Rest of World

Around the World with the Open Access Books Network (OABN)

A series of blog posts from the OABN which focus on OA books in a different country around the world, highlighting their regional experiences, problems and successes. This is an ongoing series that is still being updated, and unlike many OA resources provides perspectives from beyond the ERA.

View the blog posts

Canadian Library Journal Publishing: A Primer

This primer, produced by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) in 2024, on library publishing in Canada. It has a focus on journal publishing. As well as providing a brief summary of the support available to journals at CARL libraries, it also summarises some of the core principles of library journal publishing more widely to do with commerciality and fees, diversity, and discovery/preservation.

View the Primer

CARL have also produced further reports, some of which are region-specific, such as copyright for Crown-published works, and on OER policy and infrastructure.

View a full list of their outputs

EIFL Report on 'Landscape of no-fee open access publishing in Africa'

A landscape study on Diamond OA journals in Africa which provides detailed reports for several countries and thorough general conclusions about the state of Diamond OA journals in the region, their current challenges, and suggestions for the future. It also provides the survey data which provides a large amount of granular data.

View the report

Open Access Australasia

This association, Open Access Australasia, advocates for and supports practical initiatives on open access in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. It is a large community, with several written resources, groups, directories, and others.

Find out more

OA Book Stakeholders (African Context)

This relational diagram is an unparalleled resource in a very under-described region for OA books. While the EIFL report on OA in Africa is very detailed and informative it only deals with journals, while this focuses on books. The relationships are not always clear, and since this is a relational diagram it is not very descriptive, but it is a very useful starting point.

View the PDF of the relational diagram and the accompanying mission statement

Open Science resources (Latin America)

A visual / interactive dashboard and an example of a multilingual, regional / Rest of the World resource.

Visit the dashboard

Report from a workshop on sustainable open access book publishing in East Africa

In October 2024, a collaborative online-session for publishers from East Africa was co-organised by the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB), OAPEN, the Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association (OASPA) and French research institutes in Africa, Les Afriques dans le monde (LAM) and the French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA), supported by the National Centre for Scientific Research in France (CNRS). The session covered approaches towards equitable and sustainable open access for scholarly books.

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