



3rd Global Summit on Diamond Open Access

February 2-6 2026 | Bengaluru

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Suggested Programme and Speakers/Resource Persons

Date & Time	Session	Speakers/Resource Persons	Venue
February 2, 2026 Monday 11:00 - 13:00	Concurrent Workshop 1: Publishing Platforms & Service Providers for Diamond OA (120 min) Questions: What are the main challenges for diamond journals, as experienced by your platform/service? How can platforms/service providers adapt their services to meet the future needs of diamond journals?	Convenor: Sridhar Gutam , Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juan Pablo Alperin, Scientific Director, Public Knowledge Project (PKP)• Joanna Ball, Managing Director, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)• Arianna Becerril-García, Executive Director and Chair, Redalyc/AmeliCA• Arbain, Chairman, Relawan Jurnal Indonesia• Geba Nath Nyaupane / Sagar Raj Subedi, Nepal Journals Online (NepJOL)	Hall 1
	Concurrent Workshop 2: Metadata Standards, Interoperability & Persistent Identifiers for Diamond OA (120 min)	Convenor: Marco Antonio Estrada Medina , Coordinator Redalyc <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ellen Tise, Senior Director of Library and Information Services & ORCID Board, Stellenbosch University (online)• Imma Subirats Coll, Senior Knowledge and Information Management Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO AIMS)• Lautaro Matas, Executive and Technical Director, LA Referencia• Kornelia Korzec, Director of Community, Crossref• Bianca Kramer, Executive Director, Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information (online)	Hall 2
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee / Tea Break		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break		

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Feb. 2, 2026 Monday 14:00 – 16:00	Concurrent Workshop 3: Repositories & Preprints as Diamond OA (120 min)	Convenor: Ashley Farley , Senior Officer of Knowledge & Research Services, Gates Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathalie Fargier, Director, Centre pour la Communication Scientifique Directe (CCSD-CNRS)• Katie Corker, Executive Director, ASAPbio (online)• Daniela Saderi, Executive Director & Co-founder PREreview• Carolina Tanigushi, Visual Programmer, Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO)• Johanna Havemann, Co-Founder and Strategic Coordinator, AfricArXiv• A.R.D. Prasad, formerly DRTC (ISI), Bangalore	Hall 1
	Concurrent Workshop 4: Beyond Articles: Rethinking Diamond OA for a Data-Driven Research Future for Early Career Researchers (CODATA Connect Session) (120 min)	Chair: Pragya Chaube Work in Progress	Hall 2
15.00-15:15	Coffee/ Tea Break		
18:00	Dinner	Speech by Prof. Arun (India)	
Feb. 3, 2026 Tuesday 9:30 – 11:15	Inaugural Session: Opening Statements - Global Commitment to Diamond OA (105 min)	Chair: Arianna Becerril-García, Redalyc/AmeliCA Welcome from the Hosts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S.V. Suresha, Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore• Tusar Kanti Behera, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research Opening Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• R.S. Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences, India• M.L. Jat, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Director, General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, India (TBC)• Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India (TBC)• Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT	Main Hall

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, India (TBC) ● K. Vijayraghavan, Emeritus Professor & Former Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India (TBC) ● Basheerhamad Shadrach Director, COL-CEMCA ● Tim Curtis, Director and UNESCO Representative, UNESCO New Delhi Regional Office (TBC) ● Mari Sundli Tveit, President, Science Europe ● Marin Dacos, National Open Science Coordinator, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research ● Alice de Fátima Pinto de Ceita e Almeida, Secretary of State, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation, Angola ● Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Quebec, Canada ● Violeta Vázquez-Rojas Maldonado, Undersecretary for Humanistic and Scientific Research, SECIHTI, México ● Fauzan Adziman / Muhammad Hasan Chabibie, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology of Indonesia (TBC) 	
11.15-11.45	Coffee/ Tea Break - High Tea		
Feb. 3, 2026 Tuesday 11:45 - 13:00	Plenary 1: Global & Regional Roundtable – Policy Convergence & Capacity Needs (UNESCO Session) (75 min) This session will review global frameworks and regional policy alignment requirements for Open Science, including Diamond OA, while discussing strategies and conditions for capacity building across the globe (infrastructures, policies, licensing, etc.).	Chair: Zeynep Varoglu , Senior Programme Specialist in the Universal Access to Information Section of the Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO Rapporteur: David Oliva Uribe , Senior Consultant, UNESCO Speakers: TBA	Main Hall
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break		

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Feb. 3, 2026 Tuesday 14:00 – 15:30	Plenary 2: Reimagining Scholarly Publishing for Equity & Inclusion (90 min) This session will chart a global vision for fair, inclusive, and multilingual scholarly communication through Diamond OA. Participants will explore diverse operational models “non-commercial,” “institutional,” “non-profit,” “community-owned,” or “no-fee” and engage in discussions to build shared understanding of these approaches. Emphasis will be on sustaining a community-driven ecosystem, prioritizing public and scholarly interests over commercial incentives, and fostering equitable access, bibliodiversity, and collaborative governance.	Chair: Lidia Borrell-Damián , Secretary General, Science Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mari Sundli Tveit, President, Science Europe • Luciana Balboa, Member, Global Young Academy • Horacio Zimba, Assistant Professor of Information Science, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique • Leslie Chan, Associate Professor in the Department of Global Development Studies and Director of the Knowledge Equity Lab, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada (online) • Arianna Becerril-García, Executive Director and Chair, Redalyc/AmeliCA • Hanae Lrhoul, School of Information Sciences, Morocco • Nitin Seth, Director, Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (CEFIPRA), India 	Main Hall
15:30-16:00	Coffee/ Tea Break		
Feb. 3, 2026 Tuesday 16:00 – 17:30	Thematic Tracks: Track A - Agriculture & Food Systems (5 min initial statements followed by discussions) (90 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open access to agricultural and climate change research data. ● Building open climate knowledge commons for food and nutrition security. ● Integrating open publications, preprints, and repositories for resilient agriculture and climate adaptation. ● Policies supporting sustainable farming practices, biodiversity, and food sovereignty. 	Convenor: Anjani Kumar Jha , Principal Scientist, ICAR-Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.S. Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences, India • Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, India • Sanjay Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, India • Imma Subirats Coll, Team leader, Information Management Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Italy • Susmita Das, Director, Agricultural Information Centre, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, Bangladesh • Humberto Debat, Research Scientist, National Institute of Agriculture Technology, Argentina (online) • Veda Krishnan, Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, India 	Hall 1

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	<p>Thematic Tracks: Track B - Medicine, Public Health & Life Sciences (5 min initial statements followed by discussions) (90 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open data sharing for pandemic preparedness, disease surveillance, and public health equity. ● Addressing challenges in clinical trial transparency and ethical considerations in OA publishing. ● Strengthening life sciences publishing infrastructures with equity and multilingual inclusivity. 	<p>Convenor: T. K. Nagarathna, Co-ordinator & Head - Project Planning and Monitoring Cell, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chittaranjan Kole, Professor Chittaranjan Kole Foundation for Science & Society, India ● Anupam Varma, INSA Emeritus Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, India ● K. Vijayraghavan, Emeritus Professor & Former Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India ● Nishant Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur & Chair, Indian National Young Academy of Sciences, India ● Sanjay Pai, Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, India 	Hall 2
	<p>Thematic Tracks: Track C - Engineering, Technology & Applied Sciences (5 min initial statements followed by discussions) (90 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open access for frontier technologies (AI, digital public infrastructure, renewable energy, space, etc.). ● Building interoperable systems for research data, innovation, and industry partnerships. ● Policies to align open engineering and technology outputs with sustainable development. 	<p>Convenor: Sriparna Chatterjee, Scientist, CSIR- Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology, Indian National Young Academy of Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chandrasekhar Sharma, Professor and Head, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, Co_Chair, Global Young Academy ● Jean-Sébastien Caux, Chairman, SciPost ● Amitabha Joshi, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Former Editor, Indian Academy of Sciences Journals ● Ikhwan Arief, Head of the Journal and Seminar Development Center, Universitas Andalas ● Peter Coles, Theoretical Cosmologist, Maynooth University, Ireland and Managing Editor, Open Journal of Astrophysics (<u>online</u>) ● Praveen Somasundaram, Head, International Division, Department of Science & Technology, India (TBC) ● Nishant Sinha, Product Head, Times Internet, India (TBC) 	Hall 3

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	<p>Thematic Tracks: Track D - Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences (5 min initial statements followed by discussions) (90 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences publishing models and integration with digital archives. ● Supporting indigenous knowledge systems, multilingual publishing, and regional cultural heritage. ● Strengthening collaborations with initiatives in the social sciences & humanities to expand equitable Diamond OA practices. 	<p>Convenor: Madhan Muthu, Director Library, O P Jindal Global University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nirmala Menon, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Indore, India (online) ● Ponnurangan Kumaraguru, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, India (TBC) ● Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET, University Grants Commission-Inter University Centre, India ● Solange Victory, Head of Editorial Production, CLACSO-Latin American Social Science Council ● Mostafa Azad Kamal, Bangladesh Open University ● Gimena del Río Riande, Senior Fellow, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), Argentina 	Hall 4
18:00 hrs	Cultural Programme & Dinner		
Feb. 4, 2026 Wednesday 09:30 – 11:00	<p>Plenary 3: Building, Supporting and Sustaining Diamond OA Infrastructure (Key factors) (90 min)</p> <p>Focused on governance models for non-commercial, digital-public infrastructure, this session will explore interoperability, shared platforms, and national and international infrastructure priorities, including repositories, preprint systems, and publishing technologies.</p>	<p>Chair: Zoe Ancion, Head of the Open Science Unit, ANR Rapporteur: TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Soichi Kubota, Japan Science and Technology Agency (online) ● Saray Córdoba González, Honorary Member, Latindex (online) ● Francis Gingras, Quebec Diamond OA ● Vanessa Proudman, Director, SPARC Europe ● Arbain, Chairman, Relawan Jurnal Indonesia ● Laurence El Khouri, Deputy Director, CNRS ● Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET ● Charu Verma, Chief Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR 	Main Hall
11:00-11:30	Coffee/ Tea Break		

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Feb. 4, 2026 Wednesday 11:30 - 13:00	Parallel Session: Breakout Discussions – Conference Themes in Multiple Languages (90 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic - Abdelmajid Benamara • English - Sreshtha Mondal • French - Zoe Ancion • Portuguese - Eurico Wongo Gungula • Spanish - Marco Antonio Estrada Medina • Hindi - Anjani Kumar Jha / Rajiv Kumar • Kannada - Devika Madalli 	Halls & Rooms
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break		
Feb. 4, 2026 Wednesday 14:00 - 16:00	Plenary 4: Responsible Research Assessment Policies as Pathway to Diamond OA (120 min) This session will examine new responsible research assessment approaches, with attention to aligning Diamond OA policies across regions and disciplines and the strategic role of governments, funders, and councils in sustaining Diamond OA.	Chair: Lidia Borrell-Damián , Secretary General, Science Europe Rapporteur: TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henk Kummeling, Chair, CoARA • Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (TBC) • Moumita Koley, Visiting Scholar, DST-Centre for Policy Research, Indian Institute of Science • Judith Naidorf, Coordinator, CLACSO-FOLEC • Yensi Flores Bueso, Chair, Global Young Academy (online) 	Main Hall
16:00-16:30	Coffee/ Tea Break		
Feb. 4, 2026 Wednesday 16:30 - 17:30	Poster Session – I: Conference Themes These sessions will provide a platform for researchers, institutions, and networks to showcase national and regional case studies on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Access policy implementation at institutional, national, and regional levels. • Global and local innovations in Diamond OA technologies, governance models, and open infrastructures. • Discipline-specific applications of Open Access in agriculture & climate change, medicine & public health, engineering & technology, and the humanities & social sciences. 	Chair: Mylène Deschênes , Director of ethics and legal affairs, Fonds de recherche du Québec Convenors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Karunakaran, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research • E. Sreenivasa Rao, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research • P. Naveen Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research 	Poster Lobby

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inclusive research assessment frameworks and equitable dissemination models that recognize diverse forms of knowledge, including indigenous and community-driven contributions. ● Collaborative partnerships linking Global South and Global North efforts for sustainable, community-owned publishing systems. 		
18:00	Grand Cultural Evening & Dinner		
Feb. 5, 2026 Thursday 09:30 – 11:00	Plenary 5: Diamond OA initiatives (Key characteristics that Make it Work) (90 min) <p>Participants will discuss challenges and opportunities for publishing journals and platforms, including scholarly societies. It will explore how to sustain existing community-led publishing and how to foster the transition from existing non-Diamond OA to Diamond OA.</p>	Chair: Eurico Wongo Gungula , Rector, Universidade Óscar Ribas, , Angola Co-Chair: Lidia Borrell-Damián , Secretary General, Science Europe Rapporteur: TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arianna Becerril-García, Executive Director and Chair, Redalyc/AmeliCA ● Tracy Creagh, Co-Convenor, Australasian Diamond Community of Practice ● Anuradha Agrawal, Project Director, ICAR- Directorate of Knowledge management in Agriculture ● Geethavani Rayasam, Director CSIR- National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research ● Femi Arogundade, Open Science Community Manager, West and Central African Research and Education Network, Nigeria ● Johan Rooryck, Co-coordinator, European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) ● Tanja Niemann, Executive Director, Érudit ● Caroline Edwards, Director, Open Journals Collective (online) ● Michael Kaiser, SeDOA (online) 	Main Hall
11:00-11:30	Coffee/ Tea Break		

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Feb. 5, 2026 Thursday 11:30 - 13:00	Plenary 6: Early Career Researchers Advancing Diamond OA (Dynamic and Interactive) (90 min) Early-career researchers will share their perspectives, focusing on capacity building, visibility, and leadership within the Diamond OA movement.	Chair: Bregt Saenen , Senior Policy Officer, Science Europe Rapporteur: TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandra Lewandowska, Vice-President, EuroDoc (online) • Kutubuddin Molla, Senior Scientist, ICAR- National Rice Research Institute • Sreshtha Mondal, Program Manager, Digital Initiatives, IndiaBioscience • Pragya Chaube, Assistant Professor, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Co-founder, Open Sciences South Asia Network, Co-chair, CODATA Connect, India • Carolina Dias, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil • Nestor Daniel Martínez Domínguez, Autonomous University of the State of Mexico • Felix Mburu Njoroge, University of Nairobi, Kenya 	Main Hall
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break		
Feb. 5, 2026 Thursday 14:00 - 15:30	Concurrent Workshop 5: Strengthening Scholarly Societies for Diamond Open Access (90 min) Concurrent Side event: French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD)	Convenor: Sreshtha Mondal , Program Manager, Digital Initiatives, IndiaBioscience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vinodh Ilangovan, German National Library for Science and Technology • Marco Antonio Estrada Medina, Coordinator Redalyc • Mukesh Pund, Chief Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR Convenor: Pascal Aventurier , International Cooperation Officer in Open Science, IRD	Hall 1
	Concurrent Workshop 6: Diamond OA Standards and Capacity Building (90 min) Questions: What are the challenges for you in developing standards and requirements for diamond open access journals, and for diamond journals in meeting those standards?	Convenor: Kasturi Mandal , Principal Scientist, CISR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johan Rooryck, Co-coordinator, European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH) • Kylie van Zyl, Journal Assessment Manager, AJOL • Jose Octavio Alonso Gamboa, General Coordinator, Latindex (online) 	Hall 2

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	What kind of alignment should there be across global standards for diamond journals?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joanna Ball, Managing Director, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) ● Mylène Deschênes, Director of ethics and legal affairs, Fonds de recherche du Québec 	
Feb. 5, 2026 Thursday 15:30 - 16:00	Presentation of the Bengaluru Roadmap on Diamond OA (30 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sridhar Gutam, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research ● Lidia Borrell-Damian, Secretary General, Science Europe 	Main Hall
Feb. 5, 2026 Thursday 16:00 - 17:00	Closing Plenary : Commitments & Next Steps for Diamond OA (60 min)	<p>Chair: R.S. Paroda, Former Secretary., Department of Agricultural Research and Education, GoI, & Founder Chairman, TAAS, India</p> <p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tusar Kanti Behera, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore, India ● Lidia Borrell-Damian, Secretary General, Science Europe <p>Rapporteurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David Oliva Uribe, Senior Consultant, UNESCO ● Eleni Boursinou, Consultant, UNESCO <p>Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rep. Ministry of Education/S&T/Agriculture/PSA, GoI ● S. V. Suresha, Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore ● Arianna Becerril-García, Executive Director and Chair, Redalyc/AmeliCA ● Ana Persic, Programme Specialist for Science Technology and Innovation Policies and Open Science, UNESCO ● Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation, India ● Marin Dacos, National Open Science Coordinator, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research 	Main Hall

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16:30-17:00	Coffee / Tea Break		
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18:00	Dinner		
Feb. 6, 2026 Friday 9:00 – 18:00	Field / Cultural / Research Infrastructure visits to UAS Bangalore and ICAR-IIHR Bengaluru	Coordinators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● G. Karunakaran, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research ● E. Sreenivasa Rao, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research ● P. Naveen Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research 	