

# South African DSpace User Group

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This space is thought to make it easy for DSpace users in South Africa to share information about their activities, projects, events and ideas and to make them known to the global DSpace Community. In South Africa there are 37 installations and a vibrant community of users. This page and its sub-pages are the platform to coordinate the collaboration among South African institutions in order to facilitate discussions on Country specific themes and topics of interest.

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## 1. Who is using DSpace in South Africa?

In the DuraSpace Registry there are information about the [DSpace installations currently running in South Africa](#).

Please take a moment to look for your Institution and check whether the information is correct. If your institution is missing, you can add it here: <https://duraspace.org/registry/register-your-site/>

## 2. How to communicate?

There are numerous ways to get in touch, both at a global level with the general DSpace Community and at the specific country level.

### 2.a. Mailing Lists

#### General and global DSpace lists

Globally, there are several public mailing lists that you can join, depending on your particular interest:

- [dspace-community@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-community@googlegroups.com): General conversations about the DSpace platform and how to set up and run a DSpace installation. Any DSpace user can send questions, share news and raise the dialogue about DSpace with people who manage other repositories.
  - [Join dspace-community](#) (click on "Join group") or [search the archive of past conversations](#)
  - You can also join by sending an email to [dspace-community+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-community+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- [dspace-tech@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-tech@googlegroups.com): [Sdspace-tech@googlegroups.com](mailto:Sdspace-tech@googlegroups.com) : Technical support for the DSpace platform. If you have a technical query or if you are having problems in the operation of DSpace, this is the correct list (for more information check the [Troubleshoot an error](#) page ). If you have technical knowledge and would like to give a hand to those who need some help, join, please!
  - [Join dspace-tech](#) (Click on "Join group") or [do a search on the file of past conversations](#)
  - You can also join by simply sending an email to the address [dspace-tech+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-tech+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- [dspace-devel@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-devel@googlegroups.com) : Ready for DSpace developers. In this list the people who work in the DSpace code interact, so here you will find conversations about the development of DSpace and its next versions.
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- [dspace-tickets@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-tickets@googlegroups.com) : List of notifications of [DSpace Issue Tracker](#) (JIRA) tickets . This list is useful if you want to be aware of the reports of errors, possible upcoming functionalities, and in general of upcoming changes in the code.
  - [Join dspace-tickets](#) (click on "Join group") or [search the archive of past conversations](#)
  - You can also join by sending an email to [dspace-tickets+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-tickets+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- [dspace-changelog@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-changelog@googlegroups.com) : List of notifications of all changes to [the DSpace base code on GitHub](#) . This list is only for "hardcore" developers. It reports the latest "commits" to the code so that developers keep abreast of the latest changes to the DSpace code.
  - [Join dspace-changelog](#) (click on "Join group") or [do a search in the file of past conversations](#)
  - You can also join by simply sending an email to the address [dspace-changelog+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:dspace-changelog+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

#### National Mailing List

At the South African level is available a mailing list to discuss any idea and issue related to DSpace in South Africa and Open Access related topics, IRTalk:

<http://lists.lib.sun.ac.za/mailman/listinfo/irtalk>.

## 2.b. National Wiki

There is an existing WIKI space that contains information about DSpace in South Africa and basic useful information: <https://wiki.lib.sun.ac.za/index.php/SUNScholar/DSpace>

That space is currently out of date, and mainly serves as a reference for the Stellenbosch University implementation. All the additional information will be shared using this new official WIKI space.

## 2.c. Slack

DSpace is using [Slack](#) as communication platform. Within slack there is a new channel for the South African DSpace User Group: #dspace-za . Please use [this form](#) to request to join the DSpace Slack channel. After joining the main DSpace Slack channel, just look for #dspace-za and add it to your list.

## 3. Events

This section will show the events that will be organized specifically for the South African community of DSpace, both virtual and in person.

### Webinars

- October 23, 2019 - 3:00 pm (SAST)  
**Virtual Community Call for South African DSpace Users**  
Kathleen Shearer (COAR), Andrea Bollini (4Science), Michele Mennielli (LYRASIS)  
[ [Registration](#) ] [ [Video](#) ] [Slides: [COAR The case for interoperability, by Shearer](#) - [DSpace Community, by Mennielli](#) - [DSpace 7 and DSpace-CRIS, by Bollini](#)]

### In person meetings