

# **Institutional Repositories and Libraries in Nigeria: Interrogating the Nexus**

## **Abstract**

Institutional repositories (IRs) are emerging trends in scholarly communication among members of the academic community in Nigeria. Global practice shows that many IRs are managed by academic libraries and librarians. This paper examined the nexus between libraries and IRs. It observed that though the emergence of IRs holds great advantage for academic institutions, many Nigerian institutions especially Universities do not have functional IRs because of the inability of their libraries to run them. The paper further identified digital divide, inadequate finance, lack of ICT skills and awareness as well as copyright issues as challenges inhibiting the establishment and management of IRs in Nigeria. It made recommendations for dealing with the identified challenges.

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