



International Open Access Week

Who owns our knowledge?
October 20 - 26, 2025

#OAWeek



Library and Information Services

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Time 09:00 - 10:50 hrs

VIRTUAL

Director of Ceremony - Mr Perseverance Difele

09:00 - 09:05 Opening Prayer - Volunteer

09:05 - 09:15 Opening Remarks/Objectives of the day - Ms Doris Gombani

09:15 - 09:35 Presentation - Dr Iryna Kuchma (Equitable access and affordability)

09:35 - 09:55 APC's Presentation - Ms Tuelo Ntlotlang

09:55 - 10:35 Open Discussions

10:35 - 10:50 Questions & Answers

10:50 - 11:00 Closing Remarks: Ms Thabea Motubudi

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Thursday 30th October 2025

Time 08:30 - 10:50 hrs

HYBRID - Tele-Education Room

Director of Ceremony - Dr Mmabaledi Seeletso

08:30 - 08:35 Opening Prayer - Volunteer

08:35 - 08:45 Opening Remarks/Objectives of the day - Dr Godson Gatsha

08:45 - 09:05 Presentation - Dr Iryna Kuchma (Equitable access and affordability)

09:05 - 09:25 Presentation by Prof Kgomo Moahi / Sekhwela (Trust and transparency)

09:25 - 09:45 Copyright and Fair Use (Rights retention) - Mr Khutsafalo Kadimo

09:45 - 10:25 Open Discussion

10:25 - 10:40 Questions & Answers

10:40 - 10:50 Closing Remarks: Prof. Baakile Motshegwa

Main Speaker

Dr Iryna Kuchma

Open Access Programme Manager



Iryna Kuchma has been managing the EIFL Open Access Programme (EIFL-OA) since 2008. Working in collaboration with libraries and library consortia in more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe, she advocates for open access to research results, facilitates the development and implementation of open science policies and infrastructures, and provides support and training.

Iryna sits on the boards of Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR), the Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS) and the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD). In addition, she serves on the advisory board of Open Access Week, the Coalition Publi.ca International Committee and the DSpace Community Advisory Team.

In 2013, Iryna received the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) for Development Annual Award, in recognition of her efforts in the furtherance of open access to scholarly publications in the developing and emerging countries.