VISIONARY REPORT: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA PARTICIPANTS

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We learnt on the increasing role of academic libraries to researchers given the new research paradigms particularly in the areas of altmetrics, ethic and RDM.

Way Forward

1. Information Literacy – To expand the content of our information literacy curriculum and training sessions to integrate lessons on altmetrics and impact factor, to help researchers to register to online tools such as Google citations and ORCID.

2. The Concept of Research Data Management (RDM) is still new even to Librarians – we need to create awareness and train our colleagues on RDM (several online programs exist) while creating an online RDM guide for researchers thereafter engage them as a team.

3. Contribution to World Digital Library – We intend to pursue the possibility of contributing to the WDL, At CUEA we have a lot of rare Church content on the history of the Church in Kenya, Africa and beyond which is in print, we could look into ways of sharing this history to the WDL.

4. Digital Repository

Planning to look in ways we can harness the good features in Invenio and Zenodo and try to see whether we can migrate to them, engage all CUEA affiliated colleges and institutions to discuss on these integrated systems showcasing how they would be of benefit to our institutions.
5. E-resource’s Management

Analyze EzProxy and RemoteXs, compare the two in terms of sustainability and propose the best option to the management, all CUEA affiliated colleges and also to engage the Consortium and propose possibilities of subscription through the consortium to make the subscriptions cheaper.

6. Collaborations

To enhance collaborations with scientific institutions like CERN in vision forward looking developments on emerging technological advancements, to provide innovative ideas and solutions that can enhance access for scientific information for research and human development.

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