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# **Crossref – Enabling African research item discoverability through the Research Nexus**

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[African] research item discoverability  
through the Research Nexus**

Featuring the African Crossref Ambassadors

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- Ahmed Moustafa (Egypt)
- Mercury Shitindo (Kenya)
- Oumy Ndiaye (Senegal)
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We will hear about the Crossref Research Nexus and about the activities of the Crossref Ambassadors in Africa.

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## Speaker profile

### Johanssen Obanda

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Obanda joined Crossref in 2023 to work with Crossref Ambassadors to effectively engage their communities and support Crossref’s outreach initiatives. Obanda is passionate about building an inclusive research ecosystem where researchers across the globe can easily access scientific knowledge and make meaningful connections. His previous experience includes social entrepreneurship and science communication.

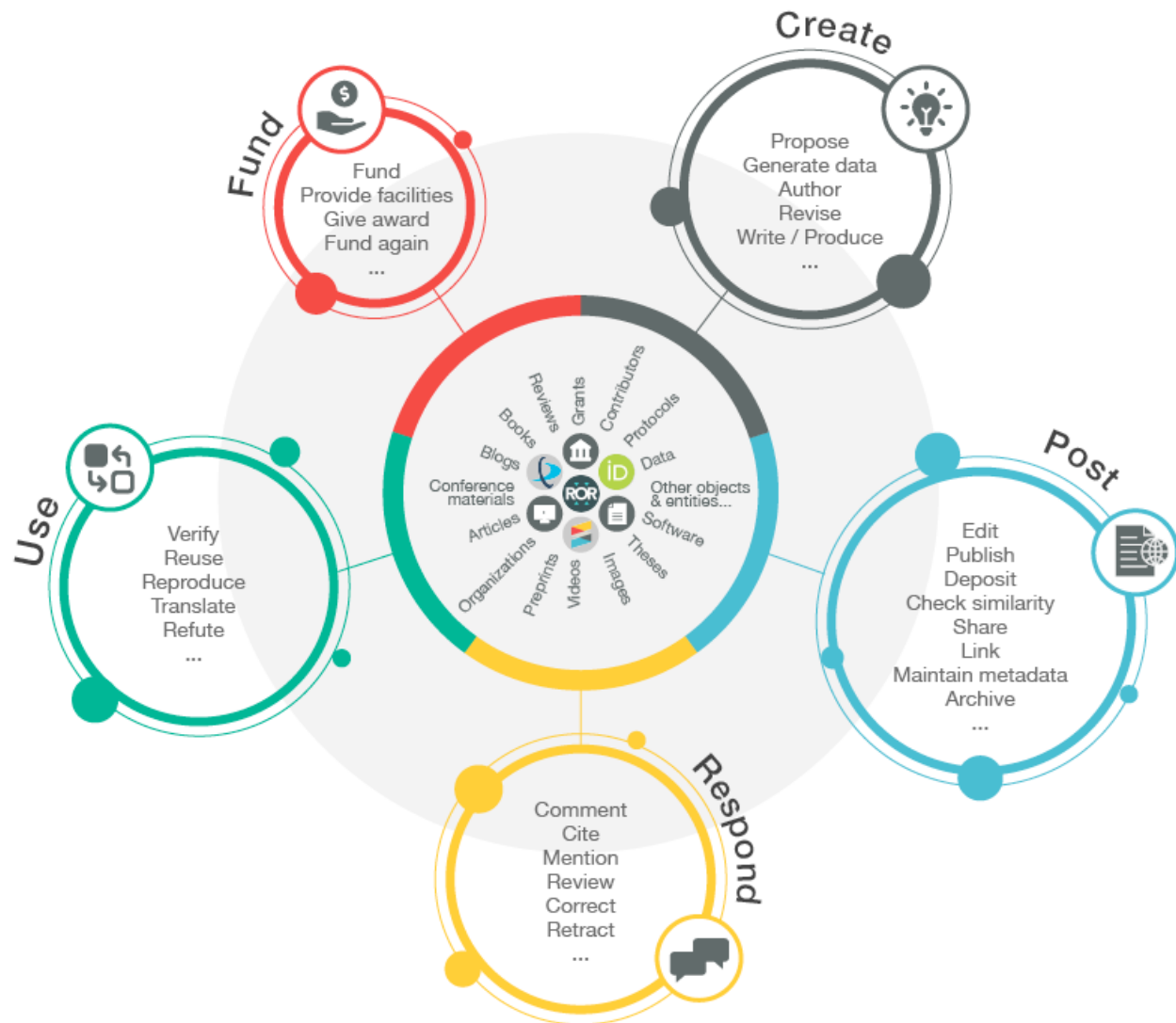
## Questions that were addressed during the session

- How does Crossref contribute to enhancing the discoverability of research items in Africa through the Research Nexus, and what specific features or mechanisms does it employ for this purpose?
- What are some of Crossref’s Outreach initiatives?
- Are there opportunities that have risen in the implementation of Crossref’s initiatives to promote the discoverability of African research items?
- Are there challenges in the implementation of Crossref’s initiatives to promote the discoverability of African research items?
- If yes, what are these challenges and how has the Research Nexus addressed or overcome these challenges?

## Crossref supporting African research

- Crossref DOIs are being assigned to research items submitted to AfricArXiv via ScienceOpen, OSF, and PubPub and thus increase their discoverability.

## Related resources



Go to <https://www.crossref.org/documentation/research-nexus/>

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