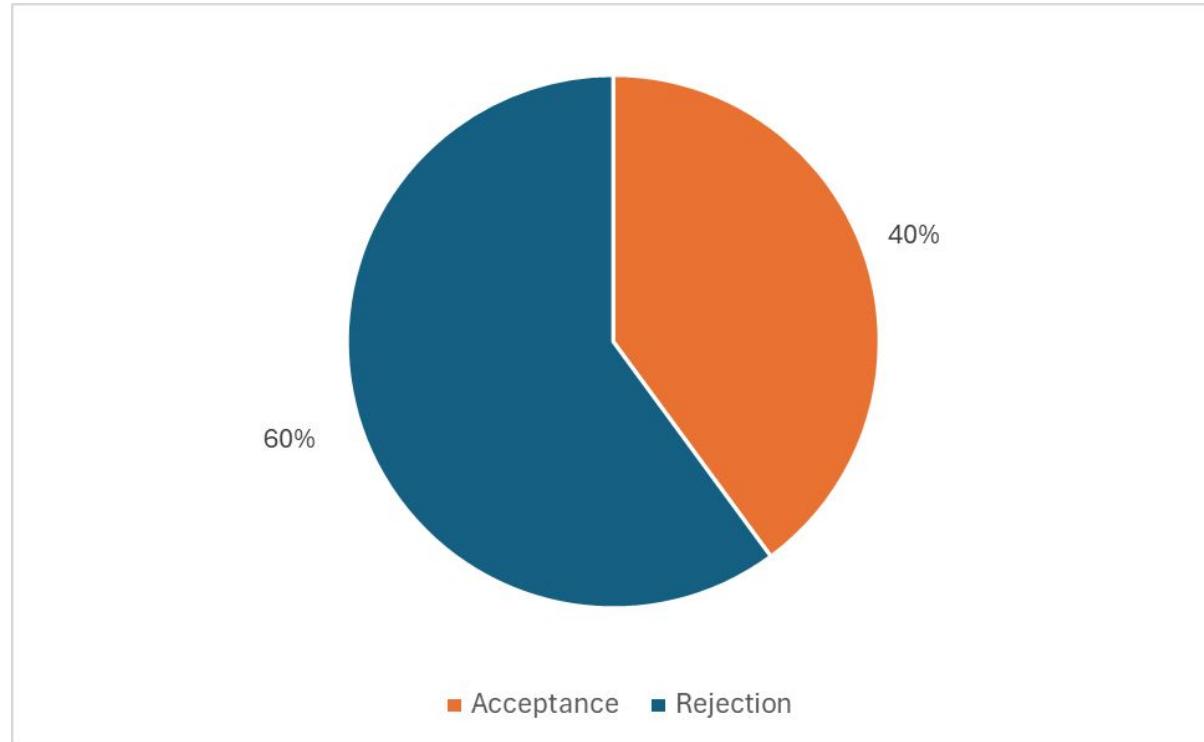
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African Journals in DOAJ, 2022-2025



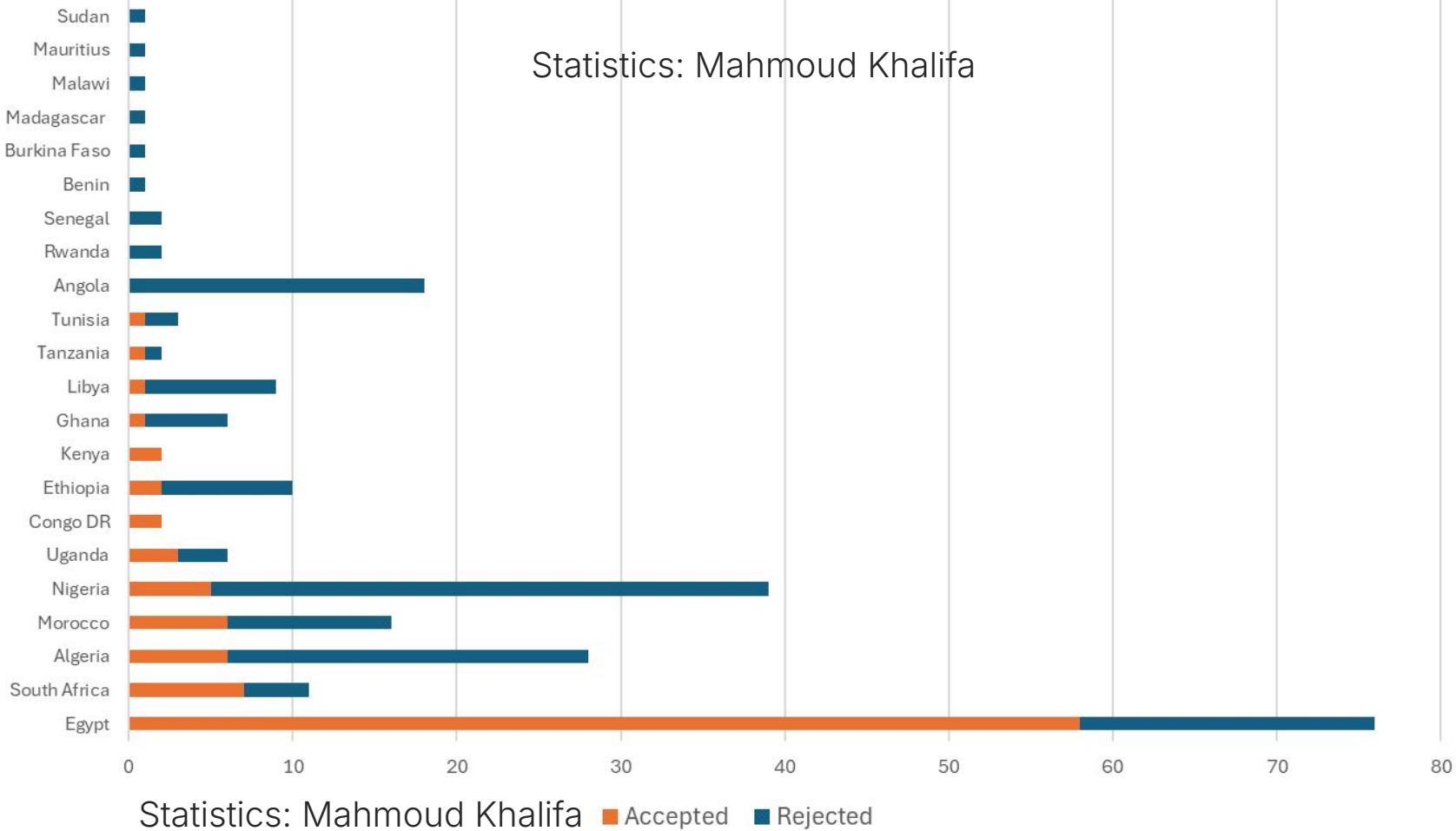
Project Progress: February - September 2025

New applications: 238
Accepted: 95 (40%)
Rejected: 143 (60%)



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Titles by Country

Journals / Titles by Country

Journals:

[By Category](#)[By Country](#)[Alphabetically](#)[All Titles](#)[JPSS](#)[Open Access](#)[Diamond Open Access](#)

Here is a list of AJOL's partner journals by country.

We have opted to use the current geopolitical divisions most commonly in use.

If you know which journal you are looking for, or wish to see which of a specific country's journals, simply navigate to the relevant country.

- [Algeria](#) (31)
- [Angola](#) (5)
- [Benin](#) (1)
- [Botswana](#) (3)
- [Burkina Faso](#) (3)
- [Burundi](#) (1)
- [Cameroon](#) (13)
- [Congo, Democratic Republic](#) (10)
- [Congo, Republic](#) (2)
- [Côte d'Ivoire](#) (6)
- [Egypt, Arab Rep.](#) (27)
- [Eritrea](#) (1)
- [Eswatini](#) (3)
- [Ethiopia](#) (66)
- [Gambia, The](#) (2)
- [Ghana](#) (50)
- [Kenya](#) (72)
- [Lesotho](#) (1)
- [Libya](#) (8)
- [Madagascar](#) (1)
- [Malawi](#) (5)
- [Mali](#) (2)
- [Mauritius](#) (3)
- [Morocco](#) (3)
- [Mozambique](#) (1)
- [Multi-Country](#) (2)
- [Nigeria](#) (342)
- [Rwanda](#) (13)
- [Senegal](#) (7)

E.g. Tanzania

48 on AJOL

40 OA

3 in DOAJ

Policy Milestones

Algeria: The Algerian Scientific Journal Platform (ASJP) now requires journals to be DOAJ compliant. This follows discussions during the Open Science in the South Conference in Cape Town (December 2024), attended by the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education delegation.

Ethiopia: The Addis Ababa University Research and Innovation Policy has officially recognised DOAJ as part of its strategy (3 February 2025).



Open Access

Journals Toolkit



- Self-guided online resource
- Launched in 2023 by OASPA and DOAJ
- Content created by a diverse Editorial Board of experts in the field
- Editorial Board responsible for keeping the content up to date
- Available in English and French
- Soon available in Arabic



Open Access

Journals Toolkit

Breaks down essential information for OA journals

Getting started

How to set up an OA journal

Running a journal

Editorial considerations of journal management

Indexing

How to build and maintain your journal's profile

Staffing

How to build roles and responsibilities

Policies

How to develop policies and guidelines for your authors

Infrastructure

Find out more about establishing and running an online journal

DOAJ and the community

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Key African stakeholders



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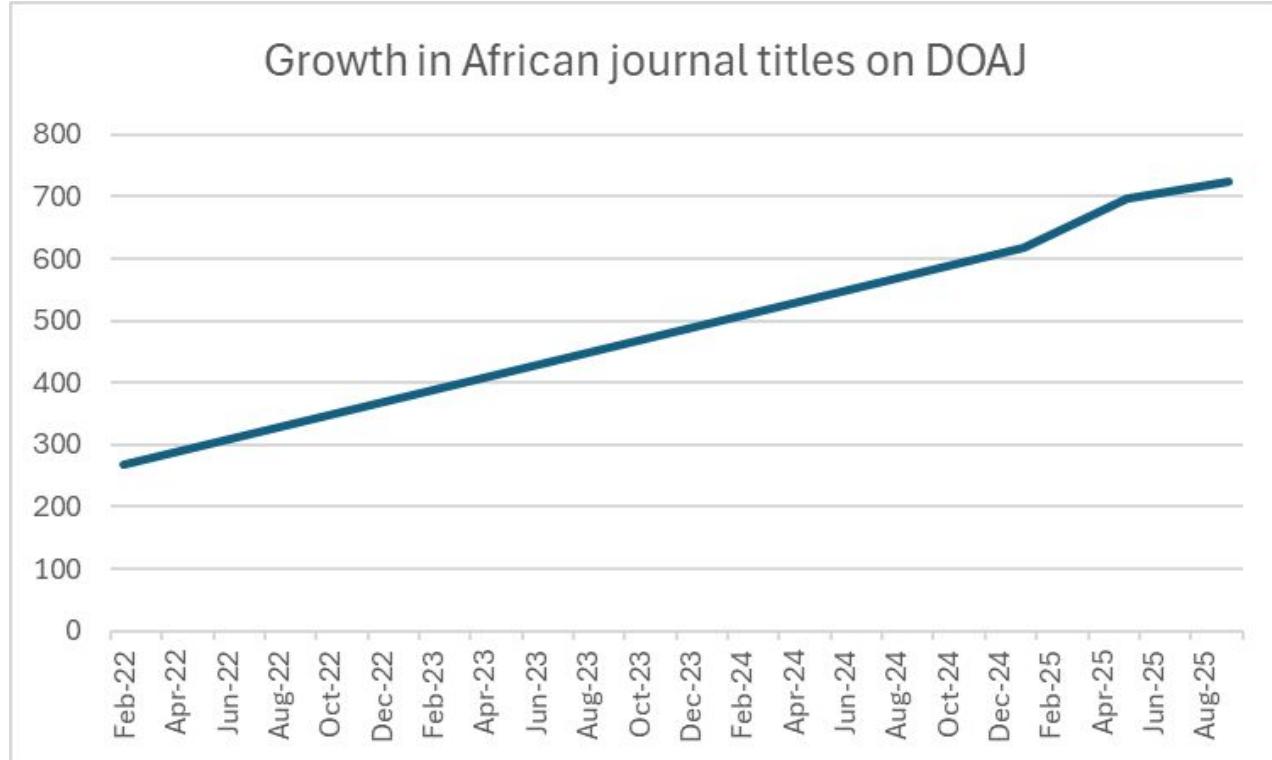
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Jan 2025	618
May 2025	696
Sept 2025	723