

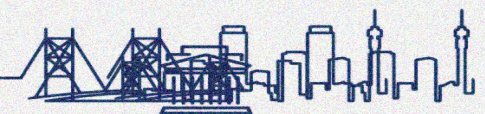
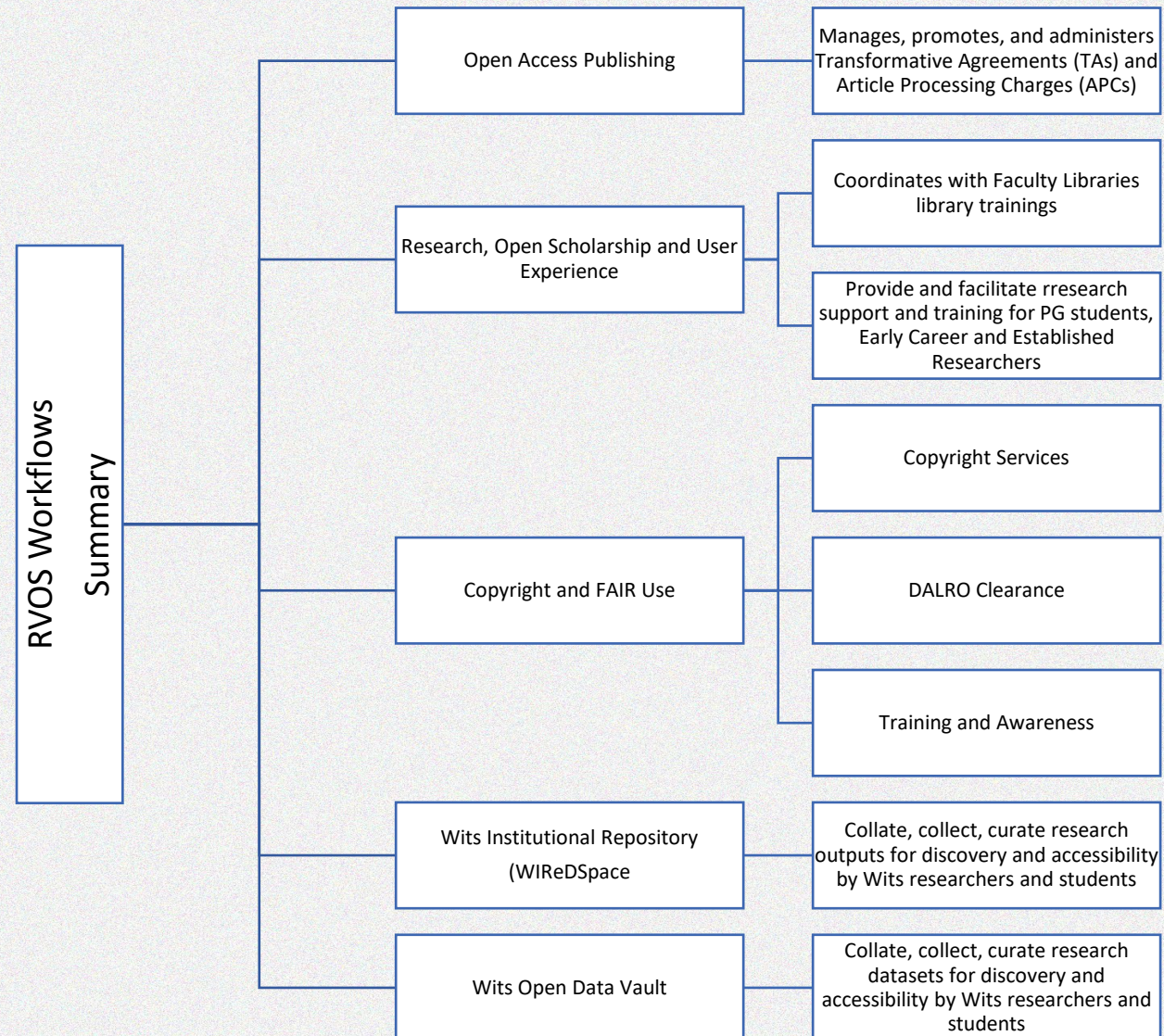


Wits Libraries - Research Visibility and Open Scholarship

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Research Visibility and Open Scholarship - Overview



Research Visibility and Open Scholarship – Focus Areas

Policies/Guidelines

- Development
- Review
- Implementation

Reporting

- DVC Scorecard
- Research Office
- Faculties
 - TAs/APCs
 - Research Outputs – SDGs
- Datasets

Workflows

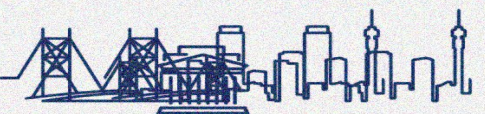
- Repositories
- OA Publishing
- Copyright

Training

- PGs
- Researchers
- Training topics
 - collaborated

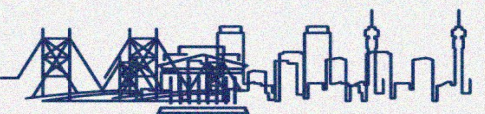
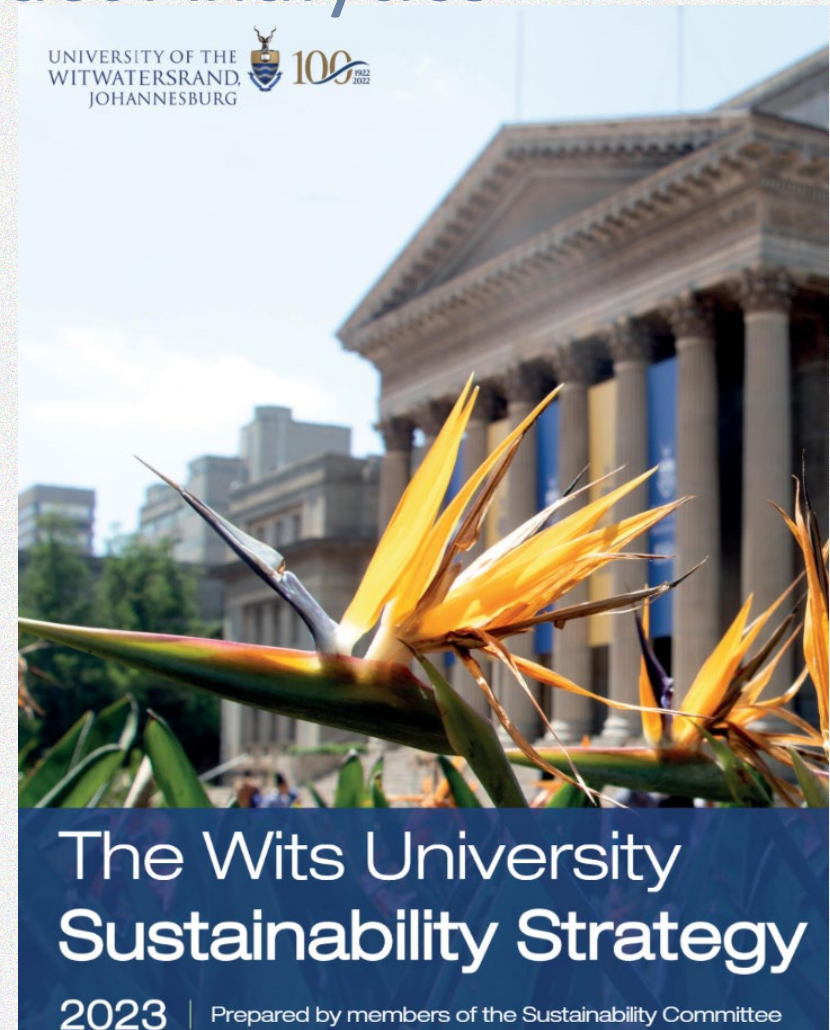
Analytics

- University
- Faculties
- Schools
- Individuals



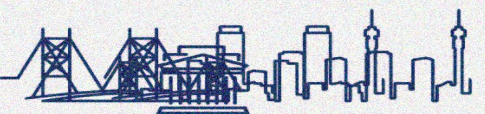
Where does Wits want to be in 2050

Wits responding to climate emergency commits to play a pivotal role in a just and equitable transition to a net zero-carbon economy for the city, region, country, continent and the world, by 2050



Analytics - What is Impactful Research Outputs

Wits defines "impactful research" as research that is both high-quality and contributes to the advancement of academic disciplines, influences policy and practice, and stimulates social impact or economic development globally.



RDM Services & Evidence Reporting



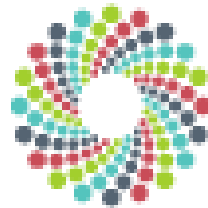
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Altmetric
EXPLORER



Dimensions
A **Digital Science** Solution

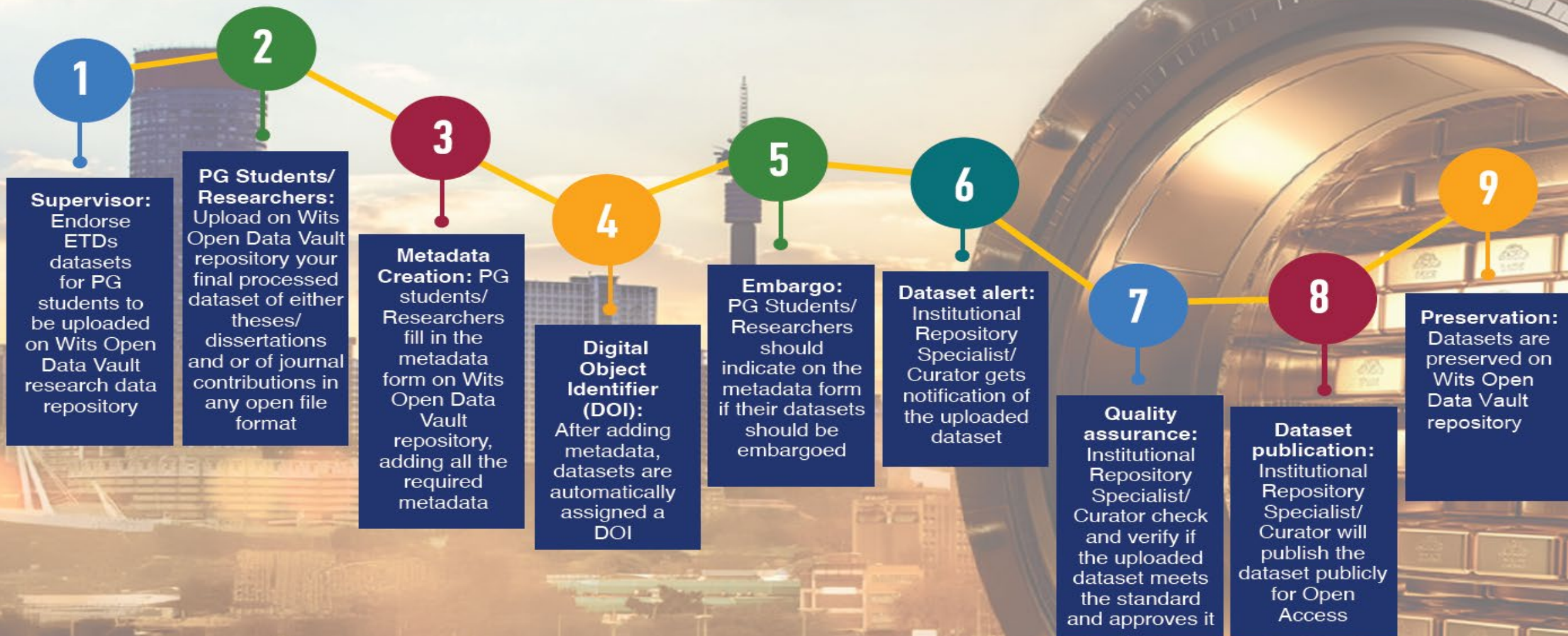


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Wits Research Data Management (RDM) Workflow



Wits Open Data Vault – Usage Report



Discover research data from the **University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg**



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10,849 posts

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Wits Open Data Vault – Usage Report

Top groups

TITLE	TOTAL VIEWS
1. <u>Faculty of Health Sciences</u>	1 030
2. <u>Faculty of Humanities</u>	486
3. <u>School of Clinical Medicine</u>	378
4. <u>Internal Medicine</u>	328
5. <u>School of Public Health</u>	256
6. <u>Wits School of Arts</u>	240
7. <u>Faculty of Science</u>	181
8. <u>Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment</u>	167
9. <u>Wits School of Geosciences</u>	86
10. <u>School of Social Sciences</u>	71

Top categories

TITLE	TOTAL VIEWS
1. <u>Health sciences</u>	47
2. <u>Biomedical and clinical sciences</u>	34
3. <u>Human society</u>	20
4. <u>Creative arts and writing</u>	17
5. <u>Economics</u>	15
6. <u>Education</u>	15
7. <u>Environmental sciences</u>	11

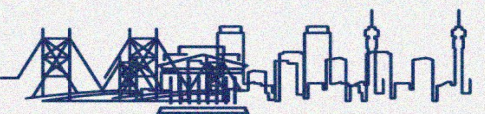


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Getting WODV Repository Certified

1. Repository site
 - Discoverability and accessibility
2. Datasets harvesting and curation
 - Metadata fields
 - SDGs enrichment
3. Stakeholders – Ethics Committee, Research Office, Supervisors, Faculty Research Committees, ICT
4. Documentation
 - Finalisation of the RDM and OA policies
 - Creating guidelines/procedures –
 - Management rights
 - Security
 - Workflows – main finalised
 - Research on sustainable file formats and software
 - Digital preservation and backup plans



Embargoed Items and Custom Metadata Fields

Untitled Item

☒ Add files or folders ☐ Link to external files ☐ Set as metadata record

Drag and drop files or folders here to upload 

[Browse files](#)

or

[Browse for folders](#)

Item actions

 [Add embargo and restricted access](#)

 [Share with private link](#)

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Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) *

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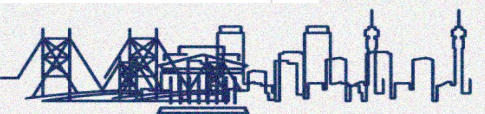
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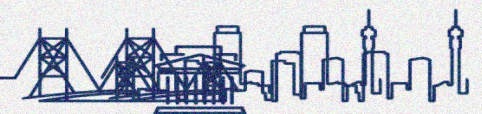
Journal

Journal



Lessons Learned During Implementation of WODV

- Working out the metadata elements
- Workflow in the system – reviewer element
- Well defined groups – nice match with the institution
- Good relationship with the ICT library
- Effective marketing plan - Launch
- Harvesting from different sources – engaging with each platform (mitigation is case by case)
- Policy – Alignment, workflows and researchers



Publications & Citations on SDGs

Publications

SA = 189 783

Wits = 29 319

13% of SA

Citations

SA = 4 780 043

Wits = 331 659

7% of SA

Based on the overall number of SA papers and datasets,
each SA university might contribute 3% if everything else is equal

Publications & Datasets – Research Categories

Publications

SA = 560 985

Wits = 75 220

13% of SA

Datasets

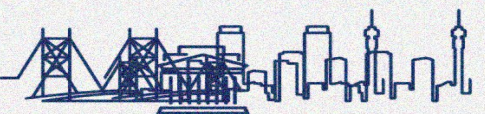
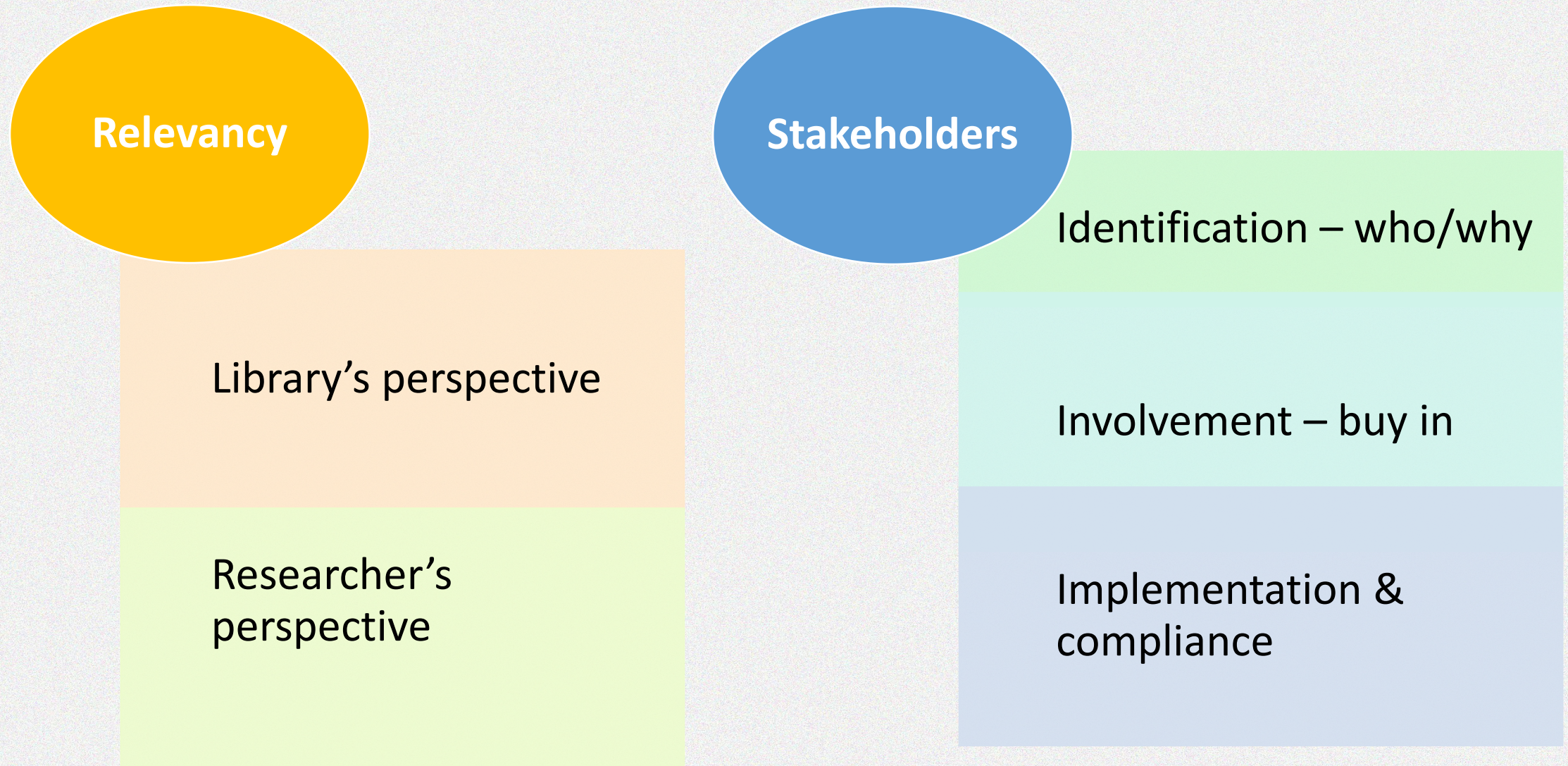
SA = 95 970

Wits = 57 041

59% of SA

Based on the overall number of SA papers and datasets,
each SA university might contribute 3% if everything else is equal

Impact of Datasets – Wits RDM Policy Review



Recommendations

e.g. 1336 Pubs, 38102 datasets & 65139 citations
1 Pub with 90 authors & 25 grants

Sharing & collaborations



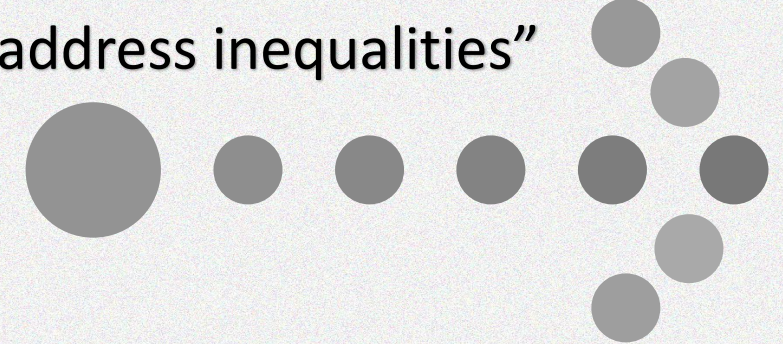
Up-to-date e-profiles



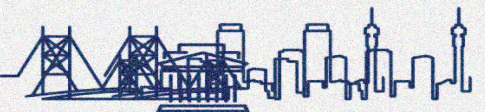
SDGs Actions



“Leave no one behind & address inequalities”



Training, Engagements, Reporting



Thank you

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