

## INTERNATIONAL POLICY FELLOWSHIP

### SUSTAINABILITY MODELS FOR OPEN ACCESS RESEARCH PUBLICATION IN AFRICA: POLICY AND PRACTICE

#### PROJECT TIMELINES

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
23-30 April 2006	IPF Seminar, Budapest	Briefing on project requirements, revision of proposals, group planning
<b>May-June 2006</b>	<b>Creation of Working Group and personal online presence</b>	
25 May 2006	Revision of research proposals and advocacy plans	Revised research proposal and Work and Advocacy plan posted online.
25 May 2006	Personal website creation	Personal website uploaded with CV, bio, revised research proposal, project time line, and other documents
15 June 2006	Creation of Group blog for discussion of Open Access development	Enhancement of knowledge about Open Access in higher education in the developing world. The creation of a community of practice for more effective and more equitable research dissemination
<b>June -September 2006</b>	<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Review of South African and African research policy and Open Access in the global context</b> Literature review and semi-structured interviews. Quantitative analysis based on existing research
16 – 20 June 2006	Cape Town International Book Fair	Advocacy, networking with scholarly publishers
23-25 June 2006	Attendance at the iCommons Summit in Rio de Janeiro	Advocacy and networking with key role-players in the open access movement. participation in discussions around Open Access scholarly publishing
30 June 2006	Posting of Issue Paper to website and Wiki	A 2-3 page document to stimulate interest and discussion on Open Access research dissemination in Africa The Issue Paper will appeal to a general audience, explaining why this topic is important for public policy, why further investigation is needed and possible outcomes of the project
June 2006	Finalization of sampling of institutions and departments to be included in the survey	Creation of a profile of policy-makers and initiation of a database of role-players and respondents
July 2006	World Congress of Sociology, Durban.	Advocacy, networking with social scientists with an interest in globalisation and the social sciences in Africa.
4-6 August 2006	Wikimania Conference, Cambridge, MA	Networking with scholars and activists involved in collaborative research theory

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		and practice.
August 2006	Review of existing quantitative data on research publishing in SA and Africa. Review of ICTs and connectivity in Africa	Overview report of quantitative data on research publishing in SA. Overview of connectivity in the higher education sector in Africa (with TENET).
August 2006	Faculty workshop, Centre for Higher Education Development, UCT	Advocacy for Open Access dissemination models and impact analysis: new models for research publication policy.
6-8 September 2006	Attendance at the ASC-CODESRIA Conference on Electronic Publication and Dissemination. Leiden	Proposed presentation of a paper: 'Counting beans or planting beans? The impact of higher education policy on African research publication' .Advocacy and networking with a African research organizations.
August/ September 2006	Production of a Position Paper on Open Access in African Research Dissemination for the Partnership in African Higher Education Meeting of African Vice-Chancellors	Position paper – advocacy on Open Access research publishing in Africa targeted at a major gathering of African universities.
<b>October – November 2006</b>	<b>Phase 2: Consolidation of findings, report writing, development of advocacy plans</b> Report-writing, data consolidation. Consultation with key policy-makers in the Department of Science and Technology, Higher Education South Africa and the National Research Foundation for discussion of the findings.	
1 October 2006	Draft Policy Study	A preliminary version of the Policy Study on Open Access Research Publication in Africa.
1 October 2006	Interim Activity Report	Report for posting to web site and wiki
17-18 October 2006	Open Information Policy Working Group meeting in Cape Town	Review of work to date. Plans and schedules for the continuation of the project. Collaboration plans.
October 2006	Review of formal sector and NGO scholarly publishing.	An overview report on the scholarly publishing sector in SA and its delivery of national policy priorities
November 2006	Faculty of Humanities Workshop, UCT	Advocacy and presentation of findings
November 2006	Development of a publishing plan for publications arising out of the project findings	Proposal and outline for a book and/or journal articles.
November – December 2006	Preparation of an article on the state of scholarly publishing in South Africa.	Journal article. Draft recommendations for the implementation of Open Access publishing in South Africa.
<b>December 2006 to February 2007</b>	<b>Phase 3: Development of sustainability models for Open Access research dissemination in South Africa.</b>	
5 December 2006	2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft Policy paper	Policy Paper on Open Access scholarly dissemination in Africa, updated with more recent findings

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December 2007 (University vacation)	Selection of case studies, drafting of questionnaires, appointments with respondents	Project plan for sustainability and quality study
January to February 2007	Case studies . review of university financing for research and publication.	Information on publishing practice – editorial, financial, marketing. Financial models for research funding and peer review mechanisms.
February – March 2007	Proposals for Open Access sustainability and peer review models	Policy proposals with funding mechanisms for Open Access research dissemination. Proposals for policies for promotion and reward for research publication.
15 February 2007	Final Policy Study submitted to Group Adviser and posted to personal website and Wiki	Policy Study publication in CPS policy Study Documentation Center
February 2007	Final Group Advocacy meeting in India	Plans for ongoing advocacy campaigns
<b>March-April 2007</b>	<b>Phase 4: Development of advocacy plans and promotion of sustainability models</b>	
March 2007	(Proposed) National Open Access Workshop at the University of Cape Town	Advocacy and discussion of sustainability models. Attendance by national government officials and senior representatives from the NRF, the Academy of Science and HESA.
April 2007	Development of position papers and advocacy documentation	A communications plan for the promotion of Open Access policy proposals developed out of the research project.
20 April 2007	Final Activity reports uploaded to the website and wiki	Final report on the project and its impact