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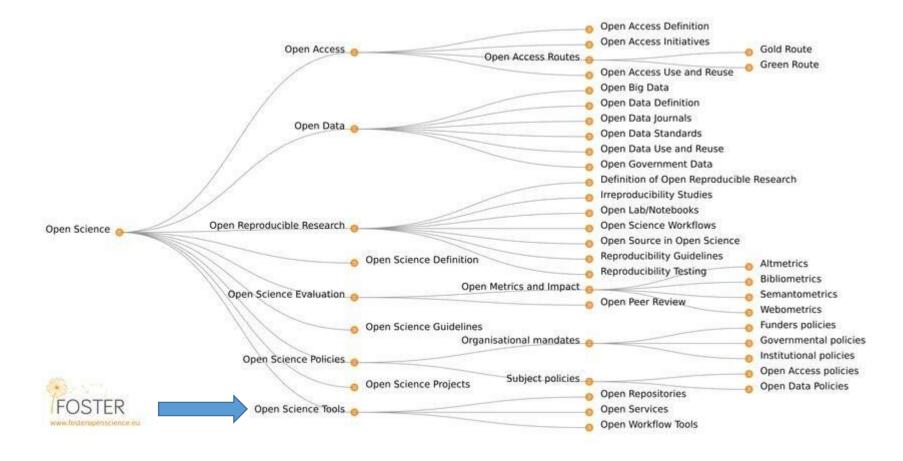
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What is "Open Science"?

- The movement to make scientific research outputs, data, and their dissemination available to any member of an inquiring society, from professionals to citizens.
- Open Science strategy implies that institutions allow or encourage researchers to publish research outcomes in journals with less restrictive policies.
- It is about transparency, sharing, and inclusivity
- Making research visible.
- Making research accessible and usable.
- Increases scientific collaborations and information sharing.

UNESCO, 2023

UNESCO Open Science Taxonomy



NRF Statement on Open Access, 2015

Research Articles, electronic theses and dissertations (eTDs)

- Research either fully or partially funded by NRF
- Peer-reviewed manuscripts on institutional repositories (IR)
- No more than 12 months embargo period
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Research Lifecycle



Types of Repositories



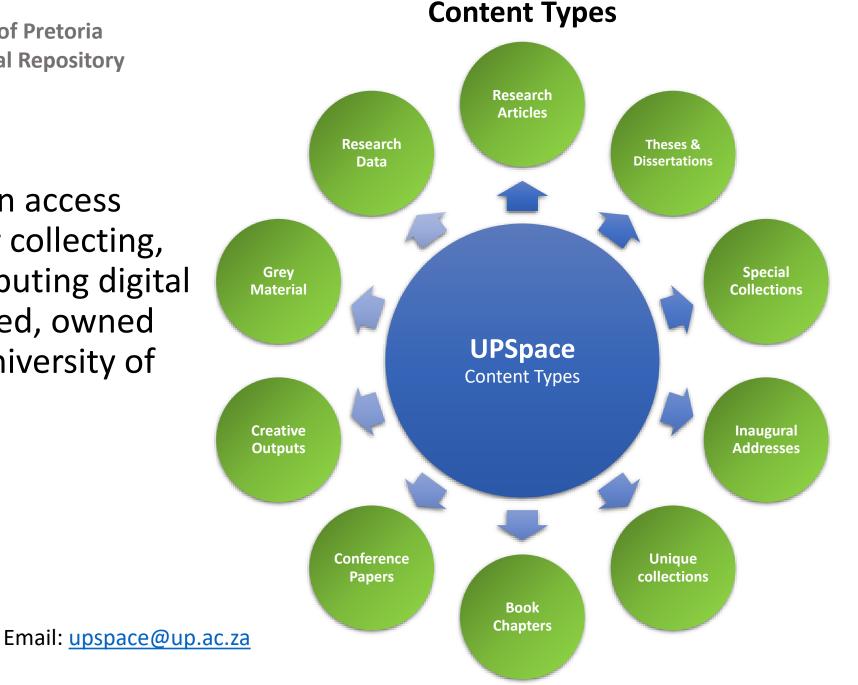
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Clifford L, 2003



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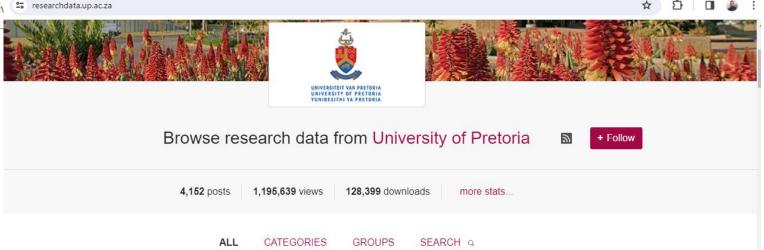
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- Sabinet/African Digital Repository
- Proquest DT

Registries

- OpenDOAR a directory of academic Open Access repositories
- ROAR (Registry of Open Access Repository)
- Open Access Map
- Re3data
- ORCID
- Almetrics

Research visibility and impact

- Research visibility "how well your work is known to the people who matter, such as other researchers, policymakers, and the public"
- Research impact "the effect your work has on society, such as advancing knowledge, informing policy, or solving real-world problems".

Ebrahim, 2023:Online

Research visibility and impact

- Scholars are often asked to describe the impact of their work when applying for positions, for promotions and tenure, and for funding.
- This may include traditional factors such as citation counts and journal reputation and newer measures that look at the reach and visibility of the work through downloads, and views, and mentions on blogs and other social media.

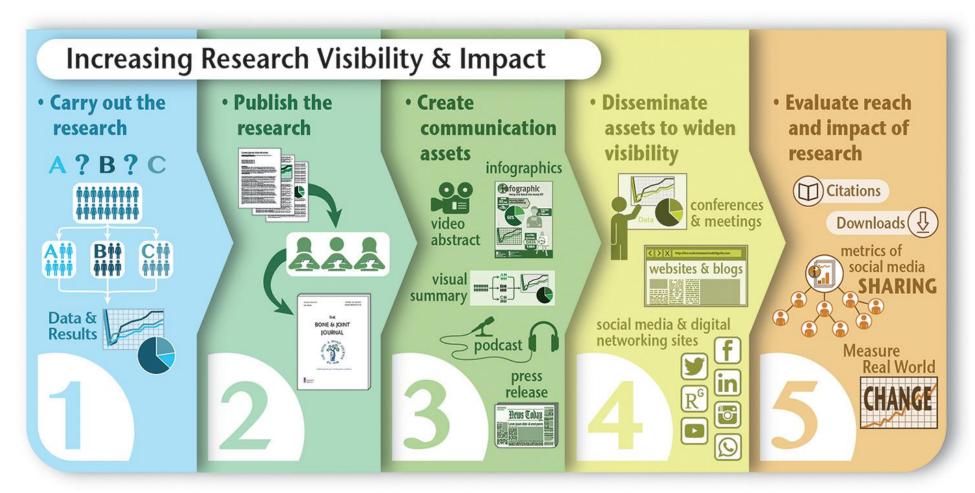




Benefits of research visibility (IRs)

- Reaching wider audience.
- Increased citations and downloads of your research.
- More opportunities for collaboration and funding.
- Improves profile in your field.
- Greater impact on society.

Research visibility and impact Framework

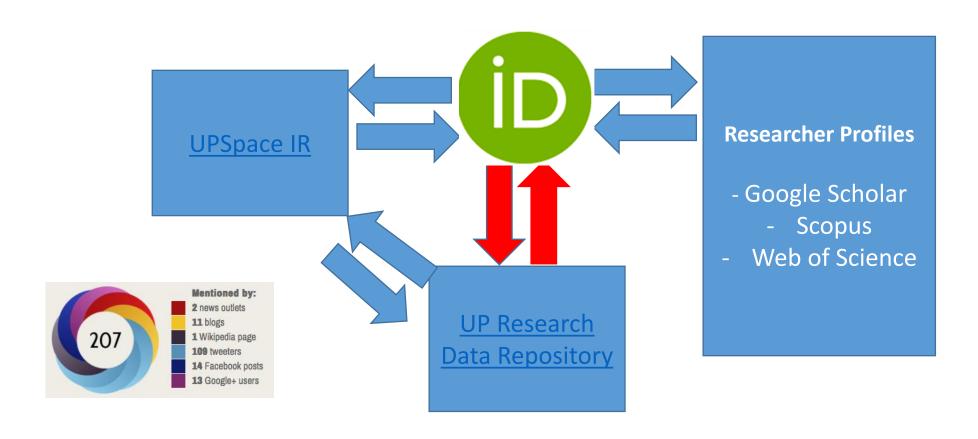


(Murray et al. 2018)

Communicating your research

- Discoverability (Keywords, SDGs).
- Publishing in Open Access Journals.
- Make sure it is archived in OA repositories.
- Share your work on social media, research networks, and other online platforms.
- Attend and present at conferences and workshops.
- Collaborate with other researchers in your field.
- Normalize talking about your research and its significant implications.

Research impact and visibility



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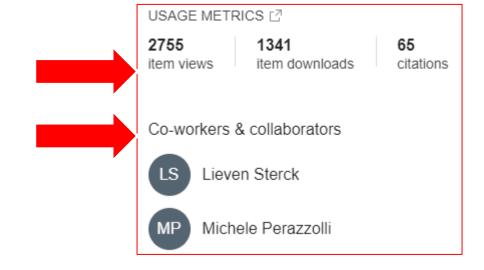
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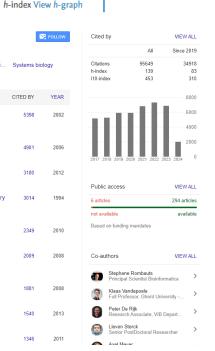
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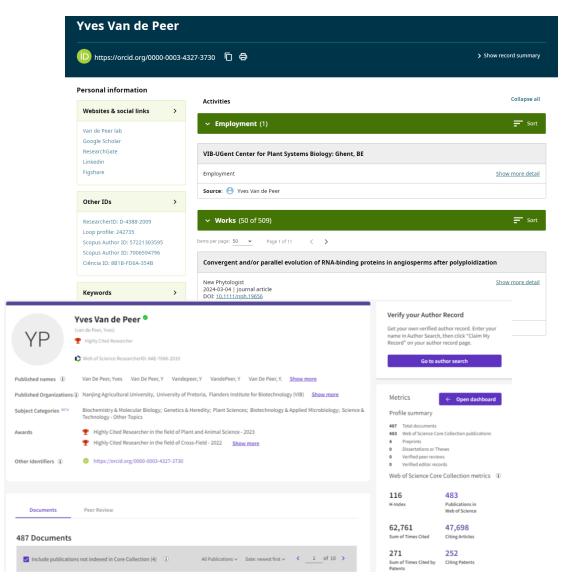
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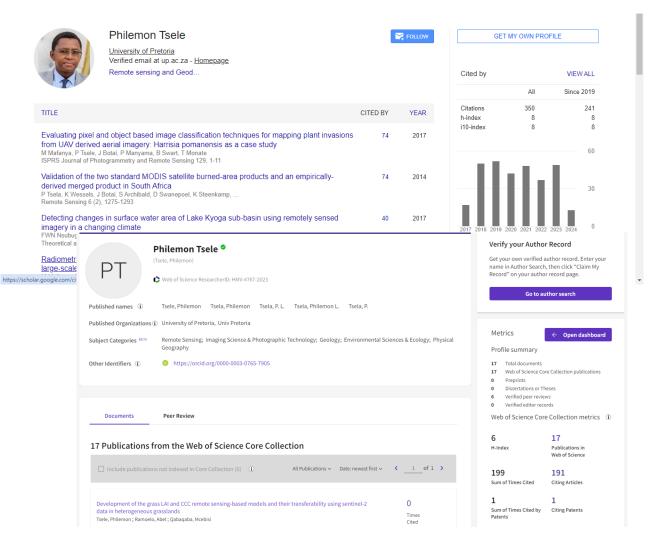


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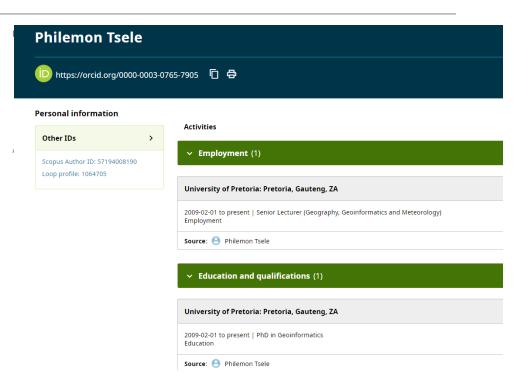
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- Helps in improving the webometrics rankings of universities.
- Increase the visibility and prestige of the institution.
- Content is readily searchable worldwide.
- Improves Times Higher Education Impact rankings of universities (SDGs).
- Data gathered from (Scopus and Web of Science).

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