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Call for Participants

DATABASE OF THE AFRICAN THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

DATAD-R X TRAINING WORKSHOP

25 to 28 June 2019

The Association of African Universities in partnership with the Botswana International University of Science and Technology, invites individuals/institutions to the DATAD-R X workshop to be held in at **Palapye, Botswana** from the 25–28 June, 2019.

Theme: **Institutional Repositories for research visibility and Knowledge Management in Higher Education Institutions”**

Rationale

The workshop is organised for the institutions in the following categories

- ✓ Institutions managing their theses/dissertation/research findings in hard copy formats and thinking of migrating to electronic theses/research management, but having challenges,
- ✓ institutions that intend setting up institutional repositories to improve visibility of their researchers and research output,
- ✓ Institutions with dysfunctional repositories, and
- ✓ institutions that want to join the AAU DATAD-R are all strongly encouraged to participate.

The workshop will also highlight the gains from giving more visibility to African Higher Education Institutions (HEI) research findings and the role of **Database of the African Theses and Dissertations including Research (DATAD-R)**.

Participation

There will be two parallel sessions running as listed below, that will also have hands-on sessions namely:

1. Researchers and Librarians’ session that will focus on copyrights, licensing, policies, and advocacy institutional support, content generation/production, preparation and uploading of research content to IR.
2. Library IT staff session will be on IR setup, configuration and customization.

While participation is open to all, preference will be given to persons holding the positions listed below, in universities and equivalent institutions:

- Librarians
- Directors of Researcher
- Library IT support staff
- Information and knowledge management professionals etc.
- Researchers

Institutions are strongly encouraged to send at least 3 participants – one IT, one Librarian, and a director of Research/Researcher to attend this all-important meeting.

Areas to be covered will include the following:

- The benefits of IR to Higher Educational institutions in Africa
- Repository for open research. knowledge and data management
- IR governance policies development
- Copyright and licensing of research content on IR
- Technical approaches to setting up an IR
- Developing a check list for a repository
- Branding and marketing repositories for more visibility
- Advocacy for institutional support
- Google analytics; RSS feeds; Other social media platforms, tracking visits through online statistical monitoring
- Setting up IRs using DSpace
- Customizing and configuring IRs
- Upgrading to more current versions of DSpace (version 5.8 and above)
- Two days of hands-on.

Registration

Please complete registration here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DATAD-R> before June 1, 2019.

Registrations will close by 1st June 2019, to allow time to arrange for visas for participants coming from outside the SADC region.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is US\$400.00 for Member-Universities and US\$500 for Non-Member Universities, and this covers workshop material, snacks and group lunch.

NB: All other expenses - travel, accommodation, subsistence, etc. - are to be borne by participants.

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