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INVITATION

to workshop a draft roadmap for South Africa's journey toward Open Access to Scholarly Journals

Universities South Africa's (USAf) Chief Executive Officer, Prof Ahmed Bawa, and the South African National Library and Information Consortium (SANLiC) Director, Mr Glenn Truran, jointly invite you to workshop a draft roadmap for South Africa's transition to Open Access.

Invitees DVCs: Research, Research Managers, Library Directors and Academics
Date Thursday, 27 June 2019
Time 13:00 – 17:00
Venue **New Conference Centre, Breakwater Lodge**
(part of the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business)
Portswood Road, V&A Waterfront, **Cape Town**

At the **14th OA2020 meeting** in Berlin in December 2018, China committed itself to the OA2020 route as did many other countries and the University of California system. We are fortunate to have a co-chair of the University of California Publisher Negotiations Task Force and a representative from Germany come and present their roadmaps to Open Access at the **SANLiC 2019 Conference**. This provides a good opportunity to consider a draft roadmap for South Africa at the post conference workshop referred to above. Invitees to the workshop are more than welcome to register online for the SANLiC conference if they wish to immerse themselves more fully in OA roadmaps.

Please RSVP
by sending an email to
Ms Beppie van Lingen (Executive Secretary to USAf CEO)
at admin@usaf.ac.za
by Thursday, 13 June, 2019.

See more information
on the next page.

SOUTH AFRICA'S ROADMAP TOWARDS OPEN ACCESS

Briefing Document 2

1. Introduction

USAf and SANLiC invite all DVCs: Research and relevant members of their research and library leadership teams to an opportunity to review and workshop an early draft of the South African roadmap toward open access. The workshop will be held at the conclusion of the SANLiC conference on Thursday 27 June 2019 from 13h00 to 17h00. Lunch will be served beforehand at 12h00.

This opportunity has been chosen because key representatives from the OA2020 movement who will be presenting at the conference have agreed to stay on to workshop and interact with DVCs of Research, research managers, library directors and other key stakeholders.

The workshop will focus on a draft roadmap for South Africa's journey from a predominantly pay-to-read model toward a predominantly pay-to-publish model. It will outline how South Africa can participate in the large-scale transformation of today's scholarly journals by converting the funds currently expended on subscriptions into funds to support Open Access publishing models, according to our own publishing preferences.

2. Background

In April 2019, USAf issued a Briefing Document entitled SOUTH AFRICA'S JOURNEY TOWARDS OPEN ACCESS TO SCHOLARLY JOURNALS. It outlines the next steps in the National Site Licensing and Open Access Project (NSLOAP) with very specific reference to engagement, discussion and the next

round of SANLiC negotiations with publishers which are imminent. It is a call to action for USAf and COHORT membership to take the next steps. The briefing document ends with:

The success of the OA2020 campaigns in other national systems is driven by the level of consensus that exists in those scholarly communities. This requires engagement and discussion. There is need for urgency since the negotiations for the next set of contracts have already begun.

3. Workshop Format

The format of the workshop will be:

1. A summary of some of the salient points made at the Berlin conference (20 minutes);
2. An overview of Germany's roadmap presented by Colleen Campbell of the Max Plank Digital Library;
3. An overview of the University of California's roadmap presented by Professor Jeffrey MacKie-Mason and Mathew Willmott;
4. An outline of the draft of the South African roadmap;
5. Discussion and deliberation toward consensus.

The concept of an OA2020 roadmap, as well as links to international examples (including Germany and University of California) can be found here: <https://oa2020.org/take-action/>

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The conference programme is available [here](#).