

COPYRIGHTS OF AFRICAN RESEARCHERS AND THE SDG AGENDA

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Background: Copyrights of African Researchers and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda The increased trajectory of research inequality is a prevalent trend amongst African academic. This is an indictment on the intellectual competencies, the right to research and inevitably a threat to economic growth (Goal 1, Goal 8 and Goal 10) of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. For professional African academics, the right to research has been made gradually more insecure. Global job insecurity as a researcher has become more magnified. This is as a result of the effect of a sprawling digital shift within a stringent framework of orthodox copyright regulations. The negative effect is that in the context of current Copyrights regulations the ability of African Researchers to attaining Sustainable Development Goals agenda is highly doubtful.

Objective: This research seeks to assess how the existing copyright framework can be applied to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 1,8 and 10.

Methods: A qualitative doctrinal research methodology will be used for this research.

Results: Myriad emerging academic research, publication and storage technologies significantly continue to disrupt the traditional scope copyright protection of African researchers. This has incrementally resulted in research inequality, threatening the economic potential and further cementing the trajectory of poverty amongst professional African researchers.

Conclusion: There is a dire need for a paradigm shift.

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