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Library publishing: advancing African collection development

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Introduction

Access is needed to contribute to creating new knowledge.

Access: either through subscription or APCs

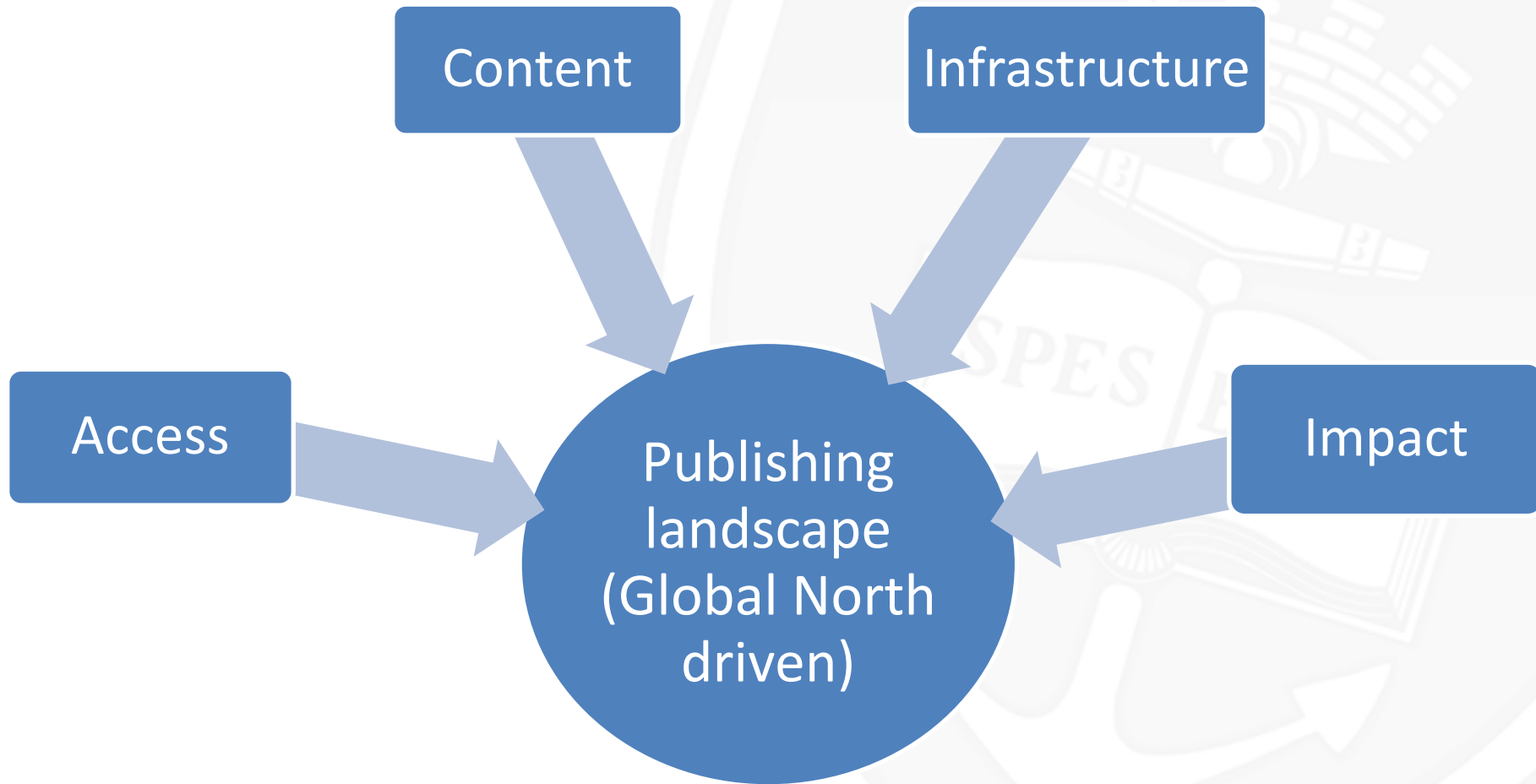
Access for Africa: too expensive

“subscriptions exacerbated the knowledge gap between those that could afford access (primarily in the developed world) and those in the less developed world that could not”

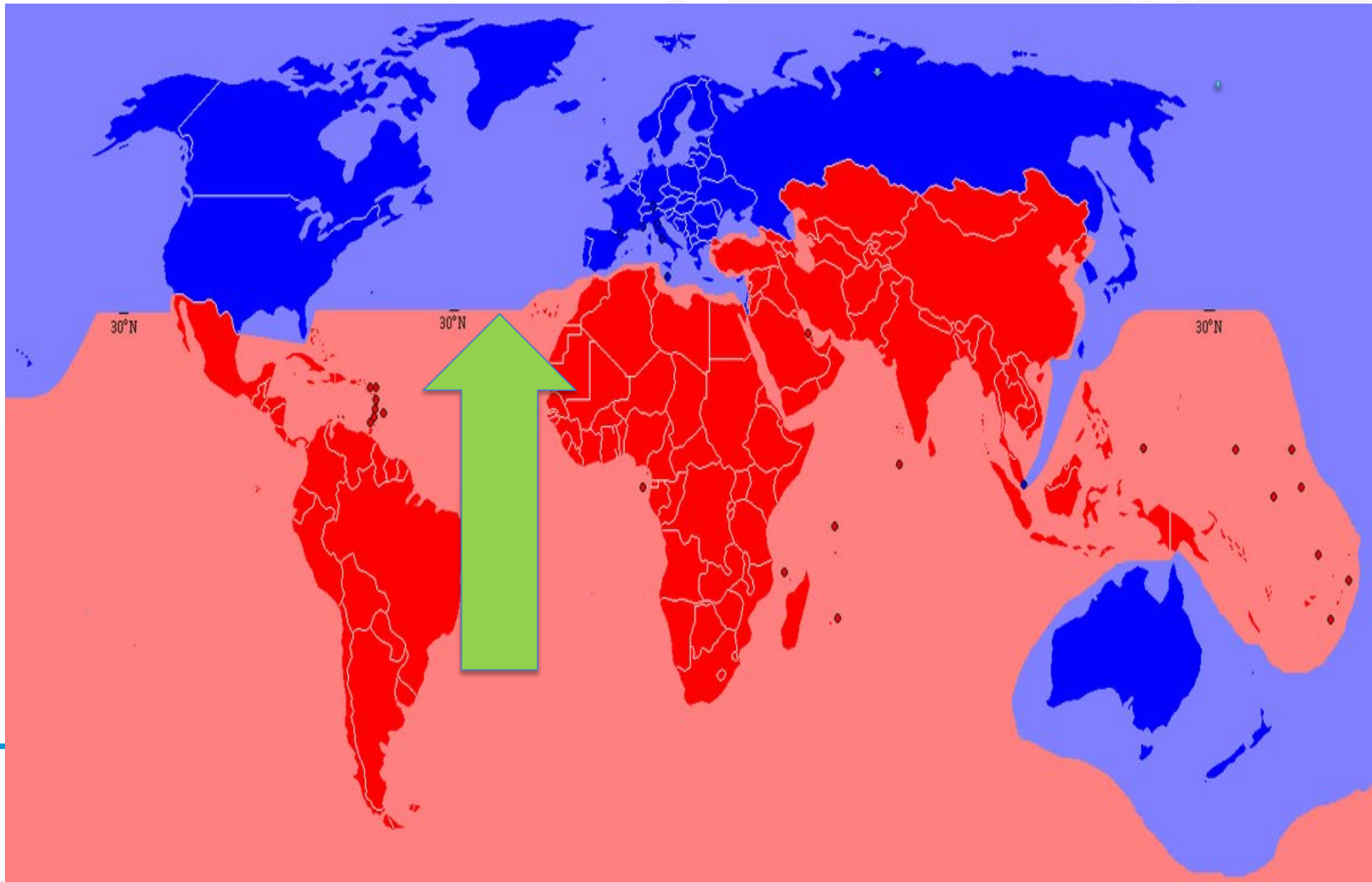
Barbour & Nicholls (2018)



Current publishing landscape

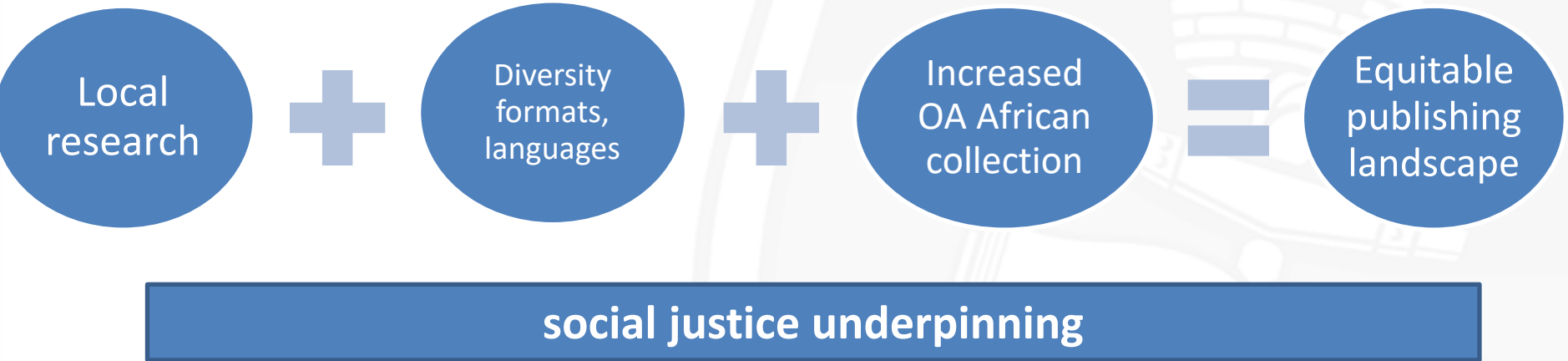


Local relevant collection development





Role of Library Publishing



“Are we perpetuating the biases and power structures of traditional scholarly publishing? Or are we using library publishing to interrogate, educate, and establish more equitable models of scholarly communication?” (Roh, 2016)



Guidelines to establishing a journal

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Criteria recommended:

- Relevant African subject area
- Composition of editorial board
- Diverse peer reviewers
- Publication ethics
 - Authorship
 - Plagiarism
 - Simultaneous submissions
 - Salami slicing

Source: Raju, et al. 2020. [Guidelines for the launch of a new journal title](#)





Conclusion

Re-dress inequalities in publishing landscape

- Contribute to African scholarship
- Promote an open access infrastructure
- Increase African Development

“Library as a publisher ... enables an alternative model to co-contribute to the production and dissemination of African knowledge ... for the benefit of researcher communities and society in general” Raju et al. (2020)



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