

Promoting Research Integrity in Africa

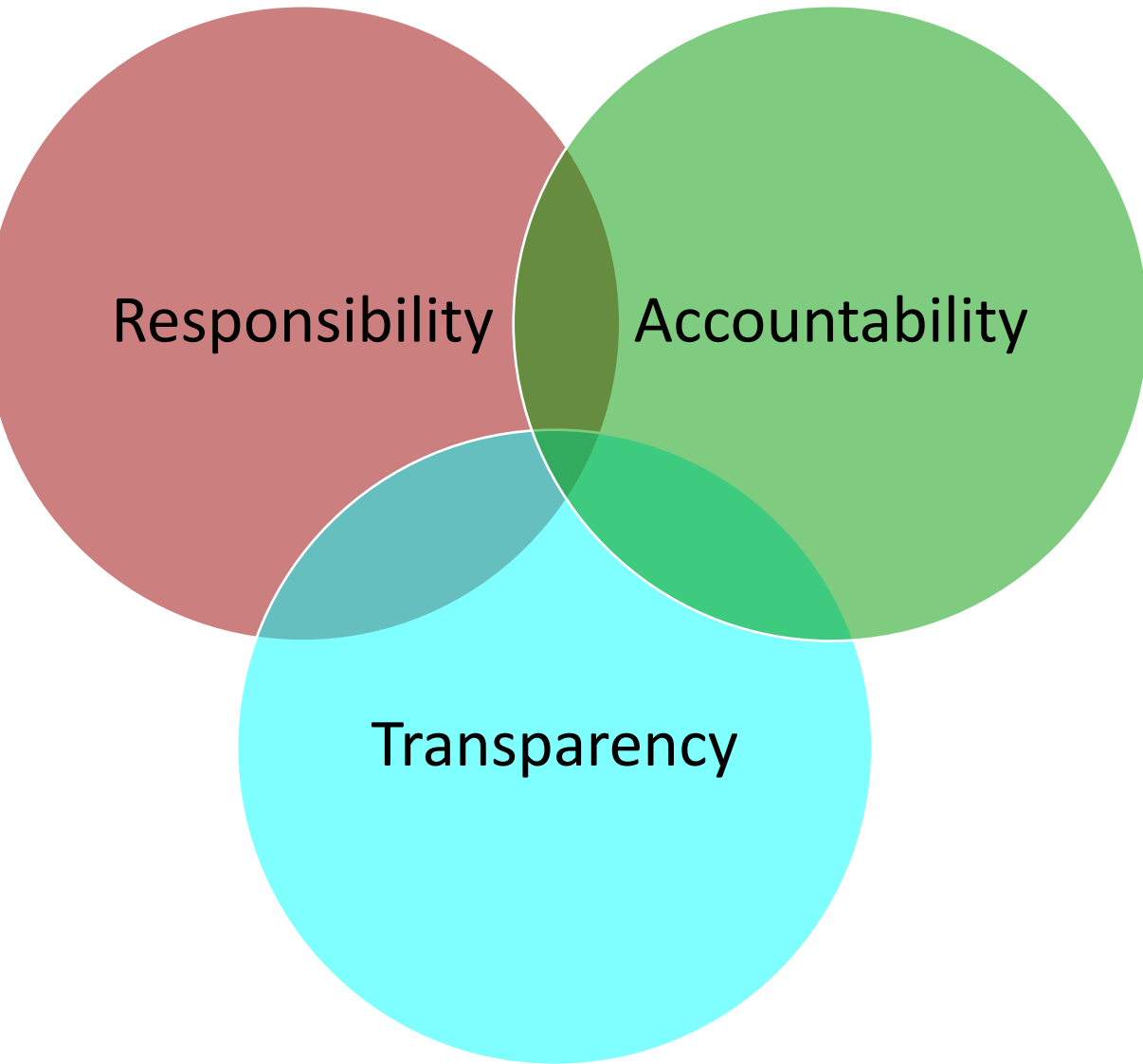
Introducing the African Research Integrity Network (ARIN)

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Outline

- Introduction: Research Integrity and Research Ethics
- The gap
- Introducing African Network on Research Integrity
- The Purpose
- Progress made
- Available Resources

Introduction



- **Honesty**
 - In all aspect of research
- **Accountability**
 - In the conduct of research
- **Professional Courtesy and Fairness**
 - In working with others
- **Good Stewardship**
 - On research on behalf of others

Research Integrity vs Research Ethics

Do the right thing!

what's the opposite of dishonest?

honest, honorable, truthful, trustworthy, straight, principled, aboveboard, upright, forthright, ethical



Research Integrity (RI) in Africa

- Limited knowledge, data or publications on RI in Africa
- Institutional structures and systems to promote RI limited and lacking support
- Why this apparent neglect?
- What are the risks?



Introduction to ARIN



- Conceived during 4th WCRI in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in 2015
- Apparent lack of data and initiatives on RI in Africa
- Many questions, but very few answers ... someone had to do something

What is ARIN?

Our GOAL (Vision / dream)

To promote research integrity, responsible and respectful conduct of research in Africa through sharing, alignment and leveraging of available resources and ideas and engagement of individuals, institutions, governments as well as policy makers in Africa

ARIN : Our specific purposes

- To develop a better understanding of – and sensitise people about – the local environment, conditions and context that affect research integrity in Africa
- To promote research integrity by increasing awareness and improving access to information and resources
- To create and nurture leadership in responsible conduct of research in Africa.
- To enhance dialogue, engagement and networking among policy makers, stakeholders and practitioners of RI.

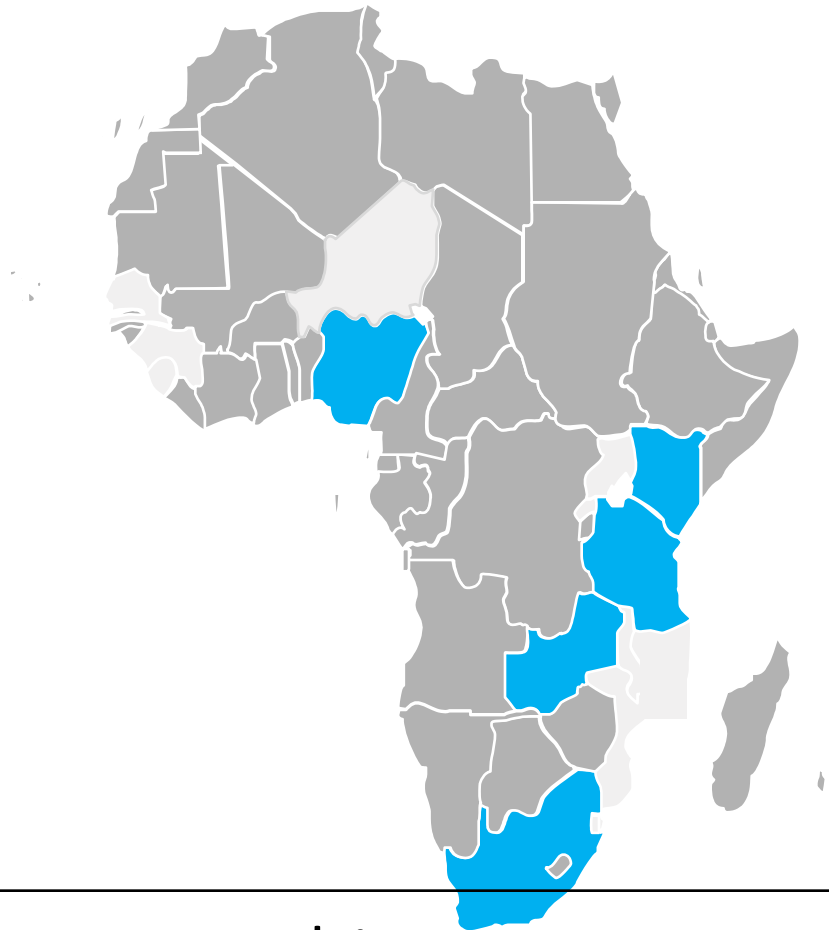
ARIN: How do we want to achieve this?

- Networking, dialogues, information sharing
- “Informal” mentoring, “twinning”, friendships
- Meetings, workshops, conferences
- Student training for higher degrees
- Developing and sharing guidelines and resource materials

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Progress to date: Membership



- Total=30 expressed interest
- Friends of ARIN from USA and Europe

Progress to date: Achievements



- SARIMA pre-conference workshop
- Individual contributions to WCRI
- On-going virtual networking and communication
- MARIA Grant
- 1st Newsletter
- Website or blog to share resources
- Interim steering committee (Francis, Limbanazo, Christa)
- Building a track record –feeding into a future business plan

Next steps

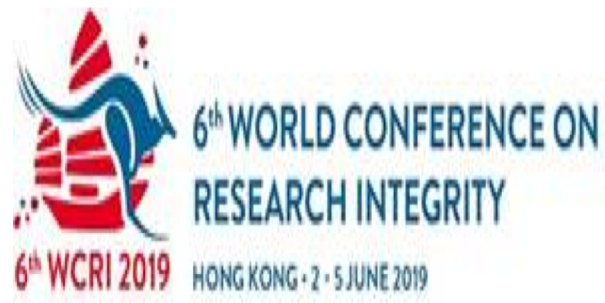
- Constitution-Establishing a Formal entity
 - may take time
- Face-to-face meeting
- Inventory of available or missing resources
- Finding and responding to funding opportunities
- Branding / identity



Upcoming events



- Dec 13-14 2018
- Panel Session: Promoting Research Integrity –The Importance Of Increasing Awareness In Diverse African, Setting
- Ms Limbanazo Matandika: Under 35 Panel Member



- June 3-5 2019
- Dr Christa Van Zyl- Members, Conference Advisory Committee -see <http://wcri2019.org/index/organization/advisory-committee>
- Francis Kombe- and the programme planning committee- see <http://wcri2019.org/index/organization/programme-committee>).

Resources

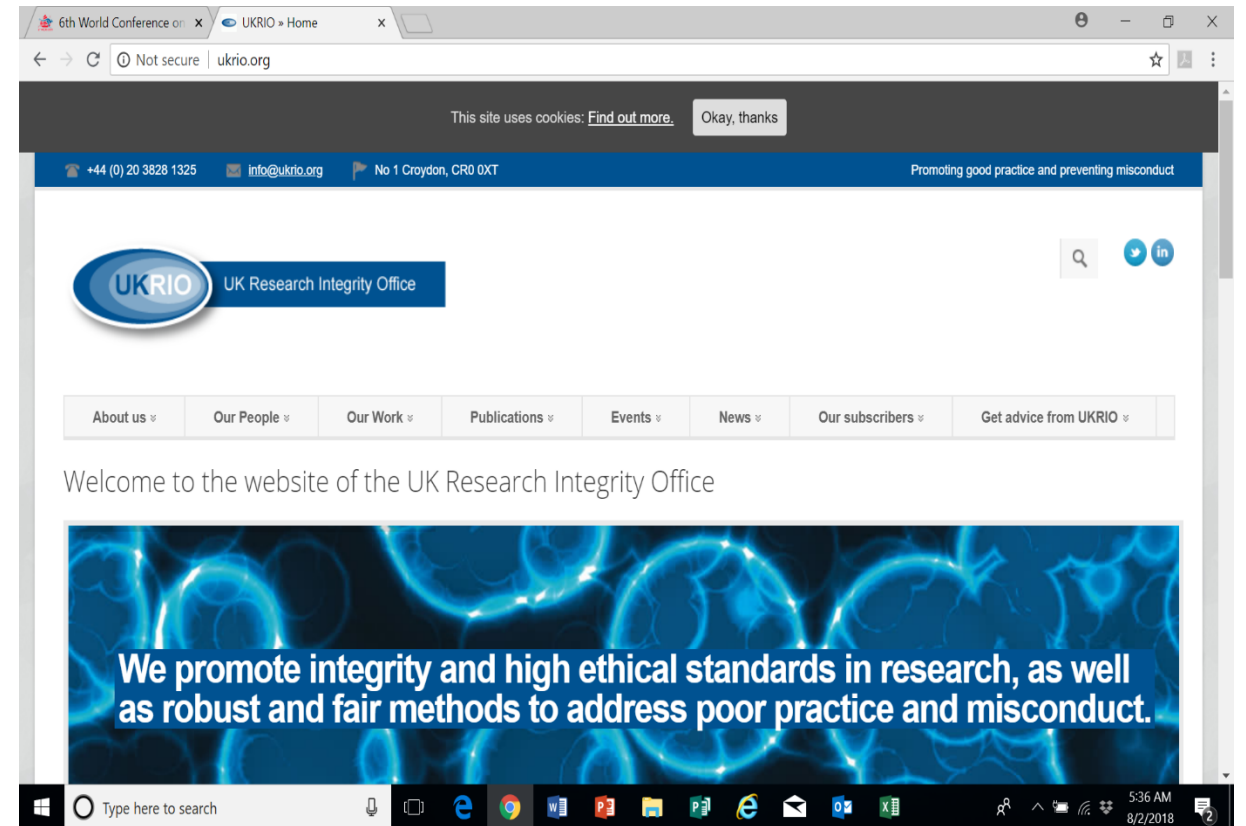
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Conclusion



Tigwirane Manja: Together we can



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Thank you.