



The screenshot shows the ScienceOpen interface for a collection titled "Research in Africa". At the top, there is a navigation bar with "MY SCIENCEOPEN", "BLOG", "ABOUT", and a "SEARCH" button. Below the navigation is a large banner image of scientists in a laboratory. Overlaid on the banner is a teal map of Africa and a microscope icon. The collection title "Research in Africa" is displayed, along with the subtitle "Academic publications circulating around research in Africa" and a "Statistics" button.

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| 25 articles LATEST ARTICLES | 1,152 views MOST VIEWED | 647 altmetric TOP ARTICLES | 0 reviews HIGHEST RATED | 8 recommends +1 RECOMMEND | 7 shares SHARE | 1 followers FOLLOW |
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Below the statistics, there is a note: "These metrics are updated across the whole ScienceOpen platform every 24 hours." The main content area is divided into "Articles" (with a count of 25) and "Collection details". The "Articles" section lists two articles with their titles and authors. The "Collection details" section lists three bullet points: "Highlighting African scientists", "Circumventing remaining challenges in conducting research in Africa", and "Supporting global scientific networking".

(Example: Collection Landing Page)

WHAT ARE RESEARCHER-LED COLLECTIONS AND WHAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL?

- ScienceOpen Collections are expertly-curated, topic-specific selections of scientific articles for researchers and readers
- ScienceOpen.com currently indexes about 36 million research records, abstract, and articles from which Collection Editors can select any content to include in their collection. These selections are based on a high level of expertise and are assorted independently from journals or publishers on the basis of adequacy of content
- Collection serve as a platform and forum to engage researchers and readers with scientific content
- Each collection has its own landing page that can be individualized by the Editor (incl. text, pictures, tables, etc.)
- Each collection is assigned a *CrossRef DOI* and becomes part of the Editor's record of publications
- Each collection is advertised in banners across all relevant content of 36 million articles and records
- Also check out our [ScienceOpen blog showcasing](#) some interesting collection feature examples

CREATE A COLLECTION

Write an Editorial

- Let users know what your collection is all about
- Receive a *CrossRef DOI* and *CC BY 4.0 license* for your Editorial

Add a Co-Editor

- If desired, you might add your colleagues as Co-Editors
- Co-Editors have all the same functions as the collection owner

Upload missing articles yourself and add them directly to your collection

- Are there articles missing on our platform you would like to include in your collection? Via **MyScienceOpen**, go to your private Dashboard and request them by submitting a list of *DOIs*, *DOAJ* or *PubMed IDs*. It is that simple

Make sure all the collection metadata is filled out

- Increase connectivity, visibility, and discoverability by adding keywords and discipline tags

EXPERT FEATURES FOR EDITORS

Create a saved search for your topic

- Stay up to date as the latest research is integrated into the platform and get automated notifications

Export your collection, saved search results, or single articles with our [export citation feature](#)

- On each collection and article page, across 36 million articles and records, there is now an 'Export as citation' button. You can export any selection of up to 200 articles in either *BibTex*, *Endnote*, or *RIS format* and include it in your reference manager

Track your collection statistics

- Track article counts, article views, average article views, social media shares, and activity counts through time with our new dynamic visualization tools
- You can also see the total views, *Altmetric* score, recommendations, shares, followers, and article reviews

Peer reviewing an article

- Let people know the value of research articles as an expert in the field
- Receive a *Crossref DOI* and *CC BY 4.0 license* for each public peer review

INCREASE ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUR TOPIC

Use your collection as a springboard for scholarly exchange

- If you are a researcher or lecturer (e.g. at the university) your collection can easily substitute as a guide to any scientific topic or as a platform to start a scholarly debate—or the exported list of your collection articles as a seminar reference list
- We also work with preprints; so, why not include preprint versions and have them reviewed on our platform? Or include Open Access full text and preprint versions—so everyone can read the whole article

Share the articles via social media to increase their visibility

- With the click of one button share your favorite articles on a variety of social media platform and disseminate the knowledge
- This can also increase the individual article Altmetric score and your total collection Altmetric score

Recommend your favorite articles to your colleagues

- Let people know which are the top articles to read
- Ask your colleagues to recommend their favorite, too

Invite colleagues to review an article

- You have editorial control over peer review, in the same way as a traditional journal editor
- Invite colleagues to share their expertise and contribute to your collection

Add a lay summary to the articles of your collection and expand your readership

- Increase the reach of your collection by summarizing the articles' contents in a language that also non-specialists of your field can understand
- You can write lay summaries to any of your own publications or add a lay summary as comment to publications that are not your own

Let authors know they are included in your collection

- Being included in a collection shows that the research article is a significant and valuable contribution to a certain field of study. Why not let the authors know by sending a message?