

A PRESENTATION ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE MAIDEN SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL OF ASRIC

(COVERING HEALTH SCIENCES AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES)

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Preamble

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 highly ranked journals in the world.

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

Introduction

The birth of the African Scientific Technical and Research Innovation Council, ASRIC, a continental research and development platform created by the AU was in sheer pursuit of a solid research driver for input generation feeding into the AU's new policies, strategies and plans for development of the region.

The governance of the ASRIC consists of a Congress with a Bureau; a Scientific Committee; and a Secretariat.

Establishment of ASRIC is a direct implementation of a decision of the AU policy organs.



Introduction

With the establishment of ASRIC, the continent has a pan-African platform that serves as a voice for the African research community and allows African scientists to be directly involved in research policy and programming process and widen the spread of research in all sectors of development and knowledge generation.



ASRIC not only brings together the scientific community, but also the funding agencies, the private sector, Civil Society, Entrepreneurs and business leaders and other stakeholders.

Introduction

With the mandate to facilitate the mobilization for African research excellence and innovation by providing a platform for dialogue and the voice of the scientific community in building and sustaining continental research-policy nexus,

with the aim of addressing Africa's socio-economic development challenges, the ASRIC created the Bureau on whose platform the ASRIC Scientific Journal, ASRIC-SJ is hereby proposed.



Main Objectives

In line with the mandate of the ASRIC, the main objectives of the ASRIC Scientific Journal, ASRIC-SJ include to mobilize for African research excellence through its research findings in the areas of Health and Agricultural sciences and development in Africa.

In broad terms, it aims to draw from the empirically designed studies across related health, agricultural, biological sciences and as they correlate to sustainable development of the region.



Main Objectives

The Journal seeks to explore and analyse the African health and agricultural sectors from within and outside disciplinary perspectives with the aim of contributing towards achieving the African development Agenda 2063 among others.

It underscores high visibility of its published papers to the scientific community as a goal to be greatly pursued via a wide indexing policy.



Nature and Scope of the Journal

The **ASRIC Scientific Journal, ASRIC-SJ** is *proposed to be an annual multidisciplinary journal for original research, reviews, debate, and critical analysis on the latest developments, issues, and challenges in health and agricultural sciences, and Sustainable development of the region.*

scope

By design, the ASRIC Scientific Journal, ASRIC-SJ aims to be truly multidisciplinary cutting across all the afore mentioned areas and more.



JOURNAL TITLE:

ASRIC SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL (MAIDEN)

An International Journal

of the

African Scientific Research and Innovation Council, ASRIC,

of the

African Union Scientific Technical Research Commission (STRC)

EDITORIAL STRUCTURE

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Nature/Type of Journal

The ASRIC Scientific Journal, ASRIC-SJ is proposed to be an annual open access multidisciplinary Journal

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Preferences will be given to papers primarily based on their level of originality, contribution to knowledge among others.

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Peer review selection procedure is used to select the papers for publication thus ensuring the uniqueness, relevance, and readability.





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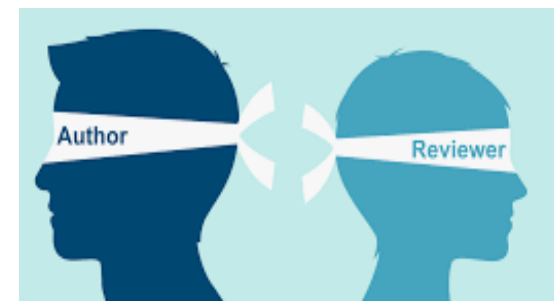


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