

A story of partnerships

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What is LIBSENSE?

Building a community for open science in the African region(s) through library-NREN collaboration in order to:

- Support cultural change
- Provide technical support
- Build capacity
- Develop value-added services



Auspicious beginnings

- Birthed by the co-occurrence of activities in mid-2017 at the end of two EU-sponsored projects in the African region



Sci-GaIA
www.sci-gaia.eu



- Both highlighted the need for repositories and underscored the role for librarians

Auspicious beginnings

- Informal collaboration between EIFL and WACREN to monitor internet connectivity to libraries.
- Request for a WACREN letter of intent from COAR for collaboration on a task to in OpenAIRE Advance proposal



Auspicious beginnings

- Investment in improving librarians information management capabilities
- Collaboration between three regional RENs in AfricaConnect2 ==> LIBSENSE launch
- University of Sheffield, UK joins to help shape research agenda
- EIFL and COAR involvement provide focus on OAR and building communities for Open Science

Three agenda-setting workshops

Zanzibar, Tanzania - November 2018, in conjunction with Ubuntunet

Accra, Ghana - March 2019, in conjunction with WACREN

Tunis, Tunisia - April 2019, in conjunction with ASREN

The reports from the workshops are available at <https://spaces.wacren.net/>



Collaboration with NII



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And the entire open science community in Africa...

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Open Science Africa: Principles and Actions for Global Participation

Addressing inequality and supporting equity, diversity and social justice

Africa-led and operated open infrastructures

Indigenous/Traditional Knowledge

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