Archiving Kenya's Past and Futures:
Stewardship and Care of Research Data

November 12, 2019 | 9 AM - 3 PM

McMillan Library | Banda Street, Nairobi, KE

8 AM Registration begins

9 AM Welcoming and Opening Presentation (Okune & Mutuku)

9:30 AM Panel 1: Promoting and supporting student interests in research and archiving
This panel tackles questions of higher education and pedagogy regarding research data work in Nairobi. Where are emerging researchers currently being trained on research and archiving? How are the topics of maintenance and stewardship being taught? Who is doing such work within the research institutions themselves? What are the opportunities and challenges? How do libraries and archives imagine themselves stewarding research data? How are research orgs feeding in or using such data? Where could government support come in?

Panelists:
- Leah Komen, PhD, Daystar University
- Joyce Wangari, Eider Africa
- Osogo Ambani, PhD, Strathmore University Press
- Njuki Githethwa, Ukombozi Library

10:15 AM Tea break (viewing of poster gallery exhibit)

10.30 AM Panel 2: Expanding Forms of Research Outputs
This panel focuses on how research data users engage with the materials produced by research. How is archiving in Nairobi being done in an increasing digital age and how does that play into questions of the decolonization of knowledge? What kinds of projects are currently being done in Nairobi at the intersection of tech and cultural heritage? Who is accessing digital open data and what other forms might help to make open data more inclusive? How should we be thinking about issues of repatriation of

artifacts and who should be managing research data and artifacts? What is enabled and disabled when we digitize research (data)?

Panelists:
- Syokau Mutonga, Book Bunk
- Tayiana Chao, African Digital Heritage
- Naftal Chweya Oganga, PhD, Kenya National Archives
- Esther Obachi, University of Nairobi Libraries

11:30 Tour of the McMillan Library

12:00 Interactive lunch

12:45 PM Panel 3: Data Localisation and Governance
This panel brings together technologists and social researchers studying technology to understand the geopolitics of data servers and technical infrastructure. Where does research data physically exist and who has access to it? What are the implications of international and national legislation such as GDPR on data practices in Nairobi? Is there a role for Kenyan policy makers to facilitate data sharing within Nairobi and are there unique data considerations in the Nairobi research landscape to be taken into account?

Panelists:
- Phares Kariuki, Node Africa
- Micah Rachuonyo, Kenya Bureau of Standards
- Grace Bomu, Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) - Strathmore University
- Richard Nzuki Nzioki, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Muchiri Nyaggah, Local Development Research Institute (LDRI)

1.45 PM Break-out Discussion groups: Sharing data
Different breakout sessions will tackle different aspects of data sharing. Proposed breakout groups include:
- The importance and challenges of standards
- Technical platforms for records management
- Informed consent & anonymity in a world of big data
- Aligning funding incentives and contextualized sharing of data
- Building technical and social capacity for collaborative (data) research projects

3.00 PM Closing remarks and next steps