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## The State of Play in the Open Science and Digital Repositories

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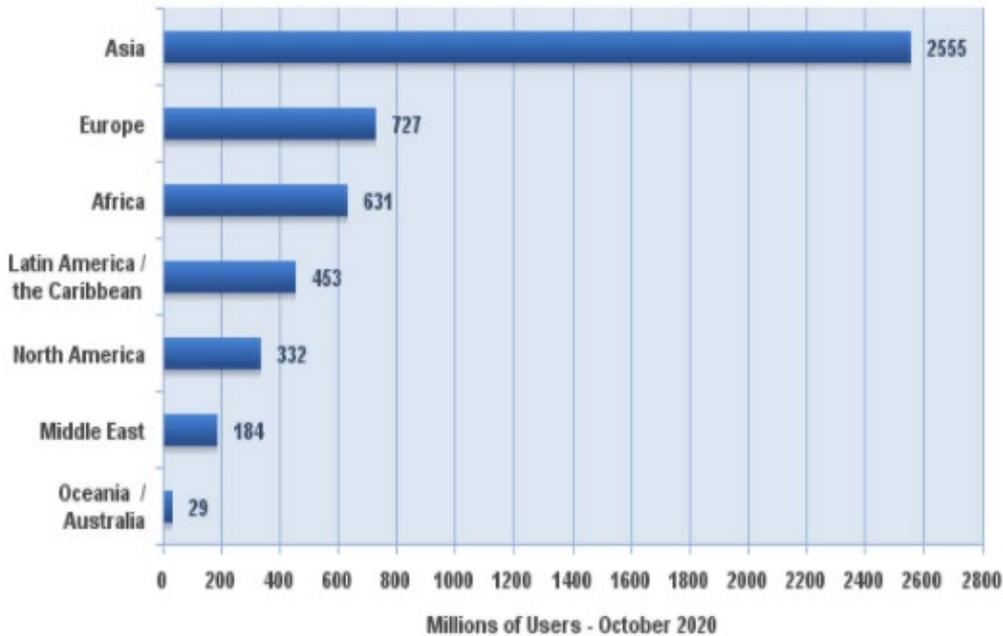


# Outline

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- ▶ Introductory concepts, definitions and considerations
- ▶ Open Science: definitions and tools
  - ▶ The role of FAIR principles compliant digital repositories and persistent identifiers
- ▶ A success story from Ethiopia
- ▶ The Knowledge Workflow and the Knowledge “Nexi”
- ▶ Summary and conclusion

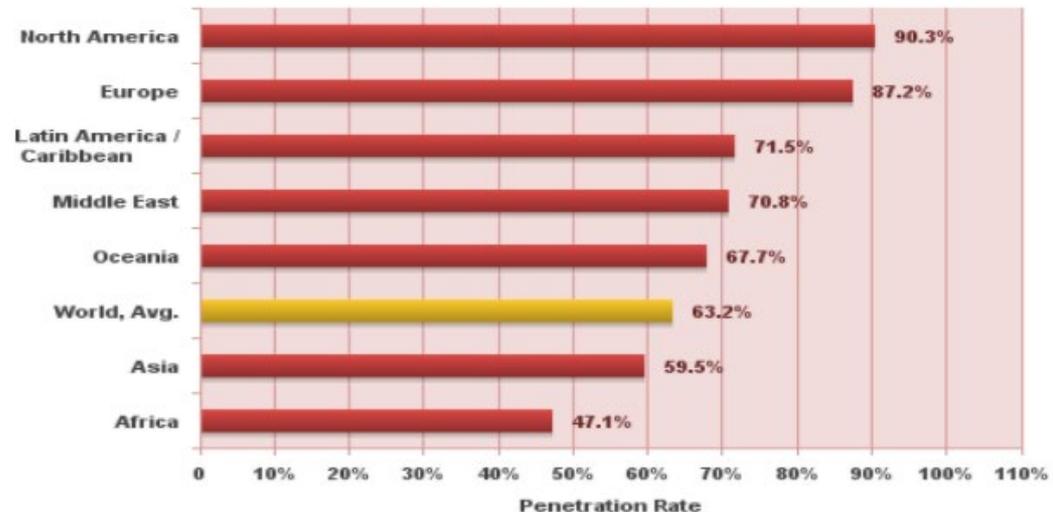
## Internet Users in the World by Geographic Regions - 2020 Q3



## Internet figures

- **2020 Q3: 63,2% of world population is on Internet (1)**
- **1,250% increase in the last 20 years**

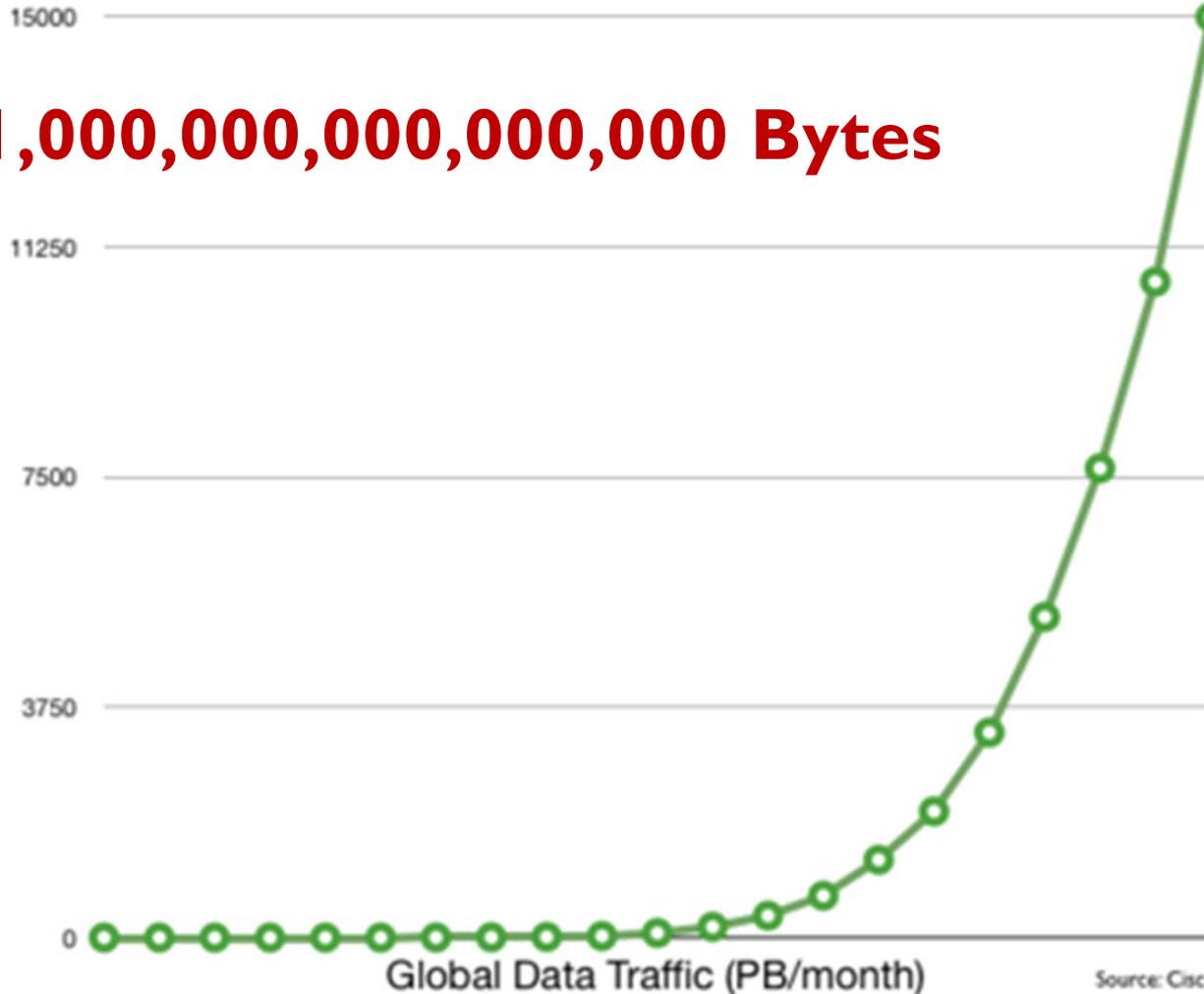
## Internet World Penetration Rates by Geographic Regions - 2020 Q3



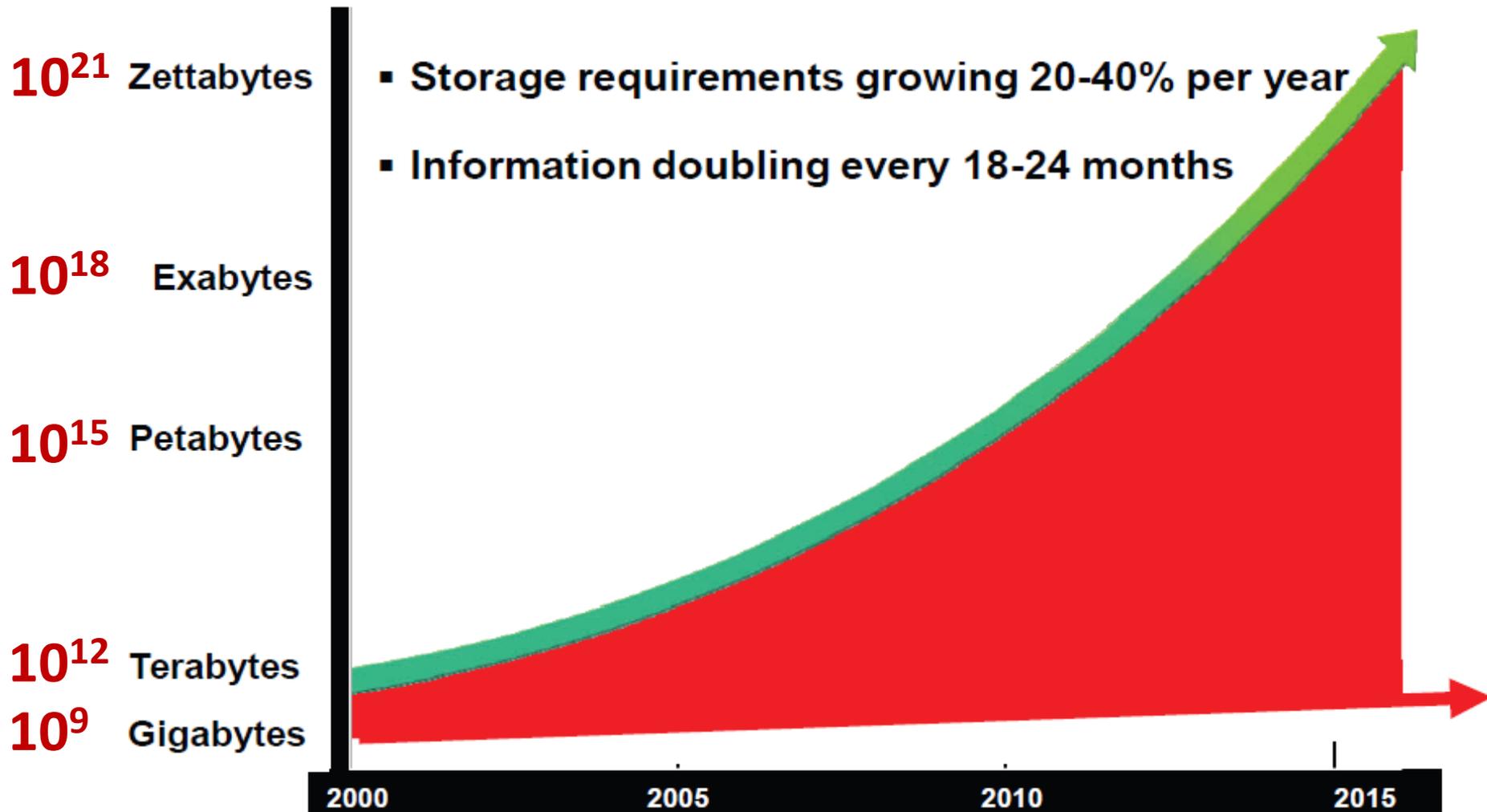
# Internet Exponential Data Growth

Internet Data Growth (1990-2010)

**1 PB = 1,000,000,000,000,000 Bytes**



# Estimated Data Growth - Worldwide



# Scientific Data Growth (High-energy Physics)



ALICE

200Hz - 400Hz  
RAW: ~1.7-1.1 MB/evt

Event Summary Data (ESD): ~1 MB/evt  
Analysis Object Data (AOD): ~100 kB/evt  
derived data (dESD, dAOD, NTUP,...)  
distributed over the Grid

Calibration

CERN  
Analysis  
Facility

Tier-1

Tier-1

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**0.5 EB = 500 PB**

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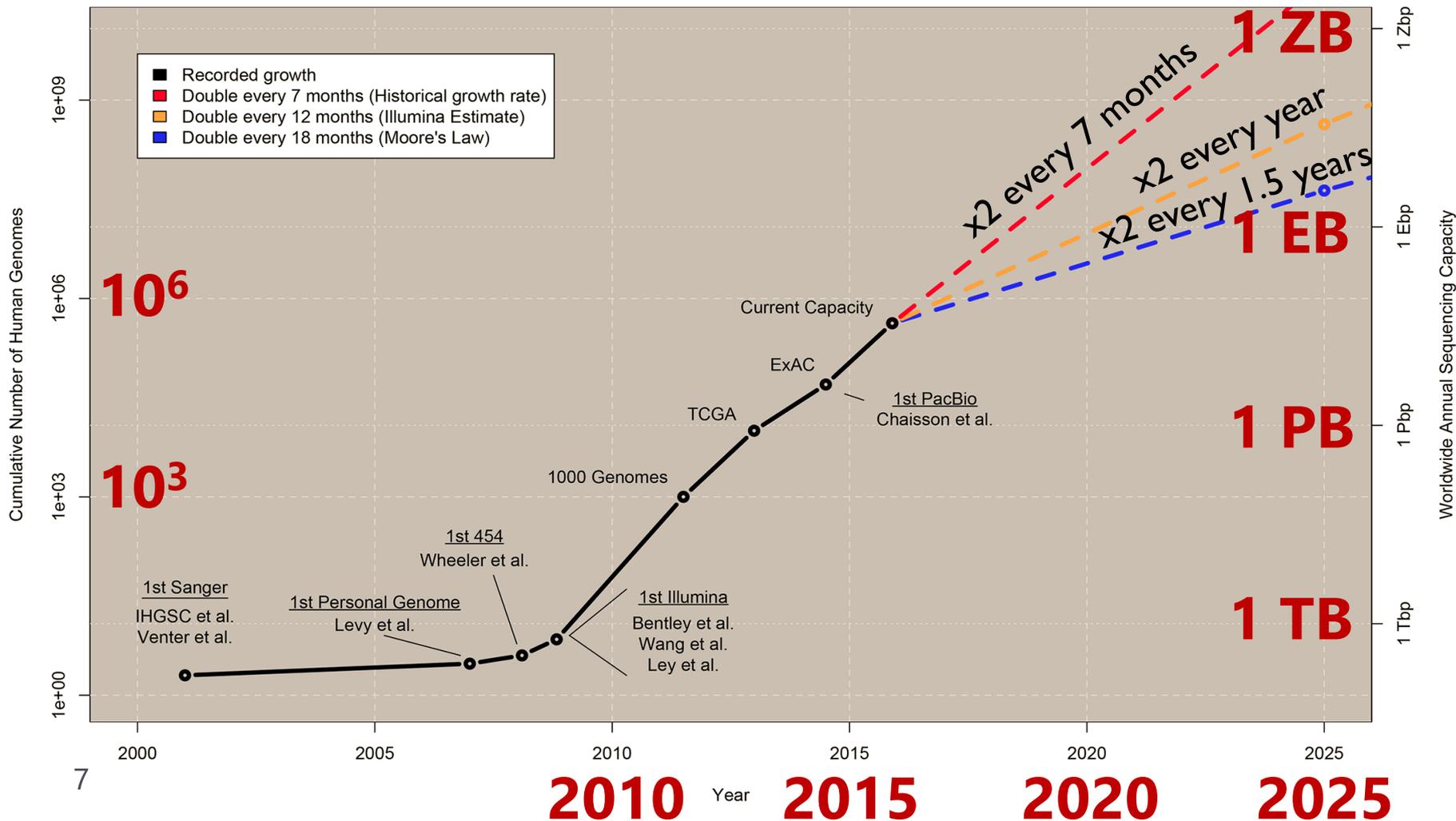
NEWS

## CERN's data stores soar to 530M gigabytes

The Large Hadron Collider's detectors record 14 million photos a second

# Scientific Data Growth (Bioinformatics)

## Global growth of DNA sequencing (per year)





# The «pillars» of the Scientific Method

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- **Repeatability**

- The closeness of agreement between independent results obtained with the same method on identical test material, under the same conditions (same operator, same apparatus, same laboratory and after short intervals of time)
- Affected by *random errors*

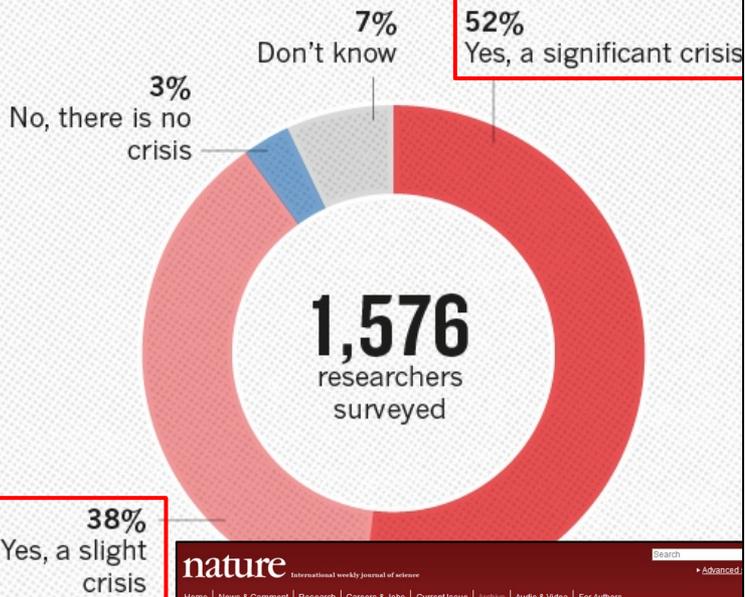
- **Reproducibility**

- The closeness of agreement between independent results obtained with the same method on identical test material but under different conditions (different operators, different apparatus, different laboratories and/or after different intervals of time)
- Affected by *systematic errors*

**Is science reproducible?**

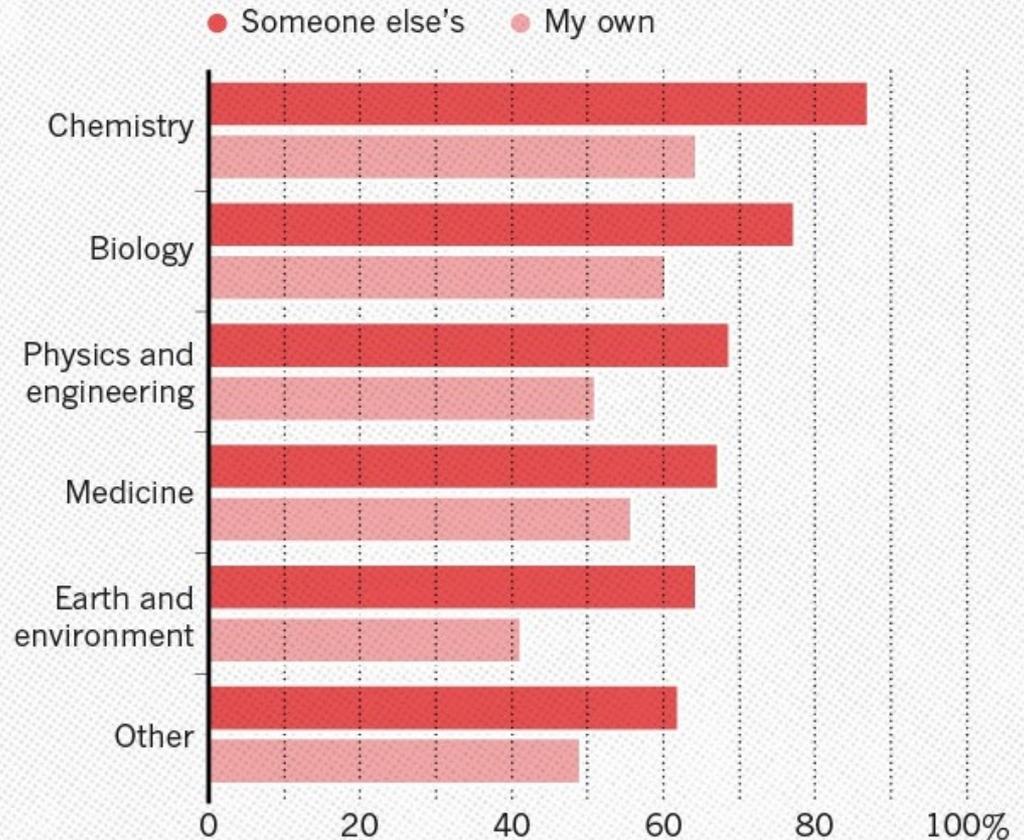
# Reproducibility «crisis» survey

## IS THERE A REPRODUCIBILITY CRISIS?



## HAVE YOU FAILED TO REPRODUCE AN EXPERIMENT?

Most scientists have experienced failure to reproduce results.



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**CHALLENGES IN IRREPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH**

No research paper can ever be considered to be the final word, and the replication and corroboration of research results is key to the scientific process. In studying complex entities, especially animals and human beings, the complexity of the system and of the techniques can all too easily lead to results that seem robust in the lab, and valid to editors and referees of journals, but which do not stand the test of further studies. Nature has published a series of articles about the worrying extent to which research results have been found wanting in this respect. The editors of Nature and the Nature life sciences research journals have also taken substantive steps to put our own houses in order in improving the transparency and robustness of what we publish. Journals, research laboratories and institutions and funders all have an interest in tackling issues of irreproducibility. We hope that the articles contained in this collection will help.

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**EDITORIAL**

**Journals unite for reproducibility**  
Consensus on reporting principles aims to improve the quality of the biomedical literature  
Nature 515, 7 (6 November 2014)

**Code share**  
Papers in Nature journals should make code available  
Nature 514, 559 (29 October 2014)

**Reducing our irreproducibility**  
Nature 496, 398 (25 April 2013)

**Further confirmation needed**  
A new mechanism for independently replicating research results is needed to improve the quality of the biomedical literature  
Nature Biotechnology 30, 905 (10 September 2012)

**Error prone**  
Biologists must realize the pitfalls of work sharing  
Nature 487, 400 (20 July 2012)

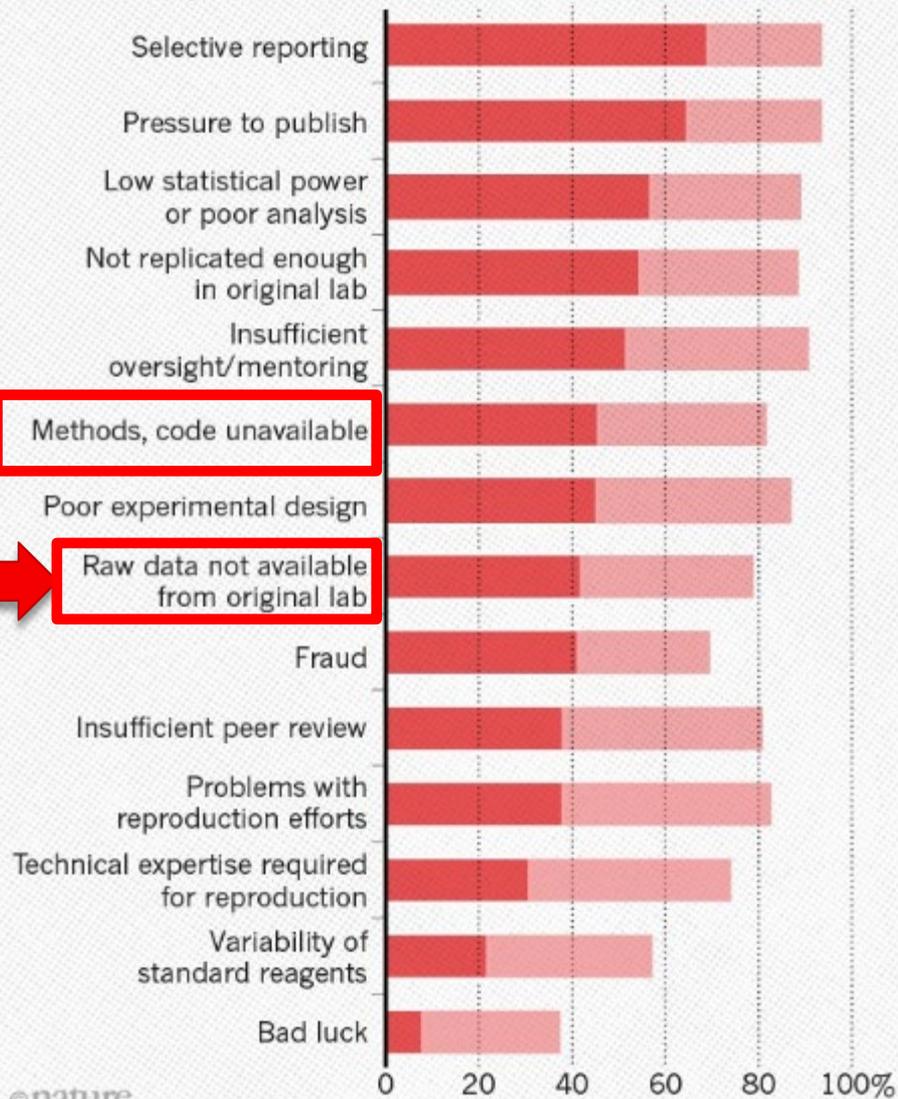
**Must try harder**  
Too many sloppy mistakes are creeping into research papers — and at themselves.  
Nature 483, 909 (29 March 2012)

# Reproducibility «crisis» survey

## WHAT FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO IRREPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH?

Many top-rated factors relate to intense competition and time pressure.

● Always/often contribute ● Sometimes contribute

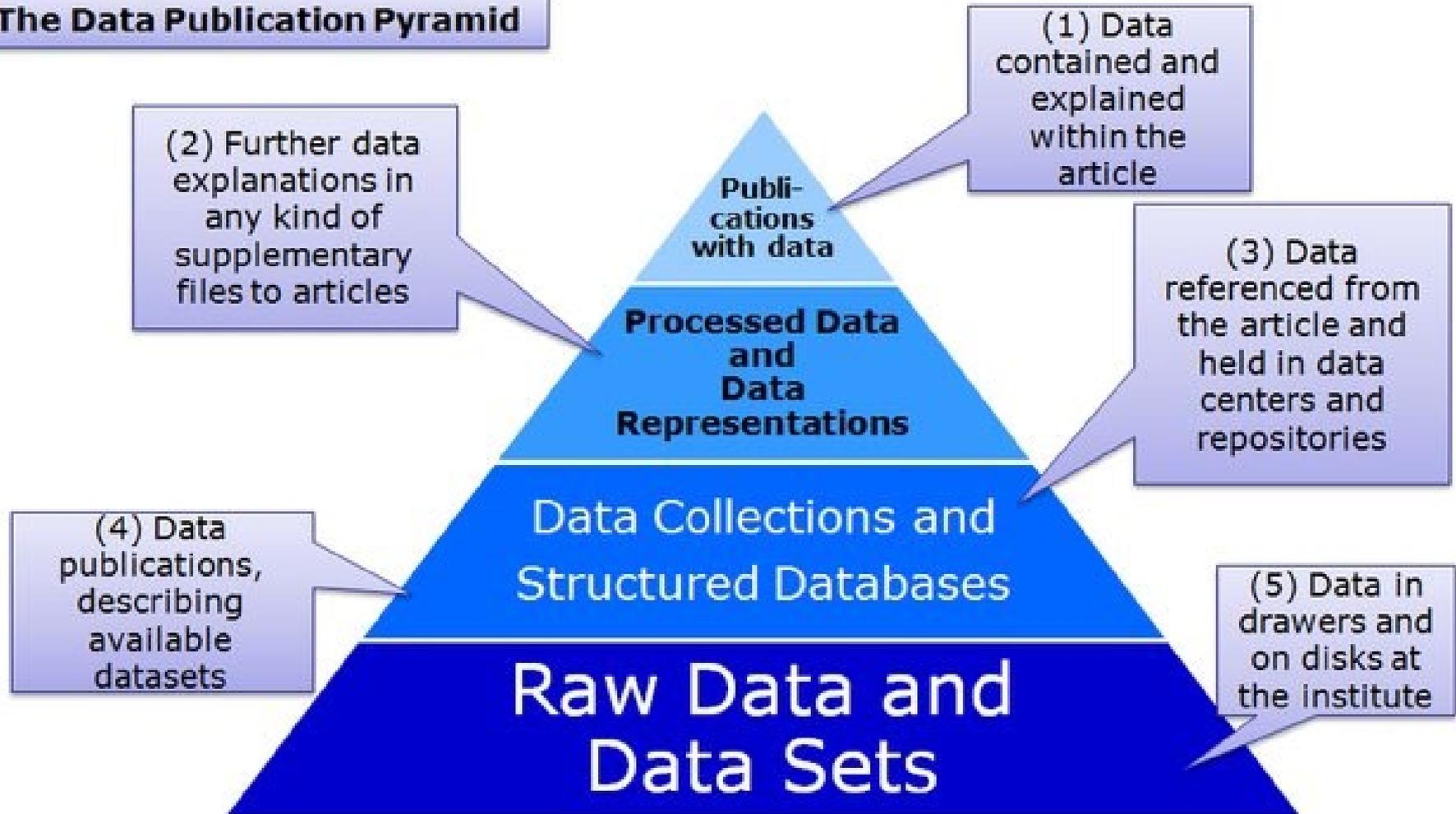


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Raw data not available from original lab

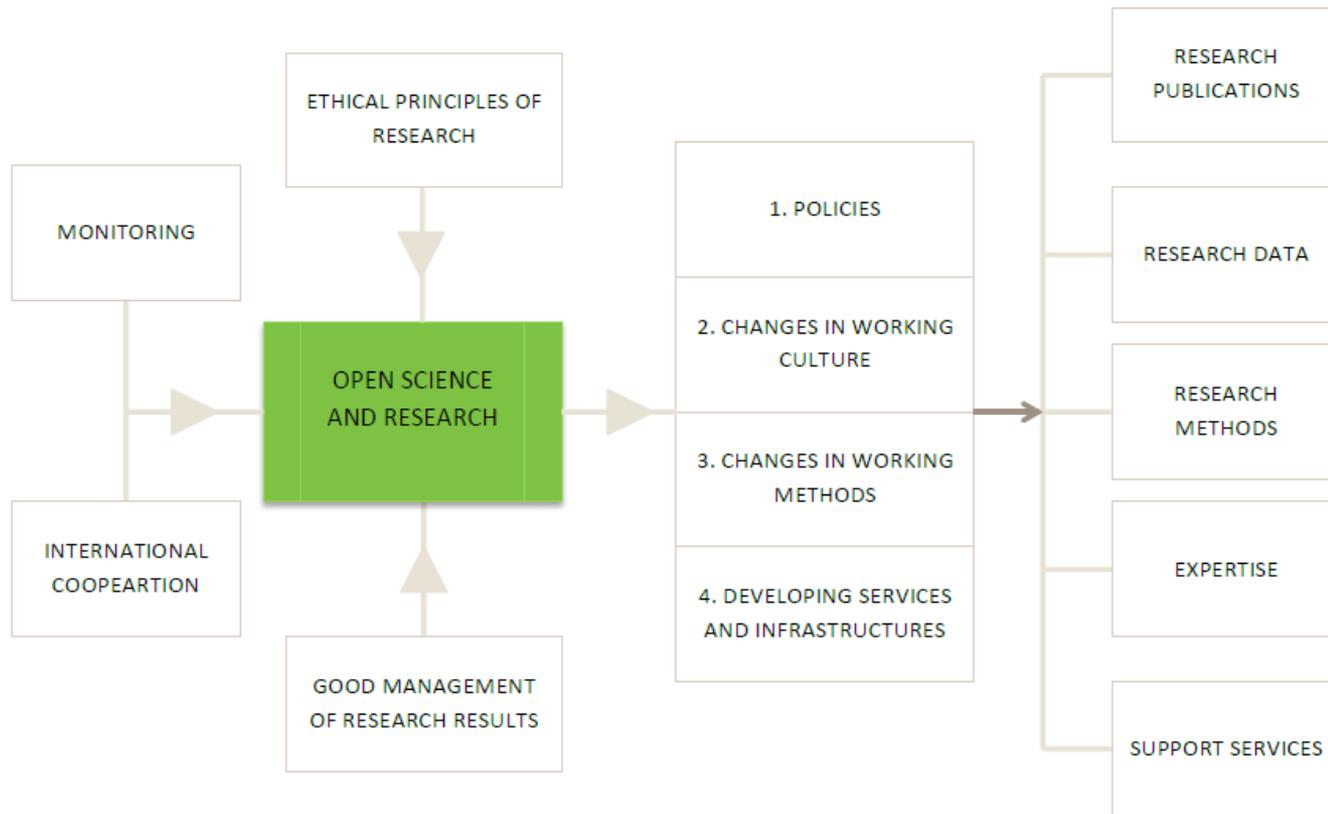
# The Data pyramid

## The Data Publication Pyramid





# Open Science enablers and beneficiaries



## Researchers

- Visibility
- Credits
- Funding
- Networking

## Research teams

- Visibility
- Funding
- Cost-effectiveness
- Networking

## Organisations

- Funding
- Quality
- Cost-effectiveness

## Decision-makers and financiers

- Decisions based on better information
- Increased impact of funding
- Quality

## The general public

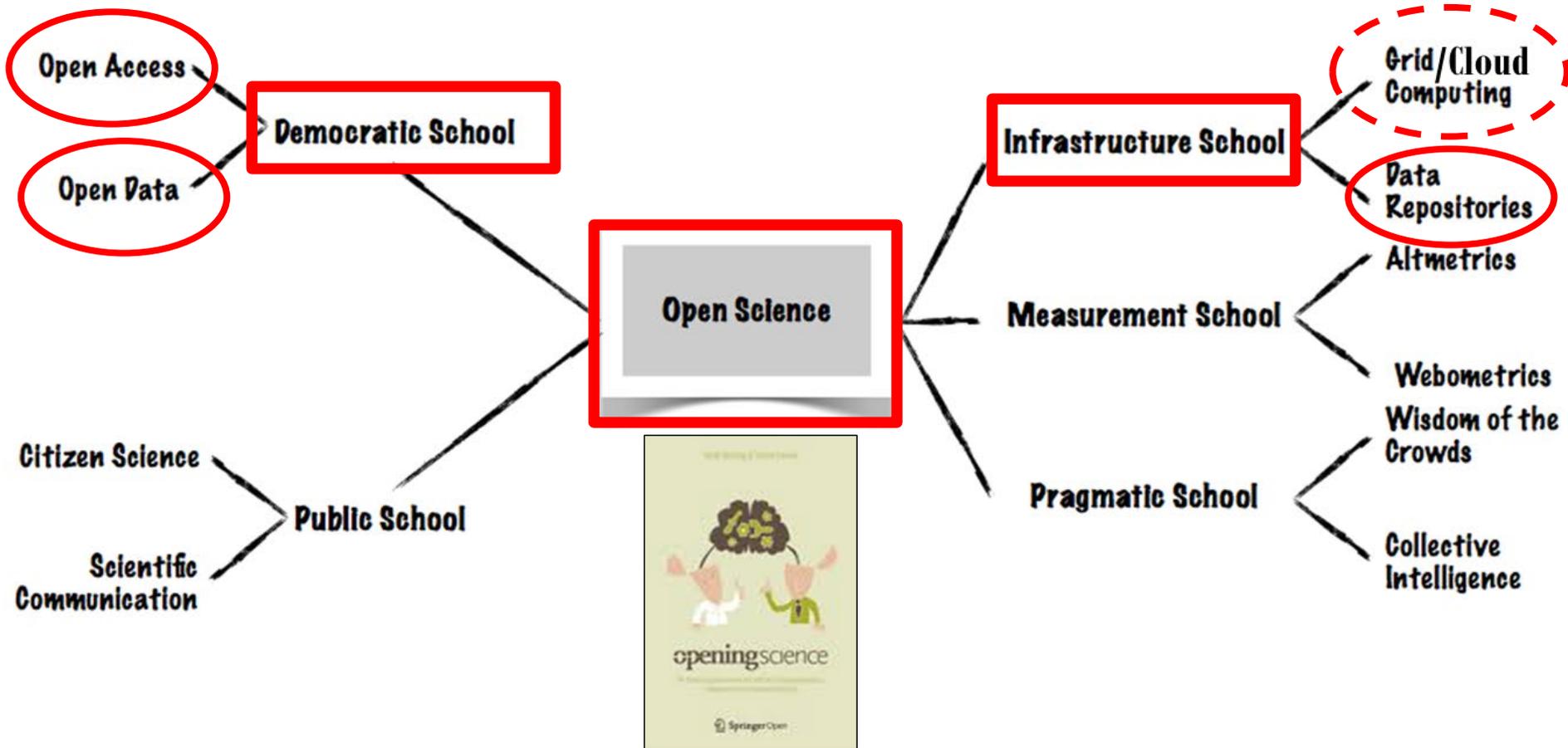
- Increased understanding and expertise
- Increased opportunities to have an influence

## National level

- The promotion of human rights and democracy
- Decisions based on research data

# Open Science Schools of Thought

(<http://book.openingscience.org>)

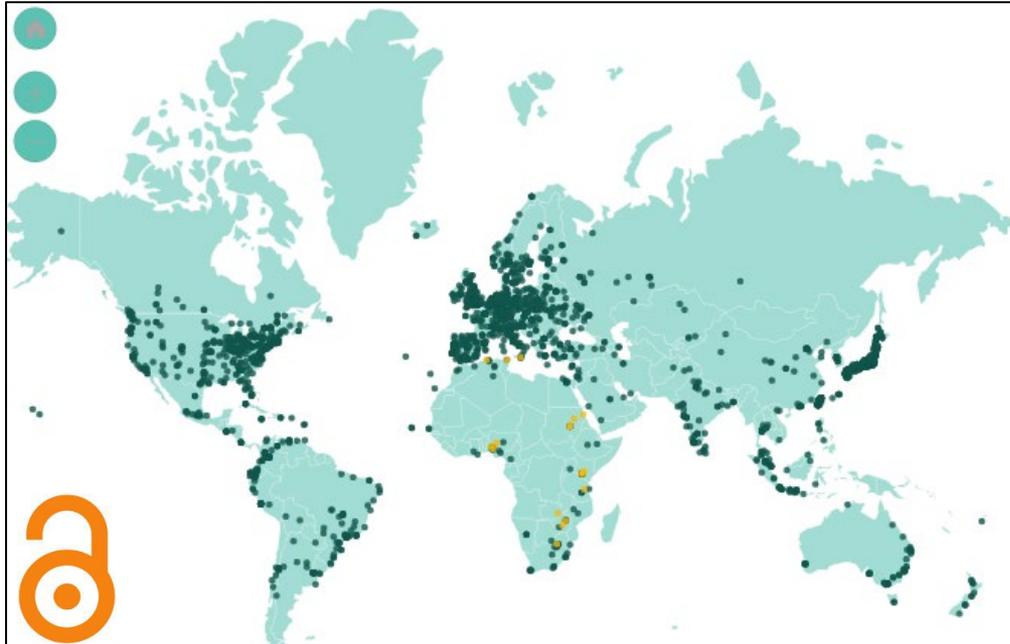
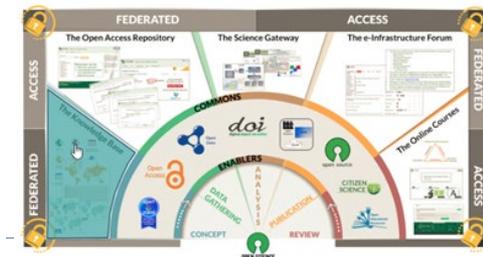






# The e-Infrastructure Knowledge Base

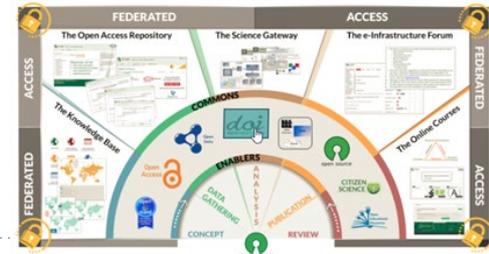
([www.sci-gaia.eu/knowledge-base](http://www.sci-gaia.eu/knowledge-base))



OPEN DATA

- > 4,000 repositories
- $3 \cdot 10^7$  docs/datasets/OERs
- **Few repositories in Africa, even less the FAIR-compliant ones**

# Persistent identifiers for African research outputs

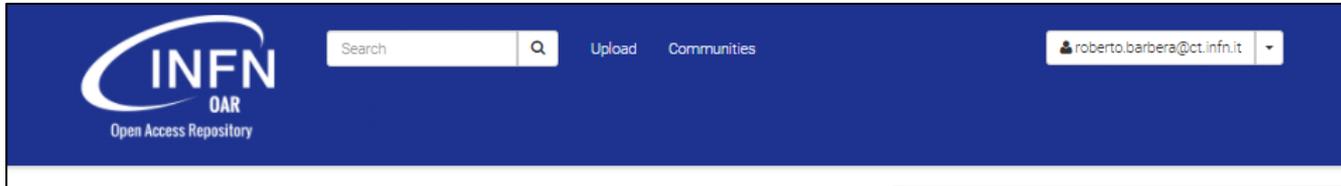


- In January 2017, an agreement was established between UNICT and the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI) to extend the possibility to provide Digital Object Identifiers (DOI) prefixes to African organizations wishing to deploy an institutional Open Access Repository
- 4 DOI prefixes released so far in Africa:
  - The African Population and Health Research Centre (KE and Intl.)
  - The Eko-Konnect Research and Education Initiative (NG)
  - The Ministry of Education of Ethiopia, through EthERNet
  - **The UbuntuNet Alliance (MW and Intl.)**



# The INFN Open Access Repository

(www.openaccessrepository.it)



## Latest entries

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### CovidStat project summary plots

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## Synthetic procedure to replicate the INFN Open Access Repository (based on Invenio v3 and Zenodo)

Fargetta, Marco; Rotondo, Riccardo; Barbera, Roberto

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Communities: [INFN](#)

Based on **INVENIO** and

**zenodo**

with some specific add-on's

# A success story...

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# January 2018 - NADRE mission established

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- The National Academic Digital Repository of Ethiopia (NADRE) intends to provide researchers, lecturers, students and stakeholders access to all research works published by Ethiopian universities and research institutions
- All public and private universities as well as research institutions will contribute to the NADRE and will provide all citizens access to it
- In order to complement and feed the NADRE each Ethiopian university is encouraged to build its own repository and to provide the Ethiopian Research and Education Network (EthERNet) access to that university repository in order to harvest and amalgamate publications from these repositories to a compiled National Academic Digital Repository of Ethiopia
- Those universities that are not currently able to establish their own repository will get support from EthERNet to deploy their own Institutional Repository (IR). However, each university will be responsible for the curation of contents stored its own IR



# NADRE objectives

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1. To increase the access of academics and citizens in Ethiopia and worldwide to research works published by Ethiopian researchers at one of the Ethiopian universities or research institutions
2. To foster the dissemination of research outcomes and make them, as well as their authors, more visible inside and outside the country
3. To spread completed research to other corners of the country to allow other researchers to build on. For the time being, the NADRE will mainly include Master theses, dissertations, journals, articles, conference proceedings as well as all works published by researchers from Ethiopian universities and research institutions as well as from Ethiopian researcher living abroad. All artefacts will be published under open licenses (e.g., Creative Commons licenses) and will be tagged with Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)

# NADRE stakeholders



**CEARL**  
Consortium of  
Ethiopian Academic  
and Research Libraries



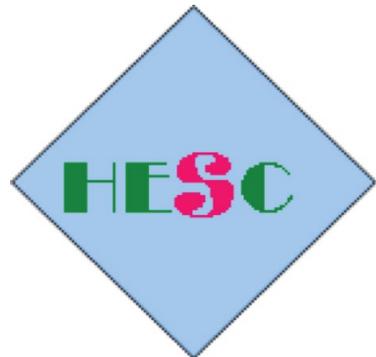
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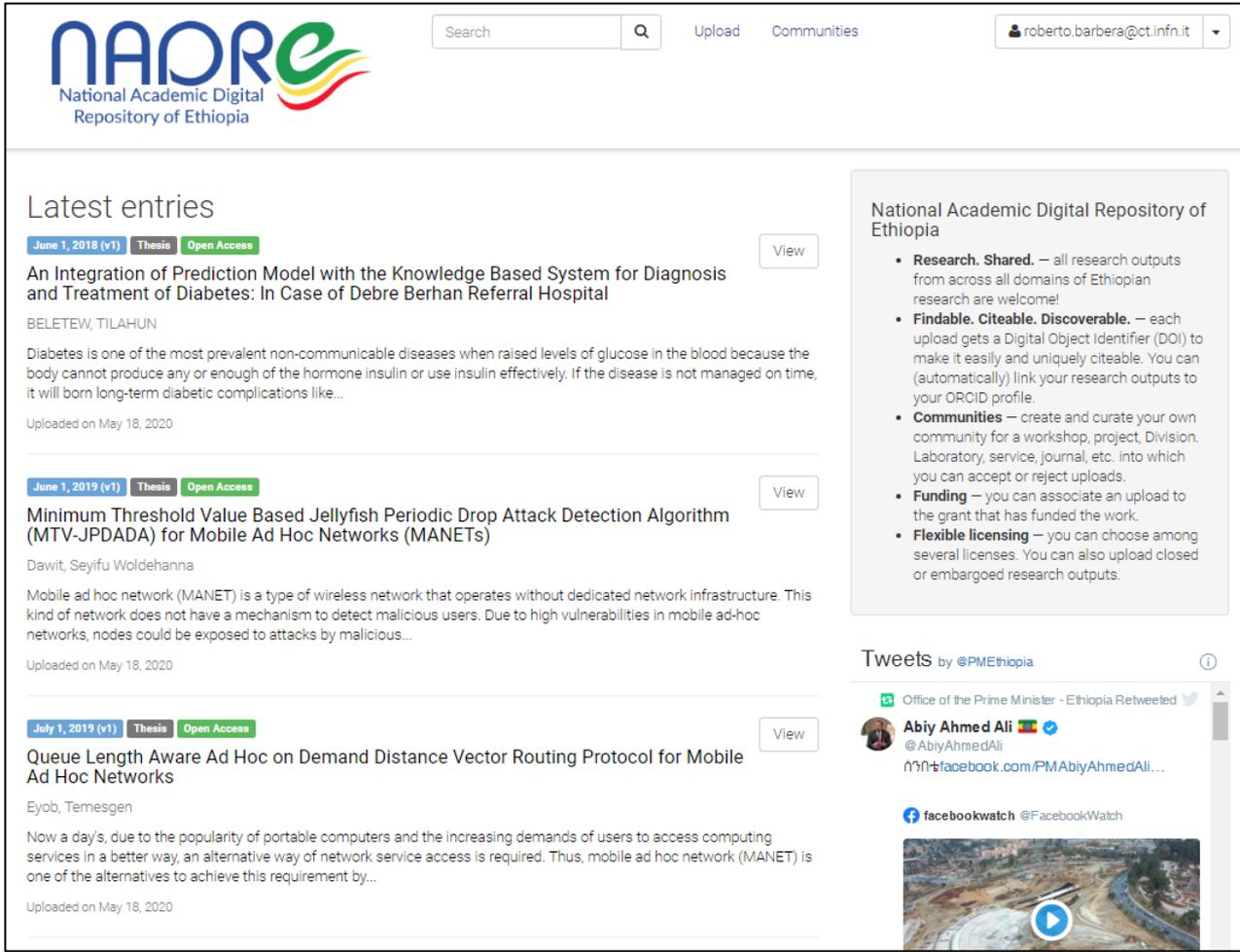
Current implementation Task Force



**Ethiopian  
Universities**

# September 2019 – NADRE is online

(<https://nadre.ethernet.edu.et>)



- Adopts leading-edge technologies in the domain of digital repositories
- Exploits the concept of “communities”, which is central in the Zenodo architecture, to cope with several aggregation of contents: about 80 communities from many Ethiopian universities have already been created

- Supports DOI versioning
  - MOSHE owns a DOI prefix

from 

- **Is compliant with FAIR principles**
- **Is compliant with Plan S requirements**

**Based on the INFN Open Access Repository**

# The National Open Access Policy of Ethiopia for Higher Education (1/2)

(<https://doi.org/10.20372/nadre/4192>)

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## NATIONAL OPEN ACCESS POLICY OF ETHIOPIA FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Minister of Science and Higher Education of Ethiopia

The document contains the Ethiopia national Open Access policy for higher education.

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Ministry of Science and Higher Education - Ethiopia

### NATIONAL OPEN ACCESS POLICY OF ETHIOPIA FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

#### 1. Aims and Scope of the Policy

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) Ministry of Science and Higher Education is committed to supporting research of high quality and to ensuring that public research spending will lead to a maximum economic and social return. The FDRE Ministry of Science and Higher Education supports the principles of OPENNESS to research outputs and processes as integral to research excellence as well as the sharing and creation of new knowledge.

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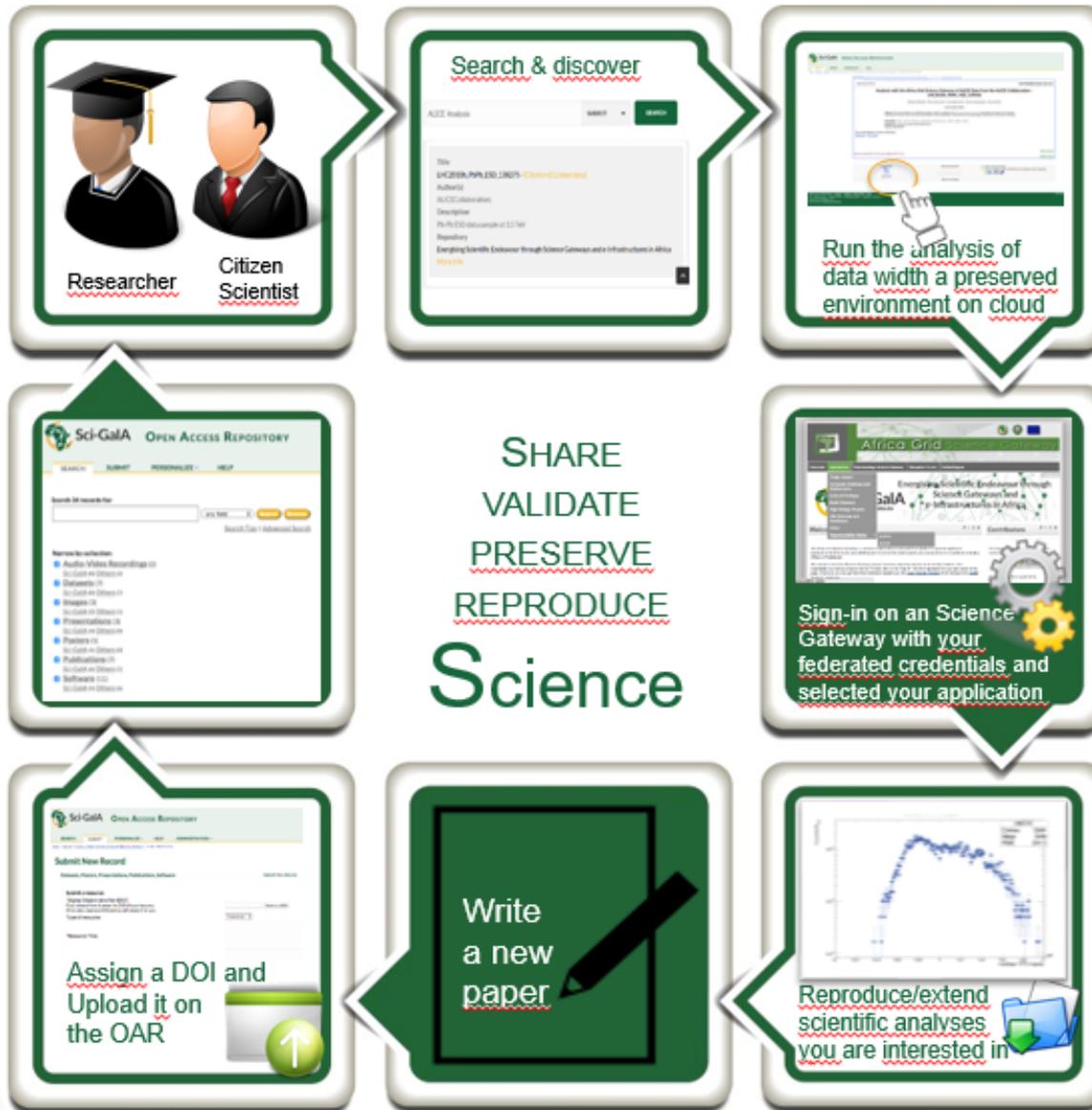
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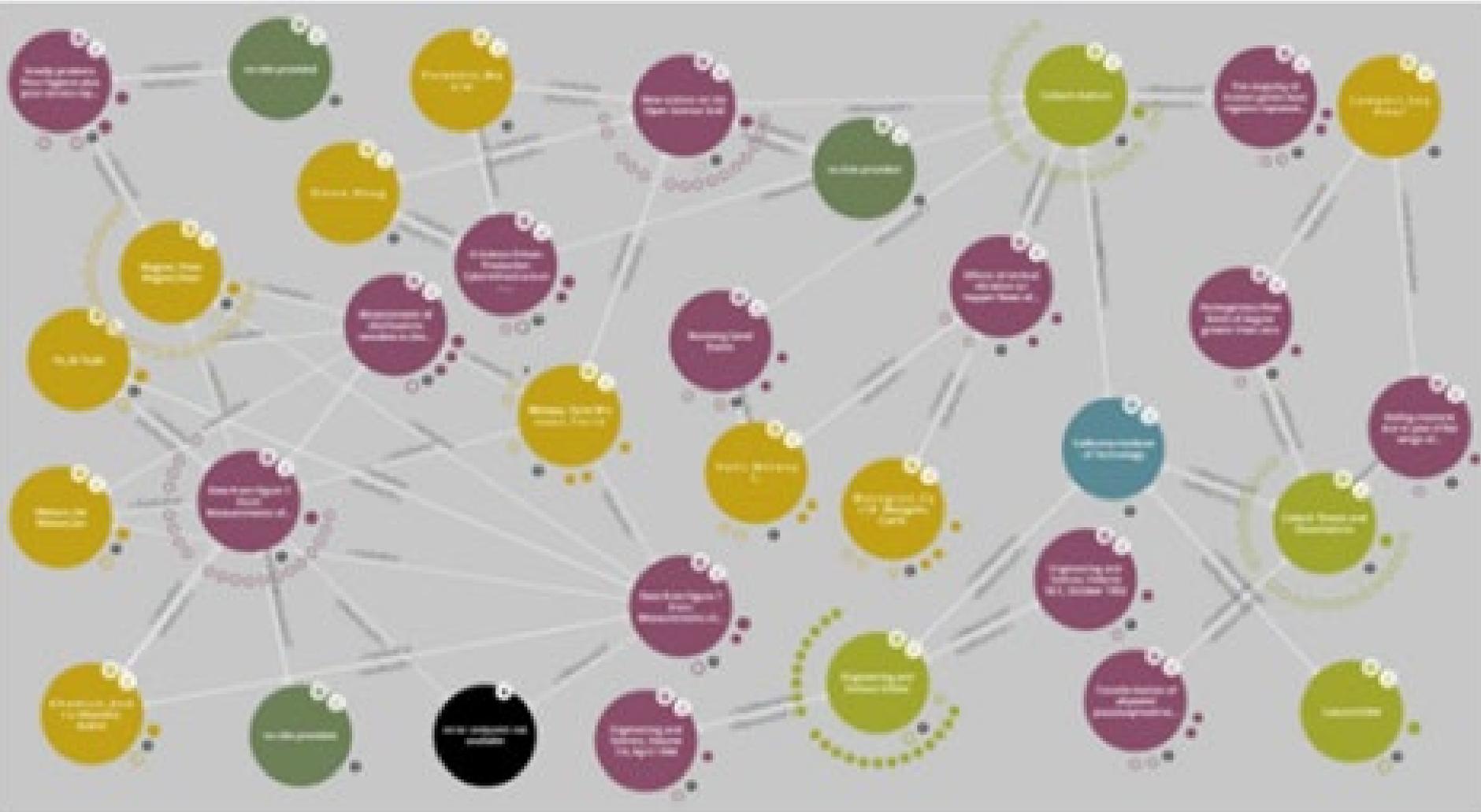
- The policy applies to all research outputs authored/created, or co-authored/co-created, by employees of Ethiopian universities; this includes research outputs of graduate students and PhD students
- Researchers and research students have to make themselves visible and findable, using persistent identifiers such as ORCID IDs, and their outputs available on an Open Access basis, if their research resulting entirely or partly from public funding
- The FDRE Ministry of Science and Higher Education supports the National Academic Digital Repository of Ethiopia (NADRE) as the aggregated national repository for publications, underlying research data that proof the validity of the related publication and open educational resources. Institutional repositories for publication and research data should be open for harvesting through NADRE
- Universities will implement and support Institutional Repositories and respectively NADRE as the Open Access publishing platform for online journals which are created and managed by University departments or research centers
- Universities encourage the uptake of Open Science practices (in addition to open access to publications and data) such as the involvement in collaborative community science projects, the use of open educational resources etc. - by including "openness" as one of the criteria during research assessment and evaluation

# What will be possible: The Knowledge Workflow

(to enable a Knowledge Society)



# The ultimate goal: the Knowledge "Nexi" (to enable a Knowledge Society)



# Summary and conclusions

- FAIR principles compliant digital repositories and Digital Object Identifiers are key Open Science enablers
- NADRE is a successful example of service that exploits leading-edge software technologies for standard-based repositories:
  - It triggered the establishment in Ethiopia of a national Open Access Policy for the first time ever
  - Its governance and leadership model is meant to involve all the actors and stakeholders of research and higher education in the country
- **The Somali Research and Education Repository (SORER) is based on the same software framework of NADRE and the INFN Open Access Repository and it can really help to improve the visibility of Somali researchers and their scientific results**
- **SORER can trigger the establishment of an Open Access/Open Science Policy in Somalia, which would be a tremendous result**
- **The know-how acquired by SomaliREN is very important not only within the country but also in the rest of the continent**
  - **A collaboration is about to start with Palestine in the context of the Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN)**

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Thank you !  
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