

The World Bank joins COAR for membership

The Confederation of Open Access Repositories is pleased to welcome the World Bank as new member. The World Bank launched its Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) in April 2012 and it has grown impressively since then. Complemented by its Open Access Policy (effective July 2012), the World Bank has made valuable research outputs accessible under Creative Commons Attribution license. In doing so, the OKR allows anyone to distribute, reuse, and build upon the Bank's published work empowering others to develop solutions to overcome poverty. Together, World Bank and COAR like to continue to extend a global knowledge infrastructure through ensuring mechanisms for interoperability.

Carlos Rossel, World Bank Publisher, notes: "It will be very interesting for us to know more about, or be actively involved with, the work of COAR. As a next step in our OA journey we are looking to make the Bank's Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) interoperable with other institutional repositories, particularly in developing countries." Norbert Lossau, Chairperson of COAR Executive Board, adds: "We are very glad to welcome World Bank to the COAR community. The development World Bank has taken during the last two years, based on courageous and foresightful decisions, are really impressive. I am convinced that close working relations in our network will be of large profit for the research community as well as the general public and help to make research outputs accessible to everyone."

About World Bank

The World Bank is the largest single source of development knowledge. The World Bank Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) is The World Bank's official open access repository for its research outputs and knowledge products. Through the OKR, The World Bank collects, disseminates, and permanently preserves its intellectual output in digital form.

More information about World Bank is available at the <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/>

About COAR

The Confederation of Open Access Repositories is an international association of Open Access repository initiatives and networks, envisioning a global knowledge infrastructure. It aims to facilitate greater visibility and application of research through a global network of open access repositories, based on interoperability and international cooperation.

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