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I. INTRODUCTION

This report is developed based on the Consultation Plan for relevant stakeholders in the framework of the development and adoption of an Open Access policy in Angola (Sub-objective 2.2). The report that is presented aims to show a synthesis of the consultation activities with relevant stakeholders carried out between June and December 2021 by the Consultative Committee of the project "Acesso Aberto Angola" constituted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Ministério do Ensino Superior, Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação (MESCTI) of the Government of Angola, the Sistema de Información Científica Redalyc de la Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEM) [Scientific Information System Redalyc of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico (UAEM)], AmeliCA and the Universidade Óscar Ribas (UOR) [Óscar Ribas University (UOR)].

In a timely manner, a synthesis of the activities -carried out in three main areas of action- is presented:

1. Activities in the Angolan context: activities with relevant stakeholders in the scientific-academic, social and political context of Angola such as government bodies, higher education institutions, universities and other initiatives organized in the scientific-academic, political and social context of Angola.
2. Linkage activities with global Open Access initiatives: activities with stakeholders from geographic contexts that have an impact on the field of Open Access from a global perspective; such as promoters of open scientific communication typical of the academic field, civil organizations

and efforts organized by academics and researchers from Latin America, Europe, the United States and Africa.

3. Internal and follow-up activities of the Advisory Committee: during the period between June and December 2021, the Advisory Committee held continuous meetings for the evaluation, diagnosis and feedback of the processes carried out by the working groups of each entity involved in the project "Acesso Aberto Angola".

The realization of the aforementioned activities gave rise to identifying the perspectives of different stakeholders related to the culture of Open Access in Angola, as well as the feedback of the perspectives of the stakeholders with a global impact. In total, at least 26 activities were carried out, with the inclusion of more than 50 organizations, institutions, scientific-academic communities, and governmental, academic and social entities.

II. ACTIVITIES IN THE ANGOLAN CONTEXT

- Meeting held on June 24th, 2021 between the Universidade Óscar Ribas (UOR) [Oscar Ribas University (UOR)] and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MESCTI): 1) the draft of the Office for the assembling of the Technical Group for the creation of a Network of Angolan Scientific Journals and promote Open Access to scientific information; 2) the need to present a budget to ensure the sustainability of the project in the different stages and the elaboration of a work schedule was minded; 3) the actions for the launch of the initiative were proposed at the “7a Conferência sobre Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação (7th Conference on Science, Technology and Innovation)”.

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- Virtual meeting held on July 14th, 2021 between the teams of Angola and Mexico for the presentation of the project, in which both stakeholders from Angolan Higher Education Institutions and representatives of AmeliCA, of the Sistema de Información Científica Redalyc de la Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEM) [Scientific Information System Redalyc of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico (UAEM)], of UNESCO, and of the Universidade Óscar Ribas [Óscar Ribas University] participated.
 - Meeting held on August 20th, 2021 between the Universidade Óscar Ribas (UOR) [Óscar Ribas University (UOR)] and the members of the “Acesso Aberto Angola” project team: 1) the general objective was presented, referring to identifying not only the perception and needs of the Government of the Republic of Angola, but its academic authorities, professors and students around Open Access, the scientific production and the academic publication.
 - Virtual focus group held on September 2th, 2021 aimed at the academic authorities in Angola, where stakeholders from 6 institutions participated.
 - Virtual focus group held on September 16th, 2021 aimed at professor-researchers; 6 stakeholders participated.
 - Virtual focus group held on October 27th, 2021 aimed at students; stakeholders from 3 Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in Angola participated.
 - Virtual focus group held on November 3th, 2021 aimed at government authorities; stakeholders from 10 institutions participated.

III. LINKAGE ACTIVITIES WITH GLOBAL OPEN ACCESS INITIATIVES

- Participation of Arianna Becerril-García (Redalyc-UAEM) in the panel discussion: how local journals are using technology to ensure sustainability in the framework of the 15th EASE General Assembly and Conference. Event organized by the European Association of Science Editors, held on June 24th, 2021.



Illustration 1 Panel of discussion, June 24th, 2021

- Participation of Arianna Becerril-García (Redalyc-UAEM) in the “Open scholarship and the library” 5th session, within the SANLiC Conference 2021 framework. Event organized by the South African National Library and Information Consortium, held on August 5th, 2021.



Illustration 2 SANLiC Conference 2021, August 5th, 2021

- Conference given by Arianna Becerril-García (Redalyc-UAEM) "Rota para o Acesso Aberto em Angola" within the framework of the General Meeting between AmeliCA, Redalyc, UNESCO and Angolan institutions on the project "Route to Open Access in Angola". Event organized by UNESCO, Redalyc-UAEM, AmeliCA, Universidade Óscar Ribas (Óscar Ribas University), Universidade Agostinho Neto (Agostinho Neto University) and the Instituto Superior Politécnico do Sol Nascent (Polytechnic University of the Rising Sun); held on August 20th, 2021.



Illustration 3 Path to Open Access in Angola, July 6th, 2021

- Conference given by Arianna Becerril-García (Redalyc-UAEM) "Acesso Aberto em Angola" within the framework of the Second Consultation on the challenges and needs of Angolan institutions in the scope of the

project to develop a national open access policy for Angola. Event organized by UNESCO, Redalyc-UAEM, AmeliCA, Universidade Óscar Ribas (Óscar Ribas University), Universidade Agostinho Neto (Agostinho Neto University) and the Instituto Superior Politécnico do Sol Nascent (Polytechnic University of the Rising Sun); held on September 16th, 2021.

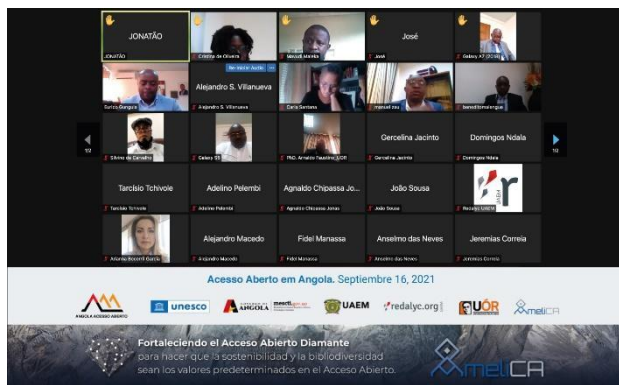


Illustration 4 Acesso Aberto em Angola, September 16th, 2021

- Participation of Arianna García-Becerril (Redalyc-UAEM) as moderator in the panel: "OA Policies and mandates: lessons learned from global cases" in the framework of OASPA 2021 Online Conference on Open Access Scholarly. Event organized by OSPA Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association, held on September 22th, 2021.

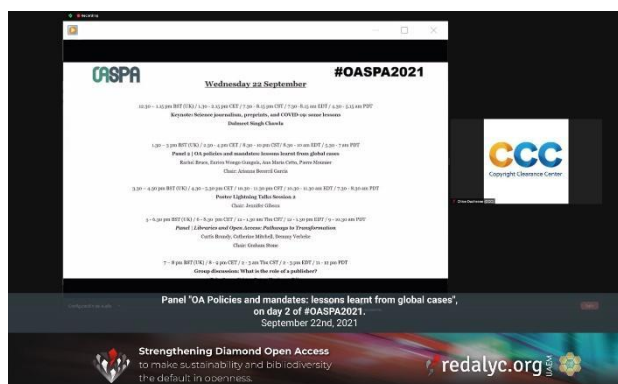


Illustration 5 OA Policies and mandates: lessons learnt from global cases, September 22th, 2021

- Delivery of the keynote address "La evolución de la publicación científica en la era digital: la vía diamante hacia la justicia epistémica (The evolution of scientific publication in the digital age: the diamond road towards epistemic justice)" by Arianna García-Becerril (Redalyc-UAEM), within the framework of the 3rd Congresso Internacional da Rede de Investigação Bibliotecas, Políticas, Leitura: O digital, o tradicional, o novo normal? Event organized by the Universidade de Coimbra (University of Coimbra), held on September 24th, 2021.

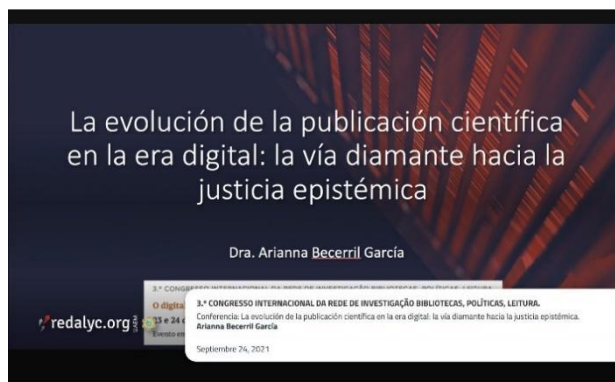


Illustration 6 The evolution of scientific publishing in the digital age: the diamond way to epistemic justice, September 24th, 2021

- Presentation of the Angola Open Data Portal by Arianna Becerril-García, Eduardo Aguado López (Redalyc-UAEM) and Eurico Gungula (UOR) developed within the framework of the project “Acesso Aberto Angola” as part of the Webinar Series “The Home of Data - Repositories for Open #AI ”. Event organized by Redalyc-UAEM, Universidade Óscar Ribas (UOR) [Óscar Ribas University (UOR)] and UNESCO, held on September 27th, 2021.

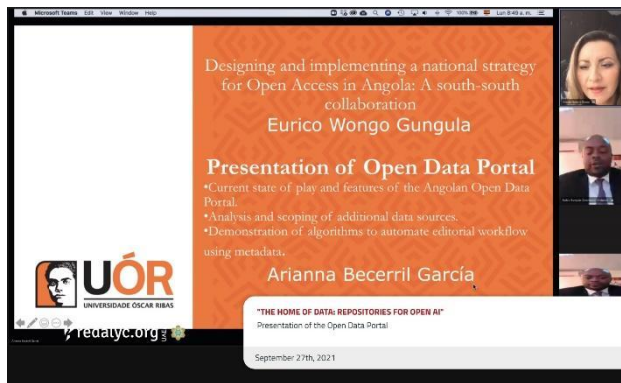


Illustration 7 Angola Open Data Portal, September 27th, 2021

- Delivery of the keynote address "¿Cómo el acceso abierto diamante puede contribuir hacia una evaluación responsable e inclusiva de la ciencia? (How diamond open access can contribute towards a responsible and inclusive evaluation of science?)" by Ariana García-Becerril (Redalyc-UAEM) in the framework of the X International Conference BIREDIAL-ISTEC. Event organized by the Ibero-American Consortium for Education in Science and Technology, the INAOE, the Universidad del Rosario [(Colombia) University of Rosario], the Universidad de Costa Rica (University of Costa Rica), the Universidad Federal de Río Grande del Sur [(Brazil) Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul], Universidad Nacional de la Plata [(Argentina) National University of La Plata], the Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí [(México) Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí] and the Universidad del Norte [(Colombia) University of the North]; held on October 26th, 2021.

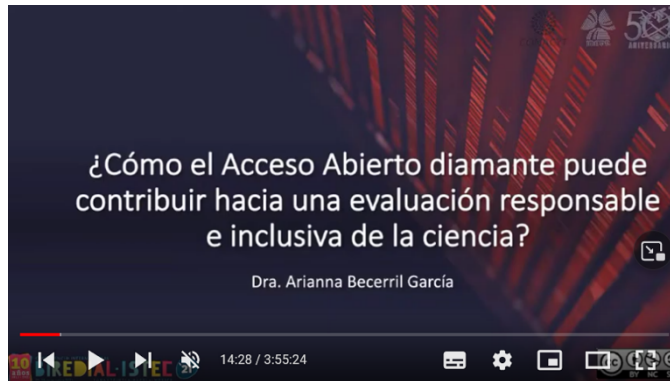


Illustration 8 “How can diamond open access contribute towards a responsible and inclusive evaluation of science?”, October 26th, 2021

- Participation of Arianna Becerril-García and Eduardo Aguado-López (Redalyc-UAEM) in the panel "Revisión por pares y evaluación de la investigación en contexto de Acceso Abierto y Bienes Comunes Científicos (Peer review and evaluation of research in the context of Open Access and Scientific Commons)" in the framework of OAWeek2021 “Importa cómo abrimos el conocimiento (It matters how we open knowledge)”. Event organized by UNESCO, CLACSO, Folec and Redalyc-UAEM, held on October 29th, 2021.



Illustration 9 Peer review and evaluation of research in the context of Open Access and Scientific Commons, October 29th, 2021

- Organization of the Seminar of professionalization in academic scientific communication in Open Access for Angola by Arianna Becerril-García, Eduardo Aguado López (Redalyc-UAEM), Eurico Gungula (UOR) and Bhanu Neupane (UNESCO). Event organized by UNESCO; MESCTI-Governo de Angola, Redalyc-UAEM and AmeliCA; held on November 16th, 2021.



Illustration 10 Professionalization seminar in academic scientific communication in Open Access for Angola, November 16th, 2021

- Conference given by Eduardo Aguado-López (Redalyc-UAEM) “Del Acceso Abierto a La Ciencia Abierta: 2002-2021. Recomendación de Ciencia Abierta-UNESCO, 2021 (From Open Access to Open Science: 2002-2021. UNESCO-Open Science Recommendation, 2021)” within the framework of the I Foro de Ciencia Abierta: “Por la normalización y el acceso a la información como un bien público” (1st Open Science Forum: “For the standardization and access to information as a public good”). Event organized by the Universidad de Panamá (University of Panama), held on November 23th, 2021.



Illustration 11 "From Open Access to Open Science: 2002-2021. UNESCO Open Science Recommendation, 2021", November 23th, 2021

- Participation of Arianna Becerril García (Redalyc-UAEM) in the Panel "Governance Models of Open Infrastructure: Building Sustainability and Capacity". Event organized by FORCE 11, held on December 7th, 2021.

Governance Models of Open Infrastructure: Building Sustainability and Capacity

Speakers:
Heather Staines, Senior Consultant, Delta Think (Moderator)
Christopher Erdmann, Asst. Dir. Data Stewardship, AGU (Moderator)
Arianna Becerril-García, Dir. Innovation and Technology, Redalyc
Joy Owango, Training Center in Communication (TCC) Africa / AfricArXiv
Brian O'Connor, [Global Alliance for Genomics and Health \(GA4GH\)](#)

Collaborative Notes:
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Illustration 12 Governance Models of Open Infrastructure: Building Sustainability and Capacity, December 07th, 2021

IV. INTERNAL AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Virtual meeting held on June 22th, 2021 in which the required information inputs and the technical capacity of the work teams for the development of the project were addressed.

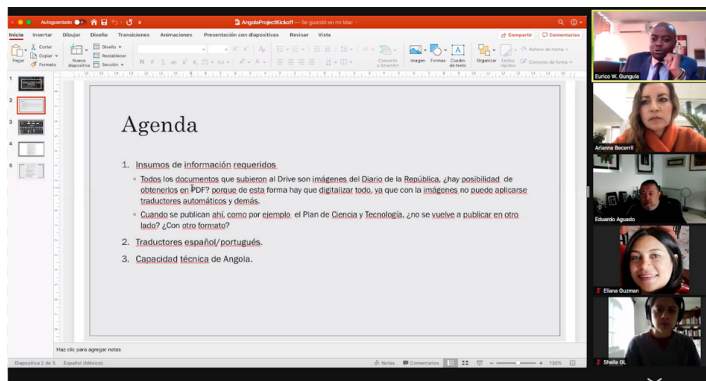


Illustration 13 Meeting held on June 22th, 2021

- Virtual meeting held on July 6th, 2021 based on the project "Acesso Aberto Angola" in which the progress of the different objectives developed was evaluated.

Progress on objectives

- Objective 1. Preparation of a status report on Open Access and Open Data for Angola:
 - A document review and analysis was started to support the design of the focus groups and interviews that will enable the collection of the information that will be part of the status report on Open Access and Open Data for Angola. Percentage of progress 70%
 - The bibliometric analyses of the visibility of scientific research in Angola in regional and mainstream databases and in the Open Access spectrum were initiated. Percentage of progress: 20%.
- Objective 2. Development of an Open Access Policy:
 - Documentary review and analysis has begun. Percentage of progress: 10%.
- Objective 3. Development of a policy monitoring framework:
 - The documentation process began with the design of formats for reports and presentations: Percentage of progress: 100%.
 - A strategy was designed to optimize the documentation process and the Drive folders where all activities must be recorded. Percentage of progress: 100%.

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- Virtual meeting held on July 7th, 2021 in which the progress of the different objectives was presented.

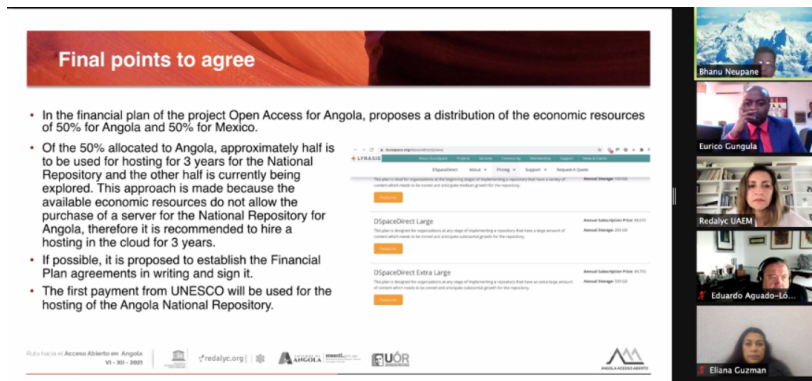


Illustration 14 Meeting held on July 07th, 2021

- Virtual meeting held on July 14th, 2021 with various stakeholders from the Angolan Higher Education Institutions based on the “Acesso Aberto Angola” project, in which issues related to the general objectives of the project were discussed.

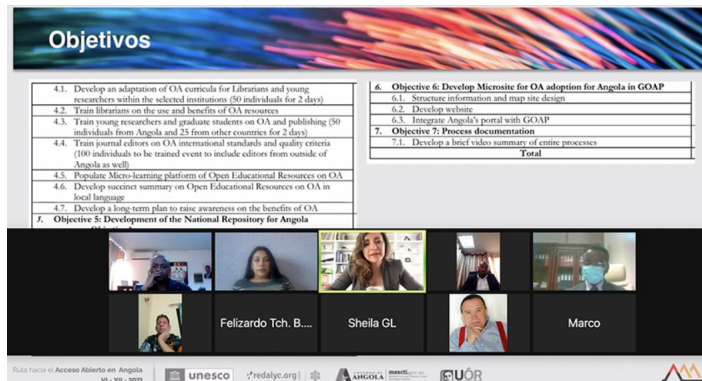


Illustration 15 Meeting held on July 14th, 2021

- Virtual meeting held on August 11th, 2021, in which issues related to the development of ways of action to meet the project's objectives were discussed.

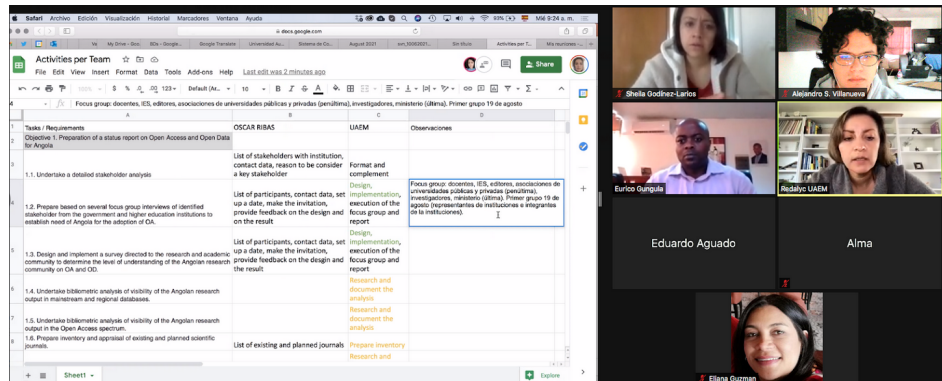


Illustration 16 Meeting held on August 11th, 2021

- Virtual meeting held on August 18th, 2021, in which the methodology and work model of the focus groups for the fulfillment of the objectives of the "Acesso Aberto Angola" project was presented.

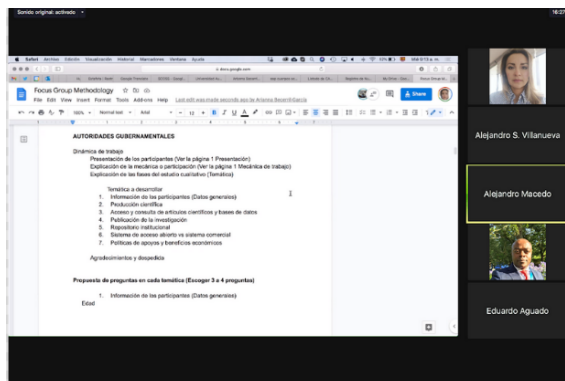


Illustration 17 Meeting held on August 18th, 2021

- Virtual meeting held on October 20, 2021 in which ongoing activities were followed up and the organization to start different tasks of the ongoing project was established.

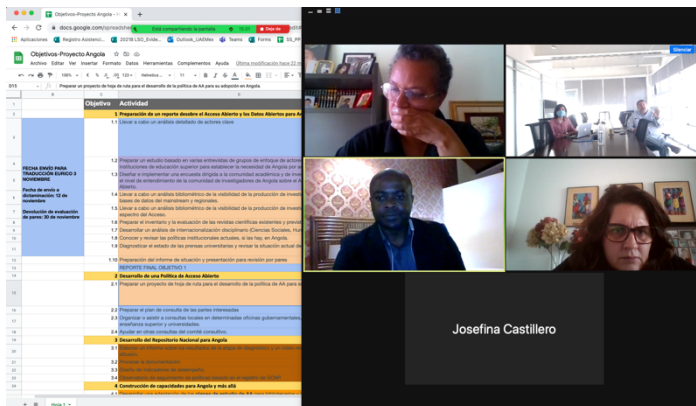


Illustration 18 Meeting held on October 20th, 2021

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

Through the articulated work between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Ministério do Ensino Superior, Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação (MESCTI) of the Government of Angola, the Sistema de Información Científica Redalyc de la Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEM) [Scientific Information System Redalyc of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico (UAEM)], and the Universidade Óscar Ribas (UOR) [Óscar Ribas University (UOR)] that took place in the period between June and December of 2021, it was possible to identify areas of opportunity for the strengthening of the project in question. within the framework of development and adoption of an Open Access policy in Angola:

1. Establish links with stakeholders from Higher Education Institutions (HEI), universities and other organized initiatives, as well as with government authorities and organized initiatives for Open Access and Open Science in other African countries.

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2. Strengthen the established link with the academic-scientific and student community of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and Angolan universities.
 3. Give continuity to the dialogue and joint work of the Consultative Committee of the "Acesso Aberto Angola" project with the authorities of the Ministério do Ensino Superior, Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação [(MESCTI) Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation] of the Government of Angola and the diversity of relevant stakeholders in the development and adoption of an Open Access policy in Angola.