

Journal
Publishing
Practices and
Standards



Supporting the visibility and credibility
of Southern research

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visibility of
research from the
Global South since
1998*

*8 JOL's in LMICs and regions
895 journals
4.2 million downloads during 2016*

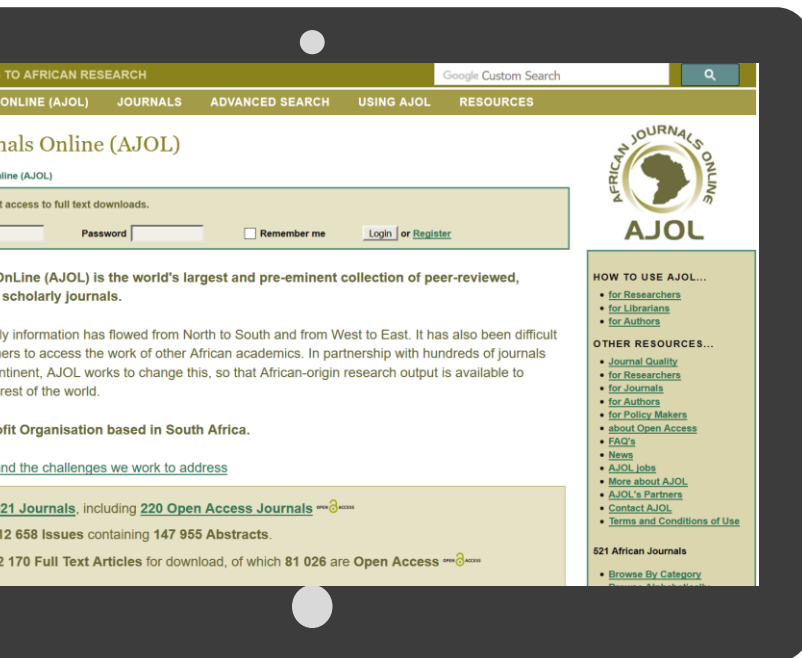
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**Global talent is needed
to address global
problems**

Researchers in the global
South are often in the best
position to address the
world's biggest challenges



*It is vital that Southern researchers have the opportunity to **publish** their research and for it to be **discoverable** by other regional - as well as global - researchers.*

A black and white profile photograph of Nelson Mandela, looking towards the right. The image is high-contrast, with deep shadows and bright highlights on his face and hair. The background is dark and textured.

“The divide between the rich & the poor, the privileged and the deprived, the powerful and the marginalised has become marked primarily by a differentiation in access to knowledge & information. Those who have access to cutting-edge knowledge hold the advantage in all arenas of social, political & economic life today”

Nelson Rolihlabla Mandela

The challenges for Southern journals

Southern journals face many challenges in terms of being respected internationally which can limit the perceived credibility of the published research

Usually stand-alone journals; not commercially published

Online accessibility was the first challenge, but also:

Under-represented in international indexes and rankings

Lack of familiarity with international publishing standards

Legitimate but unfamiliar journals wrongly labelled as “predatory”

Lack of financial and structural support

The impact on research and development

Research effort can be wasted because other researchers don't know about it and can't build on it

Lack of contextual evidence for policy makers and influencers



Journals in the global South can champion local and regional research

*“ Ensuring that **high-quality Southern journals are trusted** as part of regional and global scholarship is essential for **redressing international scholarly imbalances** and helping the Sustainable Development Goals to be realized. ”*



Sioux Cumming
Programme Manager, INASP's
Journals Online project

Understanding local contexts and challenges faced by Southern journals

“ *The JPPS framework builds on many years of work by AJOL and INASP in supporting the dissemination of Southern journals and **understanding the various contexts and challenges** faced by these journals.*

*We needed a new means to **objectively verify and share credibility** of journals from LMICs* ”



Susan Murray
Executive Director of AJOL



Journal Publishing
Practices and Standards

*A far-reaching set of
criteria for assessing
Southern journals*

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Guide to the
Journal Publishing
Practices and
(JPPS) framework

Jointly hosted by





Journal Publishing
Practices and Standards

Reassures readers and authors that journals meet international standards to a particular level

Guides journal editors on improving publishing processes

Acknowledges journals that have attained internationally recognized publishing standards



Journals assessed against the JPPS criteria and are given one of **six levels**:

three stars

two stars

one star

no stars

new title

inactive title





Assessment criteria



One star - has met the basic inclusion requirements for at least two years



New title - has been publishing for less than two years, but meets basic inclusion requirements



Two stars - compliant with additional publishing practice quality criteria



Inactive - has not added new content to the JOL platform in over one year



Three stars - consistently excellent in the technical and editorial publishing best practices set out in the JPPS framework criteria



No stars - not currently meeting the basic criteria for inclusion on a JOL platform

Assessment criteria

108 criteria based on:

Inclusion standards set out by **international journal indices and industry guidelines ***

Experience of contexts and practices in developing country journal publishing

Testing and feedback from journal editors in Africa

*Including DOAJ, SciELO South Africa, Clarivate, Scopus, WAME, FAME, COPE

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NOTE: JPPS does NOT assess quality of research content, only publishing practices



Assessment

of every
journal on a
JOLs
platform

*by UK-based experts
in developing country
publishing*

Report

provided to
editor,
highlighting
areas to
improve

Display

of JPPS
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**JPPS levels are being rolled out to journals on JOLs
platforms around the world during the 2nd half of 2017**

How it will continue

Re- Assessment

by application from a journal
And spot checks

Report

provided to editor, highlighting areas to improve

Display

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*The JPPS
framework... offers
us an important
opportunity to
improve the status
of our journal.
Thank you for the
clear criteria.*

Dr Chandre Gould
Editor of *South African Crime
Quarterly*
South African Institute for Security
Studies

“I am thrilled with the two-star status as it is, but I have stirred the editorial board that we have to achieve three-star status.

I am determined to work towards it.

Thank you so much for the constant support you have given me to work on the journal.”



Dr Anuja Abyadeera, Editor
Sri Lankan Journal of Anaesthesiology





Prof. Emmanuel A. Ameh
Chief Consultant Paediatric Surgeon
National Hospital, Abuja, Nigeria

“This, in my opinion is more proactive and more helpful than the blacklist.”

I'm presently involved in efforts to revive a journal that went down... going through this JPPS, I can easily identify what we need to do to get the journal back on track.

Journals can use the guidelines to strengthen their publication practices.”



“We have brought out a new facelift to the whole journal, and wish to improve on it. We are targeting the ‘one star’ of the standards by this year. Hoping to go up to two stars by 2018 too and for it to be indexed very soon.”

Dr C Arambepola and Dr Shamini Prathapan, Co-Editors
Journal of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka

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and visibility of Southern journals*



Journal Publishing
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*Reassures readers and
authors about which are
reputable journals*

*Guidance for journal
editors on **improving**
publishing processes*



*Internationally accepted assessment
criteria for the quality of publishing
practices and policies*



Next steps

***Seeking funding for:
Implementing the JPPS framework
for southern journals **beyond the
JOLS*****

*Training and advisory support via
face to face and online methods to
journal editors to **address
knowledge and skills gaps***

***Building peer networks of
journal editors for collective
problem-solving and learning***

*Further use of marketing and
communications techniques to
**maximise online visibility and
dissemination** of Southern
journals.*

*Assessing adoption of the JPPS
system by other role-players.*



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A far-reaching set of criteria for assessing Southern journals

Thank you to STM for including JPPS in the programme

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