

Leadership Dialogue on Open Access and African Research Publishing in the 21st Century

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Speakers



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Prof Zeblon Vilakazi



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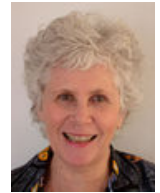
Dr Lidia Borrell-Damián



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Eve Gray is a publisher, publishing strategy consultant and researcher specialising in the application of digital media and new strategic and business models to scholarly communications and knowledge transfer in the developing world and particularly in Africa. Eve has extensive experience in scholarly and academic textbook publishing in Europe and South Africa. A former Director of Wits University Press and UCT Press as well as Academic Publishing Director at Juta Publishers, she has worked as a consultant since 2000 and in 2006/2007 was awarded an International Policy Fellowship by the Open Society Institute, Budapest. She has worked in a number of projects relating to Open Access publishing of African research, including as Project Lead for the Scholarly Communication in Africa Programme. She is a member of the Experts' Panel for the Journal Flipping Project being run by the Harvard University Office for Scholarly Communication, a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of IDS Bulletin and a member of the Advisory Board of Knowledge Unlatched.



Garry Rosenberg



Garry Rosenberg is the former founding Director of HSRC Press, which has come to be regarded as a leading contributor to scholarly publishing in Africa in terms of output and impact. He has contributed to international debate on scholarly publishing in forums such as the World Social Science Forum, local and international conferences, regional workshops and has run local capacity-building initiatives. Recent contributions to the literature on scholarly publishing include collaborative authoring *Scholarly Books: Their production, use and evaluation in South Africa today* (2009), a report commissioned and published by the Academy of Science of South Africa, and a chapter titled 'The dynamics of Social Science scholarly publishing in Africa' in *World Social Science Report 2009*, commissioned and published by UNESCO. He has worked in the publishing profession for over 15 years. Prior to establishing the HSRC Press in 2002, he was General Manager: Publishing for Heinemann southern Africa. He holds an MBA from UCT in addition to postgraduate qualifications in literature and education.

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Dr Pascal Hoba



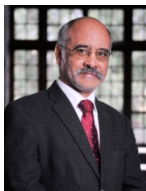
Dr Pascal Hoba is Chief Executive Officer of UbuntuNet Alliance, the regional research and education-networking organisation for Eastern and Southern Africa. He was previously Director of Knowledge Management, Information and Communications at the Association of African Universities (AAU) and Coordinator of the Database of African Theses and Dissertations [DATAD] programme. He initiated the Open Access process with the DATAD programme as a regional repository centre and set up the African Higher Education Resource Centre at the AAU. Dr Hoba has served on a number of Africa-wide initiatives and boards such as the ICT Advisory Committee of the Pan African/Indian e-Network Project at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa; and the Executive Committee of the Pan-African Leadership Institute for Library Management based in Alexandria in Egypt. He has authored several scientific papers on strategic information and edited a number of books. He holds a Master's Degree and PhD in Scientific and Technical Information from the University of Marseilles in France.

Prof Caroline Ncube

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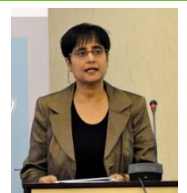
Prof Crain Soudien





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Piyushi Kotecha

Piyushi Kotecha is the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA). She has spearheaded SARUA efforts to develop a higher education agenda of relevance, growth, development and integration in higher education in the SADC region. SARUA is part of a continental drive to revitalise the role and impact of universities with key partners such as the African Union (AU), NEPAD and SADC. Previously, she was the driving force in the transformation of the South African Universities Vice-Chancellors Association (SAUVCA), and in the inception of Higher Education South Africa (HESA), which for the first time in South Africa incorporated universities and technikons into a single higher education umbrella body.



Discussion Summaries

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