



Bengaluru Roadmap Scaling Diamond Open Access Globally

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Diamond Open Access

A scholar-led and community-owned scholarly publishing model without costs for authors or readers, making knowledge available as a global public good via non-commercial infrastructures. It promotes equity, sustainability, multilingualism, and bibliodiversity, aligning with the Budapest Open Access Initiative-BOAI20, the UNESCO 2021 Recommendation on Open Science, the Action Plan for Diamond Open Access, and the UN Global Digital Compact.

Diamond OA is supported by universities, public institutions, and funding organisations whose mission includes performing or promoting research and scholarship.

Building Upon Global Summits

Toluca

Produced the Toluca Conclusions & Way Forward, the Manifesto on Science as a Global Public Good

Cape Town

Produced the Toluca-Cape Town Declaration on Diamond Open Access

Bengaluru

Producing the Bengaluru Roadmap

These documents articulated a shared global vision for strengthening Diamond OA as a public, community-owned scholarly communication system.

The Roadmap as a living framework

- Reflects the understanding that Diamond OA is shaped by diverse scholarly cultures, infrastructures, and policy environments. Strengthening it requires ongoing collaboration, learning, and adaptation.
- Brings together shared objectives and actions identified during the Bengaluru Summit, while leaving space for regional, national, disciplinary, and institutional pathways to implementation.

Bengaluru Roadmap is intended...

to **evolve** over time, informed by continued **dialogue**, evidence from practice, & renewed commitments from the global Diamond OA **community**.

Purpose & Scope

- Provide broad, actionable recommendations that can be adapted to regional, national, disciplinary, and institutional contexts.
- Align diverse initiatives within a coherent global undertaking, while respecting local autonomy and plurality.



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Reimagining scholarly publishing for equity, inclusion, and multilingualism

- Affirm Diamond Open Access as an instrument of equity and public value
- Translate shared principles into coordinated collective action.
- Respond to context-specific challenges in the development of Diamond OA ecosystems
- Strengthen scholarly publishing sovereignty
- Strengthen quality, trust, and research integrity in Diamond OA
- Recognize ancestral /traditional knowledge holders as producers of knowledge
- Acknowledge local languages by communicating science in local languages

Call to Action for the community

- Institutions
- Civil society
- Researchers communities
- Young researchers organisations
- Librarian communities
- Research and Innovation stakeholder organisations
- Governments
- Intergovernmental organisations

Building, supporting, and sustaining Diamond OA infrastructures

- Invest in people and shared capacity, not just platforms
- Commit to stable, structural public funding for core infrastructure
- Strengthen governance to build trust, integrity, and sustainability
- Align research assessment, incentives, and policy with Diamond OA Values
- Build coordinated, interoperable ecosystems rather than isolated solutions
- Use open-source technologies and community networks to reduce costs and risk
- Position Diamond OA infrastructure as a societal asset

Publishing Platforms & Services for Diamond OA

- Platforms as foundational, community-governed infrastructure
- Quality, trust, and visibility beyond commercial indexing
- Capacity gaps and uneven support for journals and books
- Policy, power, and the risk of commercial capture
- Coordination, collaboration, and a broader social role for journals and books

Metadata standards, interoperability, and persistent identifiers

- Establish metadata and persistent identifiers as core public infrastructure for Diamond OA
- Promote an interoperable, identifier-agnostic ecosystem. Support the development and alignment of a globally interoperable PID ecosystem
- Lower barriers to adoption through shared services and equitable cost models
- Invest in capacity building and multilingualism
- Develop a global, community-led response to sustainability and emerging pressures

Repositories and preprints as core components of Diamond OA

Diamond OA initiatives, journals, books, and
scholarly societies in practice

Capacity building, and standard development

Insert learnings from today's workshops

Responsible research assessment as a pathway to Diamond OA

- Develop a stronger scholarly knowledge base on current research systems
- Develop an approach to research assessment as a constructive exercise
- Engage with researchers: Develop trainings to inform researchers and evaluators in new research assessment systems tailored to current practices and traditions
- Define (or refine) policies and Roadmaps at institutional and governmental levels

Early career researchers and the future of Diamond OA

Insert learnings from today's plenary

Global commitment, governance, and shared responsibility

Governments are called upon to support Diamond OA model of science dissemination. Government support would allow for Diamond OA to be scholarly owned under the governance and at the service of the scientific community and society, fulfilling the promise of scientific knowledge as a global public good for the benefit of society. In particular:

- Recognise Diamond OA as a core scholarly communication system
- Use normative instruments to affirm that access to scientific knowledge is a right (based on UNESCO 2021 Recommendation)
- Anchor Diamond OA in public-interest governance
- Invest strategically in national and international Diamond OA capacity building and non-commercial infrastructure
- Build a shared evidence base and articulate the societal value of Diamond OA
- Enable the evolution of research evaluation systems to fully recognise Diamond OA
- Preserve sovereignty of scholarly publishing within the scholarly community

What is next?

- Finalize the Roadmap based on learnings from the Bengaluru Summit

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