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I. Introduction

As a function of the Consultation Plan in the framework of the development and adoption of an Open Access policy in Angola, sub-objective 2.4 proposes a series of consultation activities that are suggested to be carried out in the medium and long term, including organizations, institutions, communities and governmental, academic and social instances in Angola; as well as relevant actors in the global field of open scientific communication such as organizations that defend scientific knowledge as a common good (for example, UNESCO) and promoters of Open Access from a non-commercial model (for example, the Latin American Council of Social Sciences and the scientific information system Redalyc). The proposed route to be followed considers consultations that give rise to a permanent listening of the relevant actors in the Angolan context. Likewise, a permanent accompaniment by global instances is considered, with the purpose of strengthening the work that Angola will continue to develop in the construction of a social and technological ecosystem of non-commercial Open Access. Sub-objective 2.4 represents a synthesized effort to give continuity to the consultation plan established in sub-objective 2.2, taking as a central axis not only participatory mechanisms, but also the integration of knowledge and trajectories of relevant actors in the development and adoption of an Open Access policy in Angola.

II. Recommendations for the continuity of the Stakeholder Consultation Plan in the framework of the development and adoption of an Open Access policy in Angola.

Through collaborative 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 scientific information system Redalyc of the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEM), AmeliCA and the Universidade Óscar Ribas (UOR), it was possible to identify a series of aspects that can be strengthened in the medium and long term; The key aspects are listed and described succinctly below:

1. Through the diagnosis of "Activities in the Angolan context" (sub-objective 2.3) it was identified that it is desirable to establish and strengthen links with other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), universities, Open Access and Open Science initiatives, as well as government authorities in other African countries. In this regard, it is recommended that collaborative links be established (and, if possible, formalized through institutional agreements) for cooperation at the regional level in terms of the Open Access and Open Science ecosystem for Angola and Africa as a whole.

A proposal in this regard is that in strengthening this linkage both within Angola and with other African countries, the support of relevant actors in the global field of open scientific communication, such as organizations that defend scientific knowledge as a common good (for example, UNESCO) and promoters of Open Access from a non-commercial model (for example, the Latin American Council of Social Sciences and the scientific information system Redalyc), should be sought. The support of these organizations can represent a valuable resource for

generating projects and initiatives that result in strengthening the scientific publication model and the technological and instrumental infrastructure (mandates, institutional Open Access policies) of Angola and Africa as a whole.

2. Through the diagnosis of the "Linkage activities with global Open Access initiatives" (sub-objective 2.3) it was identified that there is an approach to the student community, as well as to the academic-scientific community in Angola. However, in order to give continuity to the development and adoption of an Open Access policy in Angola, it is desirable to strengthen these links, mainly to enrich the experiences gathered and involve all sectors benefited by a proposed national Open Access policy.

One strategy in this regard could be to establish annual conversations (or at a frequency that suits the stakeholders) involving the aforementioned stakeholders, as well as the public presentation, for feedback, of the draft National Open Access Policy. Likewise, to build integration spaces where more spaces for listening, participation and exchange are proposed.