

## Roundtable Discussion on Open Access (in Africa)

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### Participant Biographies

- **Ruth Oniang'o**, Editor-in-Chief of Open Access Journal, AJFAND (Nairobi, KE)

Ruth Oniang'o is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Africa Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition & Development which was initiated in 2001 as a pilot project of Rural Outreach Africa. It is one of the first continuously published agriculture, nutrition and development research publications in Africa. Professor Oniang'o received her 1st and 2nd degrees from Washington State University, Pullman, USA and her PhD from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. From 1978-1990, she was a distinguished academic at Jomo Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya becoming the first Nutrition professor in Kenya. She has served on: Egerton University Council, Board of Private Sector Governance Trust, Institute of Public Policy Analysis and Research and Kenya Bureau of Standards.

- **Eve Gray**, Independent Researcher with the IP Unit in the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town (SA)

Eve Gray is an Honorary Research Associate in the Centre for Educational Technology at the University of Cape Town and an Associate in the IP Law and Policy Research Unit. She is a specialist in scholarly communications in a digital age, working on strategies for leveraging information technologies to grow African voices in an unequal global environment. Her background is in scholarly and academic textbook publishing. Her blog is [graysouth.co.za](http://graysouth.co.za).

- **Angela Mumo**, Director, Library and Information Services at the University of Nairobi

Angela Mumo is the Director of Library and Information Services at the University of Nairobi. She has over twenty three years experience of working in various colleges/schools and institutes' libraries. Angela holds a Masters degree in Library and Information Studies from Kenyatta University. She is currently undertaking her Doctorate in Library Studies at Moi University. Her areas of specialization are Organization of Information (both electronic and print) for easy retrieval, Digital Libraries, Knowledge Management and Open Access. Angela has constantly associated with several professional organizations and currently she is the organizing secretary for Kenya Information Preservation Society - a society which is committed to creating an on-line

index to local research. She is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Kenyan Consortium of Research and University Libraries.

- **Suleiman Adebowale:** former Managing Editor at CODESRIA, and Founding Director of Amalion Publishing a publishing house based in Dakar

Suleiman Adebowale is the founding director of Amalion Publishing which was founded in 2009. A communication and information specialist with a strong background in academic publishing, Suleiman specializes in current tools and thinking in electronic media to effectively disseminate development research among scholars, development workers, policy makers and the general public. He has worked for over two decades in various editorial capacities in journalism and multilingual scholarly publishing and holds a deep understanding of the cultures of publishing in Africa.

**Facilitation by: Angela Okune,** Doctoral Candidate, University of California, Irvine

Angela Okune is a doctoral candidate in the Anthropology Department at the University of California, Irvine. She studies data practices and infrastructures of research groups working in and on Nairobi, Kenya in order to explore broader questions of equity, knowledge production and socio-economic development in Africa. From 2010 – 2015, as co-founder of the research department at iHub, Nairobi’s innovation hub for the tech community, Angela provided strategic guidance for the growth of tech research in Kenya. She was a Network Coordinator for the IDRC and DFID-funded Open and Collaborative Science in Development Network (OCSDNet) (2014 – 2018) and co-editor for open-access book Contextualizing Openness (University of Ottawa Press). She currently serves as a student representative on the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Council and as a Design Team member of the Platform for Experimental Collaborative Ethnography (PECE).