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# A Right to Research in Africa?

A Week of Debates on Copyright and Access to Knowledge  
in Pretoria and Cape Town, South Africa from 23 - 27 January 2023

- How can Africa predict and respond to the next pandemic?**
- How do we model the impact of climate change on agriculture?**
- How can we ensure access to accurate news and research in all African languages?**
- Can we digitise our heritage to preserve it for future generations?**
- Can we use AI to build a better future for Africa?**

Answering these questions requires the very latest computational research methods. We need to mine information from research sources and databases all over the world.

- Do African researchers have access to the data they need?
- Does copyright law help or hinder the Right to Research?*

**Join policymakers, academics and activists from across the continent.**

Including African researchers, legal experts, and intergovernmental organisations.

<b>Pretoria 23/24 January 2023</b> <i>Future Africa, University of Pretoria</i>	<b>Cape Town 26/27 January 2023</b> <i>Law Faculty, University of Cape Town</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Natural Language Processing: Science, Humanities, News in African Languages</li> <li>● Climate Modelling - Accessing African Data</li> <li>● Does Africa have a Right to Research in Law?</li> <li>● African Leadership on the Right to Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After the Fires: Digitising our Heritage</li> <li>● Health Research: Africa's Challenges</li> <li>● African AI &amp; Digital Humanities</li> <li>● Does Africa have a Right to Research in Law?</li> <li>● WIPO, AfCFTA &amp; beyond: Future work on IP</li> </ul>

Workshops on 24 January in Pretoria; 27 January in Cape Town  
**Public funds - public goods**; Open licensing of government info; Freedom of Panorama;  
Making the Copyright Amendment Bill work in South Africa; Learn to edit Wikipedia at our edit-a-thon!

Register at [recreatesa.live/R2R](https://recreatesa.live/R2R)

Register by 10 December 2022 to ensure inclusion in all conference activities.



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