

# **Unisa Open Access 2020 Webinar: Global Collaboration to Accelerate Transition to Open Access**

## **Unisa Library and Information Services**

21 October 2020

09h00 for 09h30 until 12h30 SA Time

Online via Microsoft Teams

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# Speakers

**Dr Alena Rybkina** - Keynote: Building foundation for a world of open data and open science



**Dr Alena Rybkina** is the vice president of CODATA Executive Committee. Geologist, PhD in sedimentology, deputy director of the Geophysical Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences (GC DelargoDT (T1) RAS). Mainly engaged in the research of scientific data in the field of Earth sciences, as well as development of new visualization technics, promotion of open and FAIR data principals, research of scientific data curation and sharing, data-intensive computing and applications. She is leading laboratory of innovation technologies in GC RAS aimed in the development of a new hardware and software for Earth data visualization. She is co-chair of the GEO Data Working group and DDE Standards Task Group.

**AfricArXiv Pan-African Open Scholarly Repository Team** - Accelerating reach and discoverability of COVID-19 related research from and about Africa.



**Dr Umar Ahmad**, PhD [ORCID] - preprint submission moderation, University Putra Malaysia (UPM) and the Malaysia Genome Institute (MGI). Human Genetics and basic and translational research on developing targeted therapy for human bladder cancer using high-throughput sequencing technologies



**Ms Priscilla Mensah**, [ORCID], project management in her final stage of acquiring a master's degree in Design and Analysis of Social Protection systems.



**Mr Luke Okelo**, Technical University of Kenya [ORCID], research focus on next-generation technologies including mixed virtual and augmented reality, blockchain platforms, and low power air quality sensors.

**Dr Joseph Mulenga Mwelwa** - Developing Open Science in Africa - Barriers, Solutions and Opportunities



**Dr Joseph Mulenga Mwelwa**, PhD., is founder, Senior Partner and researcher at Joint Minds Consult – a research, education and training Institute – based in Gaborone, Botswana. Dr. Mulenga Mwelwa is a former lecturer, Communication and Study Skills. He is an English language and bilingual education expert and, an advocate for African indigenous languages as enablers of open science and open data in Africa. Former Technical Advisory Board (TAB) member of the African Open Science Platform (AOSP). Co-author of a discussion paper - Participating in the Global Open Science/Open Data Space - Towards a Botswana National Data Forum and Strategy; Lead author - Advancing African Open Science through a Network for Education and Skills (AOSP); Scoping team co-author - The Future of Scientific and Scholarly Publishing (International Science Council); Co-author - Open Science in Research and Innovation for Development in Africa (African Technology Policy Studies); Co-author - Technopolicy Brief No 52 - The Digital Revolution, Open Science and Innovation for Development in sub-Saharan Africa; Lead author - Developing Open Science In Africa - Barriers, Solutions and Opportunities. Dr Mwelwa has given talks on Open Science in several African countries among them; Botswana, Ghana, Ethiopia, Uganda, South Africa and Tanzania.

