

Scholarly Publishing in the Global South: a commercial view

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About **Sabinet**

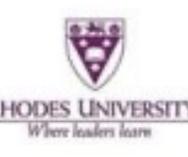
- Founded in 1983 by 46 South African libraries
- Purpose
 - To promote resource sharing
 - To enable access to online information



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Owned by libraries



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Core **Services**

Library solutions and services

Shared Cataloguing

Interlibrary loan

Library management systems

OCLC Distributor since 1990's



Information resources



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Information Resources

Reference and Citation databases

Legal information

- Government and Provincial Gazettes from 1910
- National, Provincial and Municipal legislation
- Parliamentary bills, Bill tracking, Case law

Research information

- Scholarly journals (Sabinet African Journals)
- Newspaper clippings (SA Media)
- Index to African archives
- African Magazines

Information Resources



Guided by an
Advisory Council



Promoting African
scholarship and research
to the rest of the world

FOCUS



Material that is of
common interest to the
member libraries



Material originating from
South Africa and Africa as
these resources were
typically overlooked by major
international publishers



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Scholarly Journals (Sabinet African Journals)

Initially started in 2001 with current issues moving forward

South African publishers had little or no online presence

Libraries were looking to move from print to electronic subscriptions

Service need to be cost effective for both the publishers and the libraries



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Open Access African Journal Archive



The African Journal Archive (AJA), a **retrospective digitisation** project, was funded by the Carnegie Corporation in the mid 2000's. The project took five years to complete.



The archive fulfils to some extent the significant social and educational need in Africa and throughout the world to preserve journal literature emanating from publishers and societies on the continent.



The African Journal Archive offers 180 journals with 122,000 articles.



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Scholarly Journals (Sabinet African Journals)

Support and promote African research publishing at scale

Support multiple publishing models on a single platform



For Fee



Open Access



Hybrid



**Dependent on
publisher**

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Journals - Current Coverage

- Includes areas where knowledge only exists in Africa
- 158 publishers (actively publishing)
- 94% of journals are from South Africa and 6% from the rest of Africa
- Journals are verified before being added to the collections

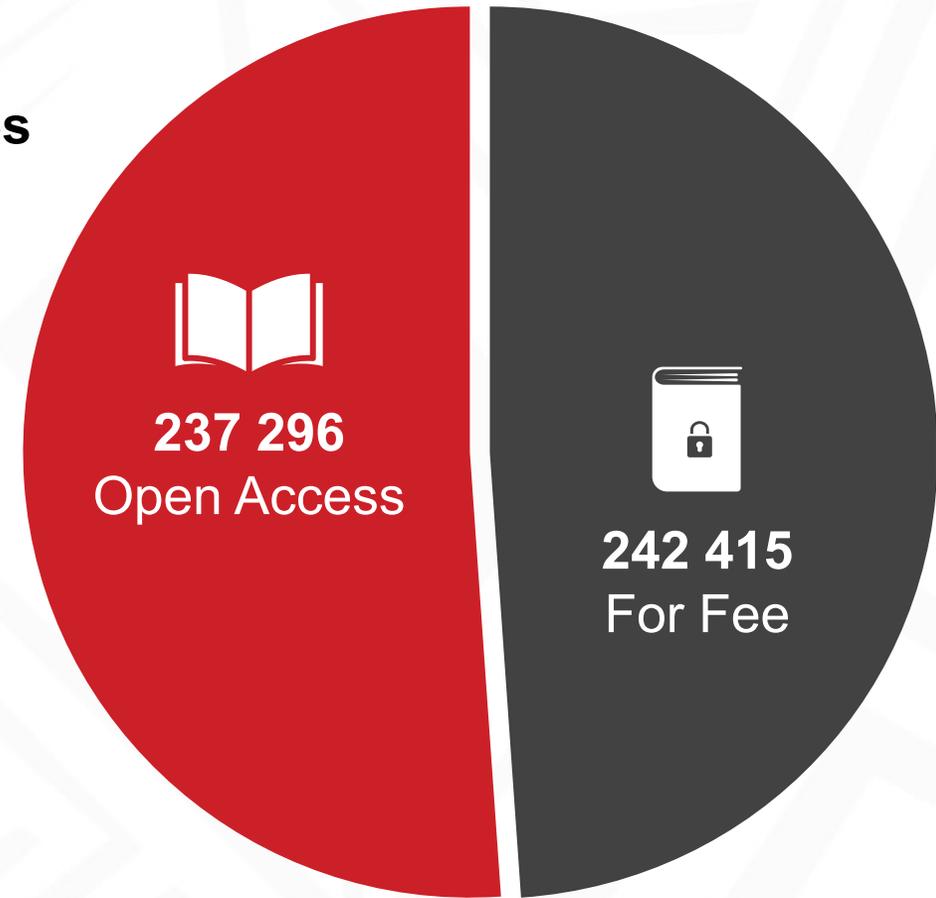
Journals - Current Coverage

Titles



632

Articles



479 711

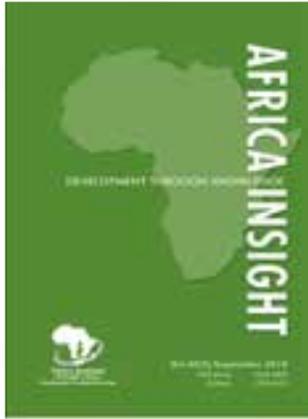


Journal Collections

	African Journal Archive	180	102	Medicine & Health	
	Business & Finance	103	33	Religion	
	Education	20	120	Science, Technology & Agriculture	
	Labour	15	219	Social Sciences & Humanities	
	Law	54	21	Juta's Law Journals	



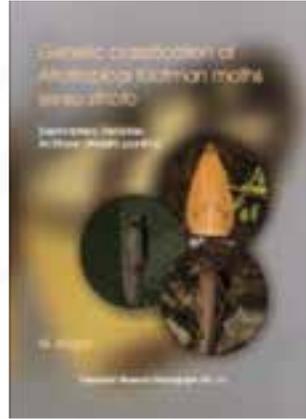
Unique perspectives across all subjects



African Studies



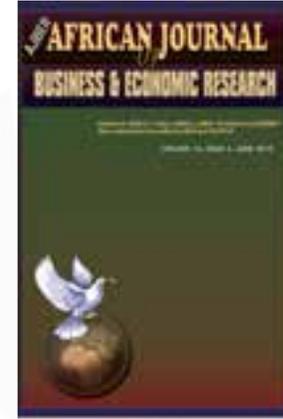
Agriculture



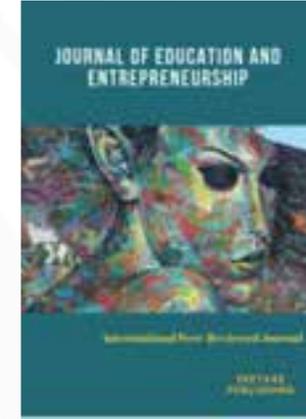
Anthropology



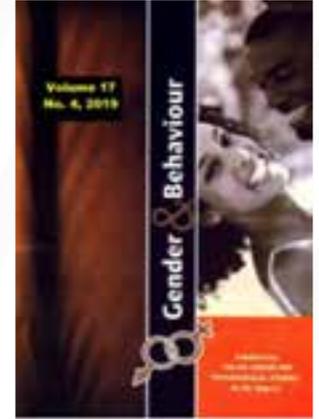
Criminology



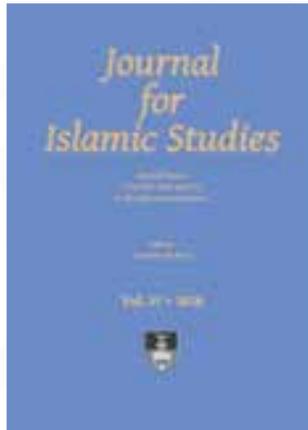
Economics



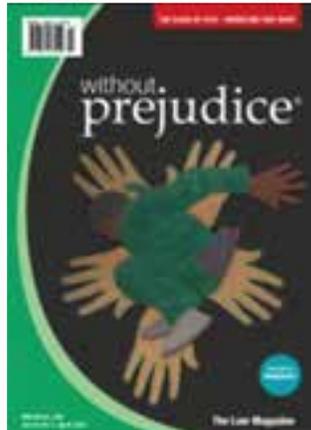
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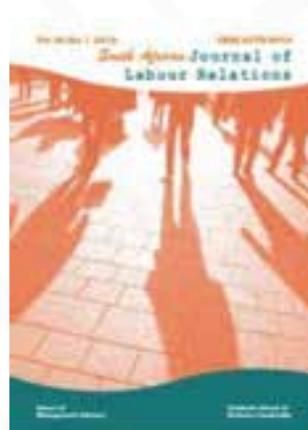
Gender Studies



Islam



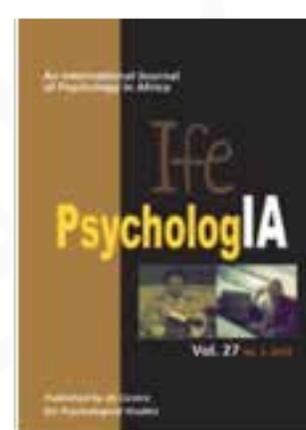
Law



Labour



Medicine



Psychology



Religion



Statistics

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Broad Coverage

GENDER EQUALITY: AN ASSESSMENT OF GENDER DIFFERENCES ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND CAUSES OF GENDER GAP IN EDUCATION

Sustainable sanitation and climate change

Impacts of fundamental changes to Soil Taxonomy^s

Exegetical exploration of 1 John 4:7-21 in the context of the Nigerian church

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES:
THE BRUTALITIES OF THE GHANA POLICE SERVICE**

The impact of black economic empowerment on business risk - evidence from the South African industrial sector

Geographical influence on the distribution of the prevalence of hypertension in South Africa : a multilevel analysis

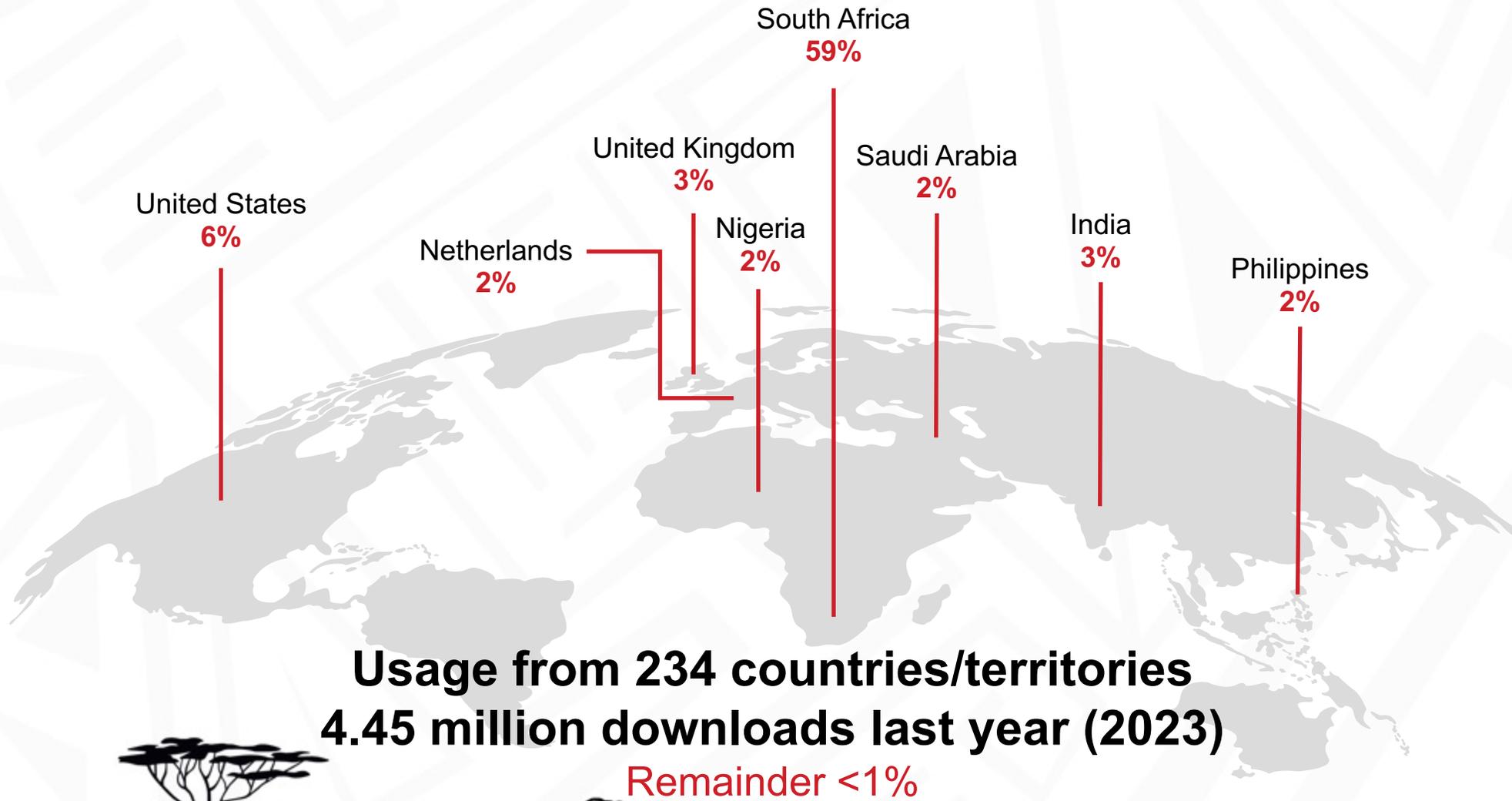
When home is not home : challenges faced by children from orphanage after being reintegrated back into society

South African Muslim women : sexuality, marriage and reproductive choices : research report

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Article downloads by country



**Usage from 234 countries/territories
4.45 million downloads last year (2023)**

Remainder <1%





Technology

We had originally developed our own journal platform BUT

- Expectation from users that our platform should comply with international standards and functionality





Technology

- Adopted the Atypon platform
 - Advanced searching, COUNTER 5, SUSHI, XML, HTML display, citation tools, social media sharing, alerting and saved searches, TDM, service level agreements, support of a variety of authentication methods, preservation
- Metadata supplied to major knowledgebases and discovery tools, including
 - Summon
 - Primo
 - EDS
 - WorldCat
- Google Scholar



Awareness

Unique perspectives from Africa

Exposure of African research and content globally

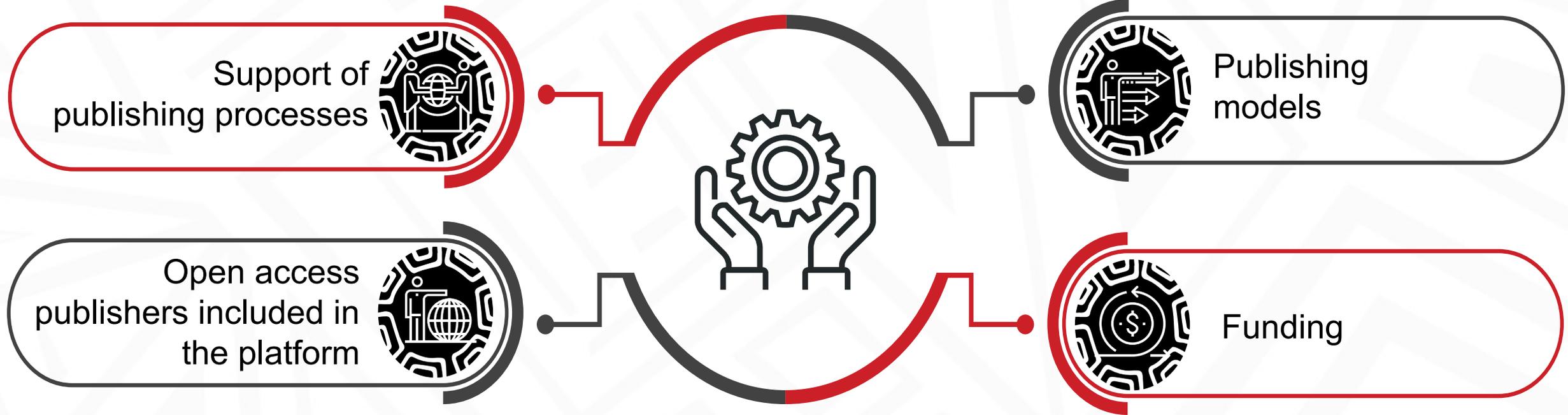
International partner – Coherent Digital



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Sustainability





South African Magazines

- 50,000 pages of historically significant and rare magazines written and targeted specifically for South African audiences
- Digitised for the first time. A “rescue mission” to save fragile and disappearing content.
- Materials that have almost never been seen outside Africa.
- Developed in partnership with Coherent Digital
- Sabinet is sourcing and digitizing materials from African libraries.



Broad Coverage

- Journalism
- History
- Literature
- Sports
- Black Studies
- Gender Studies
- Religion
- Anthropology
- Design
- Sociology
- Media Studies
- Political Science

This is petty apartheid



African research and content is...

Important

20% of humanity is African or has African heritage



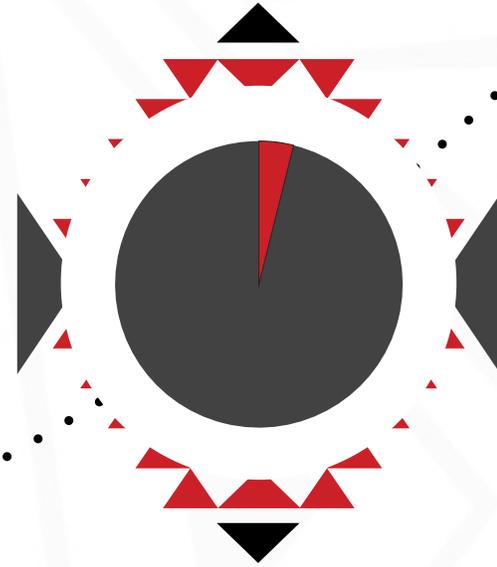
Unique

Perspectives from Africa



Under-represented

<4% of Western library collections are African





Where to from here

- Sabinet supports sustainable African research publishing at scale while adhering to international/western technology expectations
- Increase usage from outside South Africa



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We have built an infrastructure that enables African knowledge to be disseminated worldwide. We are an African organisation working in Africa to bring African content to the world and we would like to expand the collections and extend our reach

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