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Visibility study on the establishment of ASRIC Scientific Journals

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ASRIC Scientific Journals

Before starting

- What IS the ASRIC Scientific Journal?
- What is the Scientific/ thematic Areas of interest?
- IS the journal to follow the Open Access model or the Paid Access model?
- What are the ways of Setting up/Establishment?

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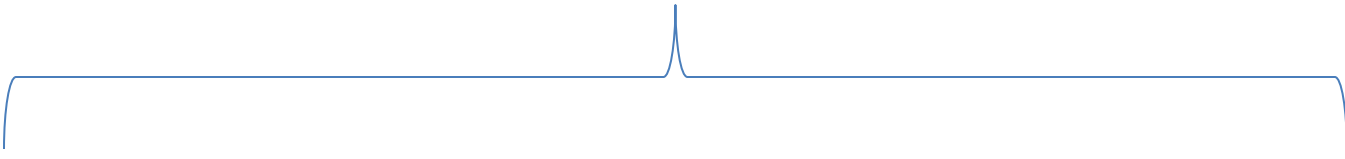
What IS the ASRIC Scientific Journals?

ASRIC Scientific Journals are managed by the ASRIC Bauer and secretariat. **The vision** of the ASRIC Scientific Journals is to be the Africa highest quality journals, attracting African Scientific excellence from the continent and the diaspora. It has **the goal** to have enormous impact on the global Knowledge society and to be recognized as one of the most ranked journals in the world.

ASRIC Scientific Journals are journals that to publish high-quality original research papers on ASRIC Scientific/thematic areas.

ASRIC Scientific Journals

(Scientific/ thematic Areas of interest)



ASRIC Journal on Natural Sciences

ASRIC Journal on Engineering and Technology

ASRIC Journal on Medical and Health Science

ASRIC Journal on Agricultural Sciences

ASRIC Journal on Social Sciences

ASRIC Journal on Humanities

ASRIC Journal on Natural Sciences

- Mathematics
- computer sciences and information sciences
- Physical sciences
- Chemical sciences
- Earth and related environmental sciences
- Biological sciences
- Other natural sciences

ASRIC Journal on Engineering and Technology

- Civil engineering
- Electrical engineering, electronic engineering, information engineering
- Mechanical engineering;
- Chemical engineering;
- Materials engineering;
- Medical engineering;
- Environmental engineering;
- Environmental biotechnology;
- Industrial Biotechnology;
- Nano-technology; and
- Other engineering and technologies

ASRIC Journal on Medical and Health Science

- Basic medicine;
- Clinical medicine;
- Health sciences;
- Health biotechnology; and
- Other medical sciences.

ASRIC Journal on Agricultural Sciences

- Agriculture, forestry, fisheries;
- Animal and dairy science;
- Veterinary science;
- Agricultural biotechnology; and
- Other agricultural sciences

ASRIC Journal on Social Sciences

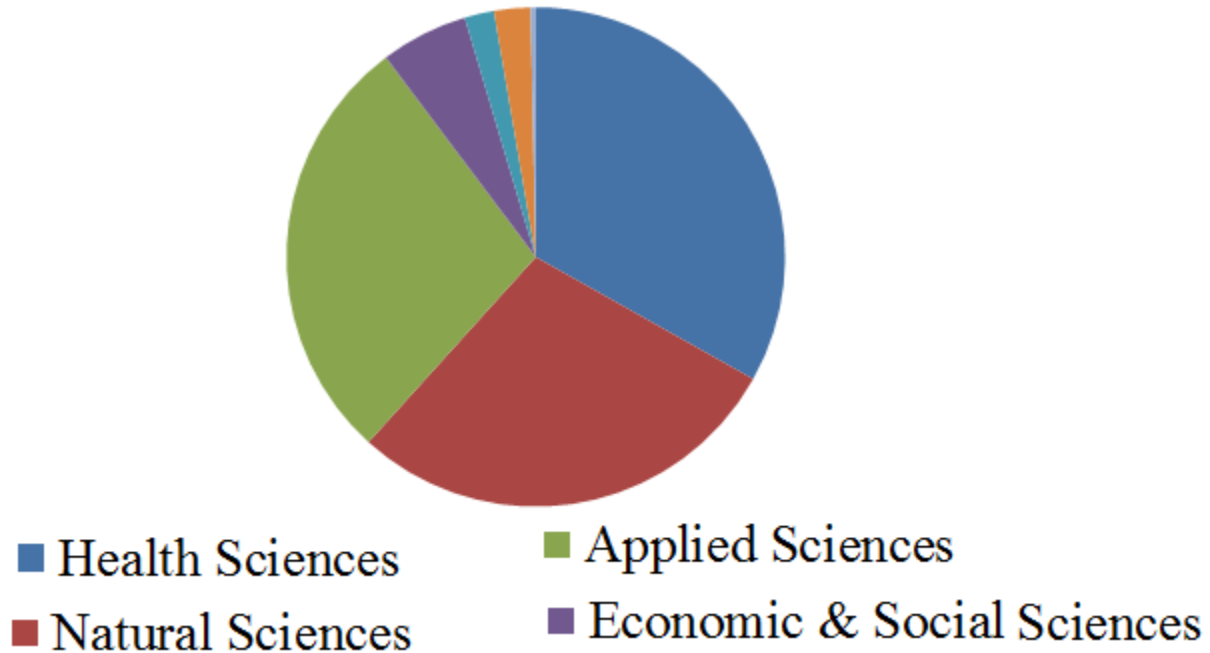
- Psychology;
- Economics and business;
- Educational sciences;
- Sociology;
- Law;
- Political Science;
- Social and economic geography;
- Media and communications; and
- Other social sciences

ASRIC Journal on Humanities

- History and archaeology;
- Languages and literature;
- Philosophy, ethics and religion;
- Art (arts, history of arts, performing arts, music);
and
- Other humanities

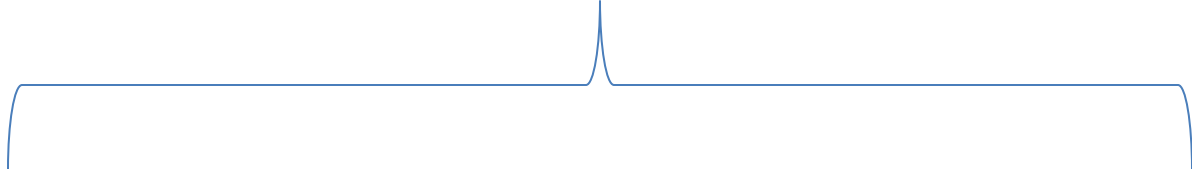
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Prioritization Scientific/thematic areas (We can't go for all Scientific/thematic areas)



ASRIC Scientific Journals

(Ways of Setting up/Establishment)



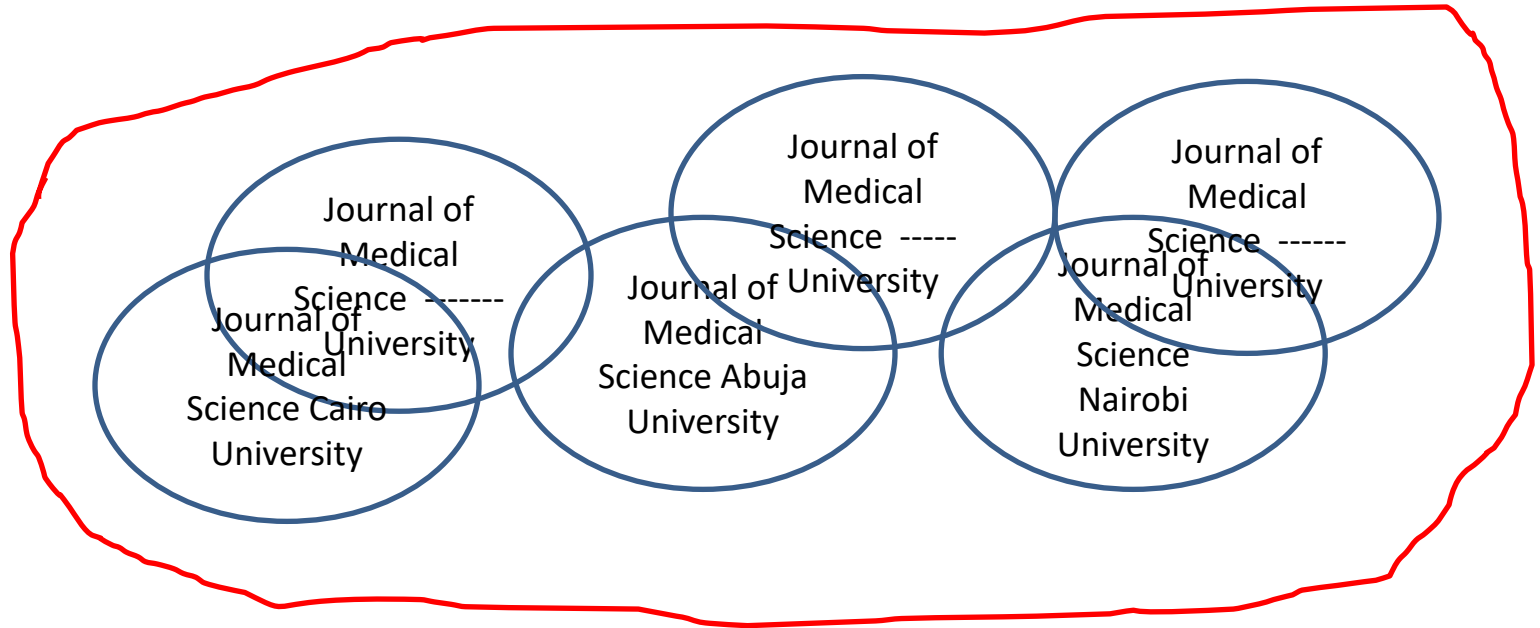
Building on existing Journals

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Building on Existing Journals

Building on Existing Journals

Identify existing Journals and cluster them in as ASRIC Journal i.e. existing Journals that have the same focus areas to be joined to develop more robust journal that can be representing ASRIC journal



ASRIC Scientific Journals
(Ways of Setting up/Establishment)

ASRIC Journal of Medical sciences

Cont. Building on Existing Journals

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ASRIC Scientific Journals
(Ways of Setting up/Establishment)

The screenshot shows the homepage of African Journals Online (AJOL). At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "PROMOTING ACCESS TO AFRICAN RESEARCH" and a search box labeled "Google Custom Search". Below this, a menu lists "AFRICAN JOURNALS ONLINE (AJOL)", "JOURNALS", "ADVANCED SEARCH", "USING AJOL", and "RESOURCES". The main heading "African Journals Online (AJOL)" is circled in red. Below the heading, there is a login/register section with fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Remember me" checkbox, and "Login" or "Register" buttons. The text below states: "African Journals OnLine (AJOL) is the world's largest online library of peer-reviewed, African-published scholarly journals." It then provides a historical context: "Historically, scholarly information has flowed from North to South and from West to East. It has also been difficult for African researchers to access the work of other African academics. In partnership with hundreds of journals from all over the continent, AJOL works to change this, so that African-origin research output is available to Africans and to the rest of the world." It also mentions "AJOL is a Non-Profit Organisation based in South Africa." and a link "More about AJOL and the challenges we work to address". A highlighted box at the bottom states: "AJOL hosts 523 Journals including 256 Open Access Journals". It also notes "The site has 14 081 Issues containing 169 697 Abstracts." and "There are 163 459 Full Text Articles for download, of which 104 406 are Open Access". On the right side, there is a logo for "AFRICAN JOURNALS ONLINE AJOL" and a sidebar with sections "HOW TO USE AJOL..." and "OTHER RESOURCES...".

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Use AJOL to:

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Existing Journals landscape (by Member States)

Cont. Building on Existing Journals

ASRIC Scientific Journals (Ways of Setting up/Establishment)

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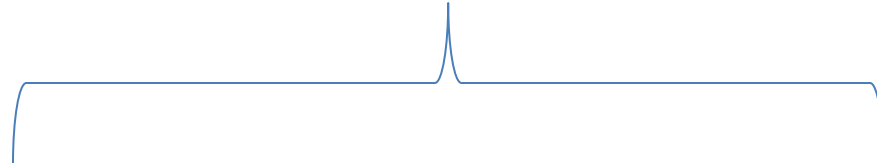
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ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

- Identify potential journals for consideration;
- Development list of existing Journals/Category in the level of Member States, Region and the continent;
- Development of selection criteria that may include:
 - Scope of the Journal and its reverent to ASRIC Scientific/thematic areas of interest;
 - Live time of the Journal (number of years of its existence, total number of volumes produced);
 - Number of publication (volumes)/ year;
 - Geographical coverage (covers more than one member states);
 - Editorial board and revisers;
 - Impact factor;
 - Online accessibility;
 - Open access journal; and etc.
- Evaluation and development of the final lists (main list and reserve list);
- Communicating the ASRIC request of integration under its umbral to selected Journals for their consent;
- Development of the legal agreement; working frame works and another operational modalities and document that include resources for operationalization; and
- Finalizing the agreement with selected journals.

Establish new Journal from scratch

Establish new Journal from Scratch



Using External Resources

Using ASRIC Resources

What is the Resources need for ASRIC Journals cloud be?

- Editor-in-Chief;
- Members of the Editorial Board;
- ISSN number;
- Tracking System for submitting and reviewing articles;
- Website for the Journal;
- Online visibility and publicity that include getting the journal indexed in the most important and relevant scientific databases;
- Team of technical editors; and
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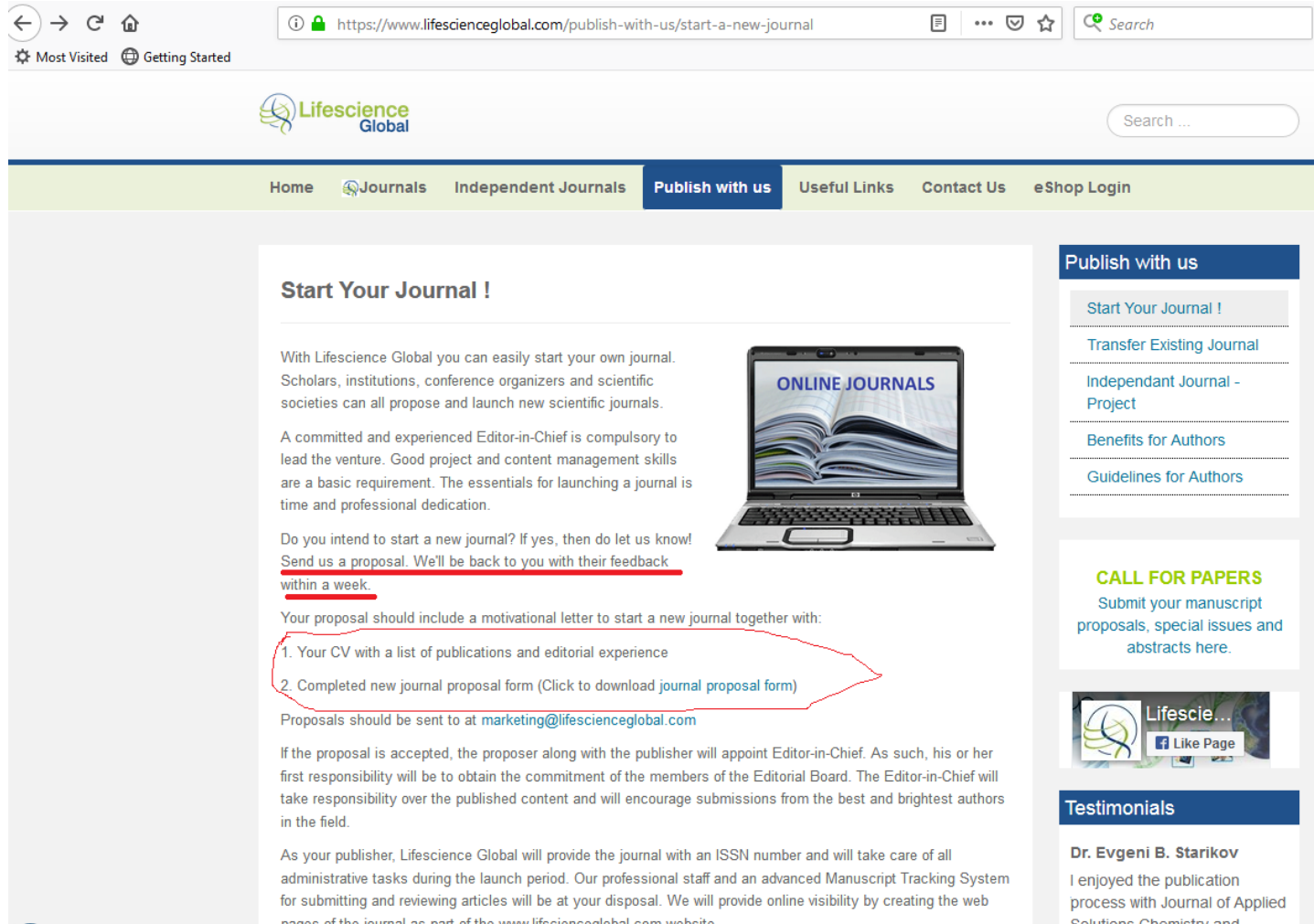
There are several service providers that can offer ASRIC journals the needed resources such as



<https://www.lifescienceglobal.com/publish-with-us/start-a-new-journal>

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Cont. using External Resource



The screenshot shows the Lifescience Global website. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://www.lifescienceglobal.com/publish-with-us/start-a-new-journal>. The website header includes the Lifescience Global logo and a search bar. The navigation menu contains: Home, Journals, Independent Journals, Publish with us (highlighted), Useful Links, Contact Us, and eShop Login.

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Discussion

The Bureau Members is to discuss and considering the following in their deliberation to advice on the way forward

- I. **Identify the establishment modalities of ASRIC Journals**
 1. Building on existing Journals
 2. Establish journal from Scratch
 - a. Using External Resource
 - b. Using ASRIC Resources
 3. Maxing Strategies/options 1 and 2-a
 4. Other options that may came out of the discussion



Way forward

Recommendations

The Bureau adopts the following recommendations:

- The Bureau agrees that having a journal is important for ASRIC and this must be achieved during the tenure of this Bureau.
- The Bureau requests the Communication Committee to develop a Concept Paper on the establishment of ASRIC Scientific journals considering the following:
 - Priority/thematic areas (starting with Natural Sciences, Medical and Health Sciences, Applied Sciences and Technology, Social Sciences, Humanities, etc);
 - To study the possibilities of building on existing journals by conducting a survey on existing journals in Africa according to the criteria listed below (List criteria on slide 15);
 - To develop a Legal framework on the engagement of existing journals;
 - To advice on the way to institutionalise the following: (List from slide 22);
 - To develop an estimate financial implications;
 - An action plan on the establishment of the journal.

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Way forward

- I. Development concept note on the establishment of the ASRIC Scientific Journals;
- II. Development of Action plan on the implementation ;
- III. Any other output that agreed by the Bureau



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Thank you

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