New scientific publication boosts African research

KIGALI, Rwanda - *Scientific African* is a new pan-African, peer reviewed, open access publishing journal, dedicated to boosting the global reach and impact of research by Africans.



(L to R): Thierry Zomahoun, president and CEO of AIMS, and founder and chair of NEF, Elsevier CEO, Ron Mobed.

The new publication is the result of a partnership between the Next Einstein Forum (NEF), an initiative of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), and Elsevier, the information analytics business specialising in science and health.

Scientific African will generate increased visibility for African researchers and provide a platform to share their research with the global community. Despite the digital revolution, African researchers continue to suffer from a lack of global exposure. They will now benefit from Elsevier's existing journal infrastructure and expertise to publish their research across a wide range of scientific disciplines.

Scientific African was launched at the Next Einstein Forum Global Gathering 2018 being held in Kigali, Rwanda, March 26-28, 2018.

"*Scientific African* is central to the Next Einstein Forum's vision of propelling Africa onto the global scientific stage. What better way to do this then by actively publishing the groundbreaking discoveries and excellent research of African scientists?" said Thierry Zomahoun, president and CEO of AIMS, and founder and chair of NEF.

"The NEF is committed to promoting scientific excellence and collaboration in Africa. We believe the two go hand-in-hand to improve scientific output and outcomes and we are happy that *Scientific African* will be led by the NEF's brilliant Community of Scientists."

The journal's mission is to widen the availability and capacity of research by Africans, increase its impact and discoverability, and make African research more visible around the world. *Scientific African* will publish articles that focus on areas of critical importance to African scientists, citizens, and policymakers.

"Through the efforts of both Elsevier and the Elsevier Foundation, we are committed to building African capacity in research. *Scientific African* is a state of the art platform, which will complement national and regional efforts to increase visibility and provide cohesion for the African research community," said Ron Mobed, Elsevier CEO.

Shared expertise

As part of its partnership with NEF, Elsevier will offer the publishing infrastructure for *Scientific African* at cost. Elsevier will also share its expertise in publishing, data sharing, marketing, editorial organisation and information analytics, to help build a freely accessible flagship journal for African researchers.

Headed by Fellows from NEF's Community of Scientists, the journal will allow authors to publish their articles Open Access at a low cost, enabling African researchers to share their work to an international audience on a highly-visible, prestigious publishing outlet that utilises Elsevier's market leading technology.

Scientific African will publish peer-reviewed original research from all scientific disciplines and will also occasionally publish reviews, editorials, and invited perspectives or critical policy papers. The journal welcomes submissions to its peer reviewed, open access, inter- and multidisciplinary scientific platform dedicated to expanding access to research by Africans, increasing intra-African scientific collaboration, and building scientific capacity in Africa.

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