

## **GRC 2024 Side event: Equity in Open Access Publishing**

**Parallel side events: Slot 10**

**Room: Ballsaal**

**Date: 28 May 2024**

**Time: 16:00-17:30**

Access to science information across the globe and especially in developing countries is prone to many challenges. While these challenges affect mostly researchers, research entities, and funders in developing countries, the advancement of knowledge worldwide is severely limited when the participation of researchers in these regions is constrained. Despite this, there have been few or none intersectoral discussions and effective actions on equity in publishing, especially across developing regions.

The proposed side session will discuss the increasingly visible challenges to equity in academic publishing. This includes the transition to Open Access publishing but should also be understood more broadly, including:

- i The cost of APCs,
- ii The composition of editorial boards,
- iii The regional distribution of editors,
- iv The regional distribution of reviewers used in the selection process,
- v Awareness creation and resourcing equity and others.

For researchers in developing countries, these dimensions are very clear and present every day, creating real barriers to an open and equal participation in the worldwide research endeavour. The session will have a frank discussion among representatives from several research funding bodies and representatives from several publishers including non-commercial platforms, to search for points of common ground that could be the basis for future action in favour of greater geographical inclusion in the research ecosystem.

### **Provisional Agenda - Equity in Open Access Publishing**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>5 Min</b>	<b>Opening Remarks and Event Agenda</b> Sepo Hachigonta, Director of Strategic Partnership, NRF SA and Prof. Carlos Henrique de Brito Cruz, Senior VP Research Networks, Elsevier
<b>45 min</b>	<b>Remarks by Panel Members</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sepo Hachigonta. Director of Strategic Partnership, National Research Foundation, South Africa (NRF, SA)</li><li>2. Prof. Márcio de Castro Silva Filho, Scientific Director, São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil (FAPESP)</li><li>3. Abel Packer, Director, Scientific Electronic Library Online (SCIELO)</li><li>4. Prof Christopher Smith, Executive Chair, Arts and Humanities Research Council, United Kingdom, UKRI</li><li>5. Stuart Whayman, Managing Director Researchers &amp; Librarians, Elsevier</li><li>6. Rebecca Lawrence, Managing Director, Researcher Services, Taylor and Francis</li></ol>
<b>35 Min</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>5 Min</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>