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In this issue

Information Security: Virtual Learning with Experts

Increasing reliance on ICT in all aspects of daily life has created an environment prone to criminal activities such as computer intrusions, denials of service, threats to critical information infrastructure networks, etc. The scope of the challenge and its evolving nature requires a comprehensive network security strategy to be properly addressed.

In response, with the support of the EU co-funded AfricaConnect3, Arab States Research and education Network (ASREN) is pleased to announce its upcoming "Information Security" training for the year 2021.

Introducing your all-in-one course to get you up and running with information Security, Internet Security, computer networking, and IT Security Management.

You will learn the entire Information Security including risk management, security assessment, user authentication, cybersecurity fundamentals as well as ethical hacking concepts, and much more.

The training is open to all ASREN members and member organizations. Additional seats for partners may be provided upon availability.

Visit https://asrenorg.net/?q=information-security for more information on program outline and instructor.

## Register Now for Information Security Fundamentals

Registration is open for Information Security Fundamentals, the first module of the "Information Security" training programme delivered by Arab States Research and education Network (ASREN), with the support of the EU co-funded AfricaConnect3 project.

This learning path builds on your existing IT knowledge and introduces you to fundamental information security concepts and areas. You will gain confidence in your cybersecurity skills as you progress through the course and learn a broad range of new skills. Upon completion, you will have the baseline knowledge and skills necessary to establish a foothold in the world of cybersecurity.

For more information and registration visit: https://asrenorg.net/?q=information-security-fundamentals

Registration is free to all participants. Registration submissions will go through a moderation process for audience management purposes.

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Africa and Latin America agree to closer collaboration around open science
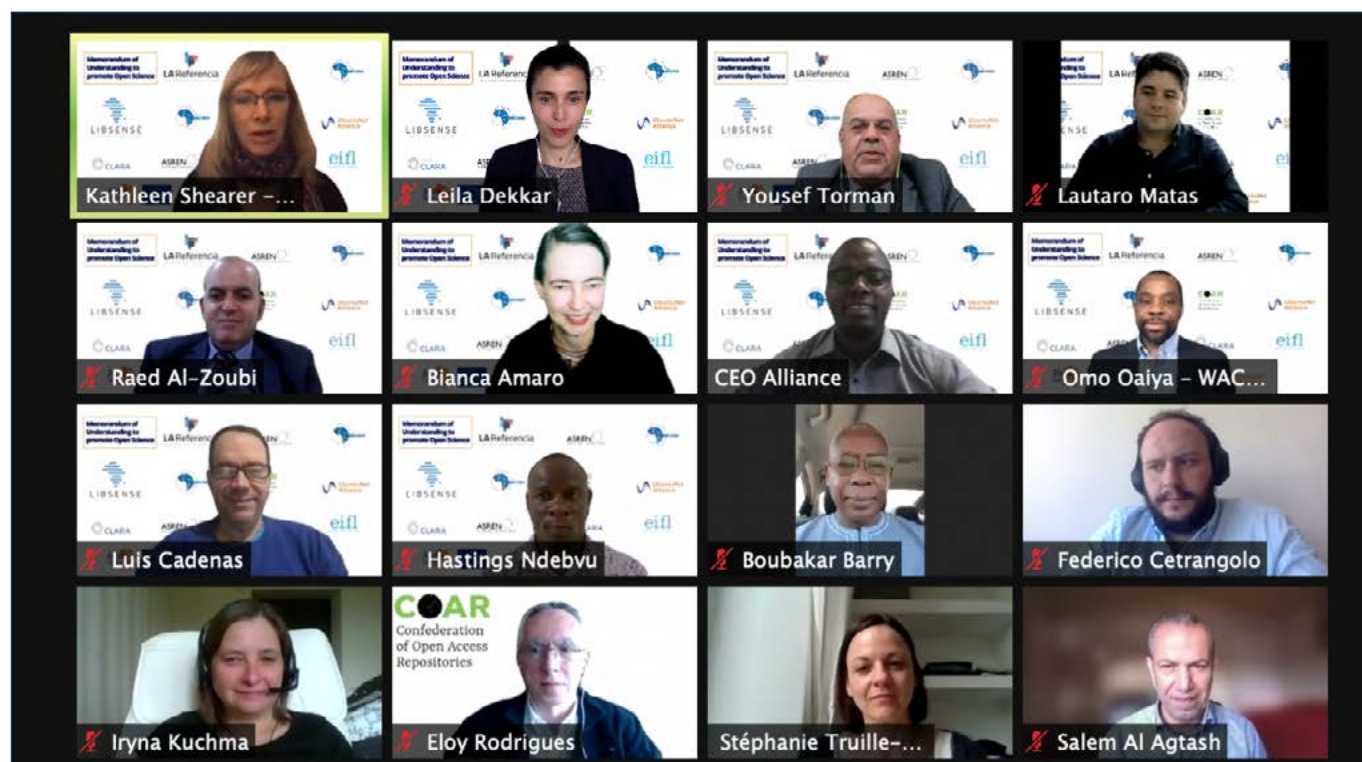
On April 12, 2021, LA Referencia, RedClara and the three African regional research and education networks - ASREN, WACREN and UbuntuNet Alliance - signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize their relationship as the two continents seek to ramp up their open science activities. The aim of the collaboration is to advance open science policies, services and infrastructure that reflect the unique needs and conditions of each continent within a framework of international cooperation.

Open science is a global trend focusing on widespread sharing of research results and is transforming the way research is done. As UNESCO works towards global Open Science recommendations,

the issue has become more visible and there is a growing recognition that open science will help accelerate progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by increasing the impact of research in society.

There are important local and regional considerations in how open science and open access are approached and it is critical that open science policies, services, and infrastructures are designed and delivered to meet the needs and conditions of the local communities they serve.

"There are so many commonalities and shared experiences across the two continents", says Yousef Torman, Managing Director, ASREN. "Closer collaboration with LA Referencia, will enable us to learn from their decade-long experience as a regional network, and will help to accelerate our progress towards open science in Africa and support greater discoverability of African and Arabic content."

The MoU provides a framework for ongoing information sharing between the African Research & Education Networks (RENs), through the LIBSENSE Initiative and LA Referencia / RedClara, and the potential adoption of the LA Referencia open source discovery software in Africa. The collaboration is being fostered by COAR, the Confederation of Open Access Repositories, and with support from the pan-European GÉANT network, OpenAIRE and the EU co-funded AfricaConnect3 project.

"Equity and inclusiveness are fundamental values for our communities", says Bianca Amaro, President of LA Referencia. "Rather than relying on centralized infrastructure and services hosted elsewhere, we aim to work together to build capacity and infrastructure in our regions that will support sustainable open science."

More information at: https://africaconnect3.net/africa-and-latin-america-agree-to-closer-collaboration-around-open-science/

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