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Call for Papers

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Knowledge management for development in Africa

The *Knowledge Management for Development Journal* (KM4D Journal) is a peer-reviewed, community-based journal on knowledge management for development – for and by development practitioners, researchers and policymakers. The journal is closely related to the KM4Dev community of practice [www.km4dev.org] and is available at: <http://journal.km4dev.org/index.php/km4dj>

Volume 10(2) will be published on September 2014. This issue focuses on knowledge management for development in an African context. The Guest Editorial team for this issue comprises Gwen Wilkins, Charles Dhewa, Kingo Mchombu, Vic Klabbers and Jean Mège.

Rationale

During the last couple of years, there has been a significant increase in knowledge management interventions in development programmes across the African continent and a strong engagement of KM4Dev practitioners in Africa to develop national KM4Dev groups. Lately, the following groups have been active: Ethiopia KM4Dev group, Senegal KM4Dev group and Burkina Faso KM4Dev group, etc, and there is also a KM4DESA (<https://dgroups.org/groups/KM4DESA>). However, there may also be other networks doing interesting work in this area of which we are not yet aware. All contributions should be focused on development:

Development is, most of all, the result of the synergy among millions of innovative initiatives people take every day in their local societies, generating new and more effective ways of producing, trading, and managing their resources and their institutions. The work of policy makers and development agencies may contribute greatly to the success of those initiatives, may shape them, or may undermine those efforts. (Ferreira, 2009, p.99)]

The idea of an African issue was developed during the African KM4Dev week. The African KM4Dev Community Week (25-29 March 2013) involved about 30 KM4Dev members stemming from, focusing on or living in Africa.

The week culminated in an online event on 28 March which brought together about 15 participants from ten different countries and based across five different locations. The objective of the week and of the synchronous event were to bring together the diversity of African KM4Dev networks, to unite, share and learn about each other's dynamics, conversations and to help find a better place for African KM4Dev members in the global community, as well as pave the way for future focused conversations that matter for African or Africa-focused members of the community.

The whole week and related events were hosted by the Addis Ababa/Ethiopia KM4Dev group [1]. The African KM4Dev Community was an awarded proposal from the KM4Dev innovation fund 2012 (http://wiki.km4dev.org/KM4Dev_Innovation_Fund_2012). See the original proposal here [2].

This issue

This issue focuses on Knowledge Management in an African context. Articles can be submitted in English, French and Portuguese.

We invite submissions of papers from mid-to-large local, regional or international organisations or people working with these organisations, with extensive experience working on knowledge management on the African continent and in an African context.

Contributions should deal with the implementation and application of knowledge management in Africa, at either the local, national, sub-regional or regional level on any geographical location in Africa.

Contributors will first send an abstract (see process below).

Submission of abstracts and papers

We welcome articles, case studies, thought pieces, publication reviews, short stories, KM4Dev Community Notes, life stories, debates, letters and annotated bibliographies from both academics and practitioners. Contributors are encouraged to ensure submissions are concise and demonstrate practical experiences and learning from the implementation of knowledge management in an African context.

The submission and review process leading to publication is explained below, together with a schedule.

If you would like to submit a paper, or be actively involved in this initiative in any other way, **please send your abstract** (minimum one paragraph – maximum one page) **or your message by e-mail to km4dj-editors@dgroups.org before November 1st, 2013 (please include ‘African Issue’ in the title of your email).**

Guidelines for authors are available on the journal’s website:

<http://journal.km4dev.org/index.php/km4dj/about>

Call for papers out	01/09/13
Submission deadline for the title and abstract	01/11/13
Acceptance of paper proposal	1/12/13
Submission of paper	28/02/14
Peer-review completed	15/5/14
Final version of paper submitted	30/06/14
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