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OPENING ADDRESS BY DR. THERESA ADU **CHAIRPERSON OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, CARLIGH**



The Chairperson, Prof. (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson, Distinguished Guests, Honoured Dignitaries, Nananom, esteemed keynote speakers, generous sponsors and partners, colleagues from across Ghana and the global community, ladies and gentlemen; Good morning, and a very warm Akwaaba to the Opening Ceremony of the 5th CARLIGH Conference.

On behalf of the Governing Council and Management Committee of CARLIGH, it is both a profound honour and a personal pleasure to welcome you to the 5th International Conference here on the historic and vibrant campus of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi.

We are truly delighted to see this distinguished gathering of University Administrators, researchers, academics, policymakers, librarians, publishers, book and technology vendors, and friends of libraries—drawn together from across Ghana and the international community. Your presence here today affirms the shared values that bind us together: a commitment to knowledge, openness, innovation, and service to society.

Since its inception in 2004, CARLIGH has significantly transformed the landscape of higher education and research in Ghana, growing from 6 to 42 member institutions. Over the past 22 years, CARLIGH has facilitated access to a wide range of electronic resources, enhanced research capacity, and fostered collaboration among library professionals. These have been achieved through CARLIGH's

negotiated access to a wide array of scientific, academic, and research databases at reduced rates for members, providing over 100,000 academic users with access to key electronic resources. To ensure efficient use of these resources, the consortium has empowered librarians and users through regular workshops, seminars, and training sessions, focusing on the skills required for effective use.

As part of activities to promote knowledge sharing and information dissemination, the Consortium also organises Biennial conferences that bring together several stakeholders to discuss and share ideas on emerging issues in the information and knowledge management value chain, and also serve as fora for learning, collaboration, and strategic repositioning of member libraries and information services in response to global trends.

Prof. Chairperson, this gathering is one of such conferences. It is therefore part of our Consortium's journey.

Kindly permit me to briefly reflect on our journey as a consortium and the milestones that have shaped our collective growth.

Our **First International Conference**, held from **14th to 18th July 2014 in Accra**, was themed "*Innovation for Access to Information*". It marked a decade of CARLIGH's existence and laid a strong foundation for innovation-driven access to information in Ghana and beyond.

The **Second International Conference**, held from **11th to 15th July 2016 in Accra**, focused on "*Transition from Information Management to Knowledge Management: The Role of the Information Professional*." This conference challenged us to rethink our professional roles in an increasingly knowledge-driven world.

The **Third International Conference**, held from **9th to 11th July 2018**, was convened under the theme "*Managing Research Output for National Development: Trends and Issues*." That conference broadened our focus to research visibility, scholarly communication, institutional repositories, and the strategic use of research outputs to support national development agendas.

More recently, our **Fourth International Conference**, held from **6th to 10th May 2024 in Accra**, explored *“Enhancing Information Access in an Era of ChatGPT and Other AI.”* This gathering confronted the opportunities and ethical challenges introduced by artificial intelligence into library services, research, and knowledge dissemination.

Today, as we convene our **5th International Conference**, with the theme **“The Open Movement in Times of Urgency and Rapid Change”** the global information landscape has become even more dynamic, fragile, and complex. Issues of open access, open science, research visibility, data sharing, digital equity, misinformation, sustainability, and technological disruption have never been more urgent. The open movement is therefore no longer optional—it is essential.

Our theme this year challenges us to ask critical questions:

- How do libraries and information professionals respond to urgent global challenges using open principles?
- How do we promote openness, equity, and collaboration amid rapid technological, social, and economic change?
- What leadership roles must libraries play in shaping inclusive and resilient knowledge systems?

Indeed, open access, open data, open science, and open educational resources are reshaping how knowledge is created, shared, and utilized.

As information professionals, we are uniquely positioned at the intersection of knowledge creation and dissemination. We are not merely custodians of information—we are enablers of access, advocates of equity, and architects of inclusive knowledge systems.

This conference provides us with a platform to reflect critically on our responsibilities and to explore practical strategies for advancing openness in our institutions. Over the next few days, we will engage

in rich discussions, share innovative practices, and forge partnerships that transcend borders.

As Chair of the Management Committee, I encourage all Participants to contribute actively, share openly, learn generously, and collaborate meaningfully. May the presentations, discussions, and informal conversations ignite new ideas, strengthen partnerships, and renew our collective resolve to advance openness for the public good. Let us leave this conference empowered to champion openness, adaptability, and relevance in our respective institutions.

Before I conclude, permit me to express our heartfelt appreciation to our host institution, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

In particular, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor of KNUST, Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson for her exceptional leadership and for partnering with CARLIGH to make this conference possible. We remain especially touched by your warm reception and gracious engagement when we paid a courtesy call on you ahead of this conference. Your support and encouragement reaffirm the central role of libraries and open knowledge in advancing teaching, learning, and research.

We also commend the university management and staff (Especially the Management and staff of the University Library) for the excellent hospitality and logistical support extended to us.

I extend our heartfelt appreciation to our keynote speakers and invited experts whose scholarship, vision, and lived experiences will guide our discourse over the coming days. We thank you for agreeing to generously share your insights with us, and for helping us navigate complex questions at a time when the information landscape is changing at unprecedented speed.

We are equally grateful to our sponsors, partners, and collaborating institutions. Your support—whether financial, technical, or intellectual—has made this conference possible. From planning to

execution, your commitment stands as a testament to the power of collaboration in sustaining vibrant knowledge ecosystems.

On this important occasion, I believe it would also be appropriate to acknowledge and appreciate the **past leaders of CARLIGH**, whose foresight, dedication, and commitment laid the foundation upon which we stand today. Through your stewardship, the consortium grew in strength, relevance, and international visibility. We honour your service, sacrifice, and enduring contributions to academic and research libraries in Ghana and beyond.

I also commend the Local Organising Committee and all its sub-committees for their tireless dedication to bringing this conference to life.

Distinguished guests, colleagues, and friends, once again, you are most welcome. May this 5th International Conference be fruitful, inspiring, and memorable.

I wish you engaging discussions, productive networking, and an enjoyable stay in the Garden City of Kumasi.

Thank you very much. And once again, you're all Welcome, Akwaaba, Mia Woezor, Nnye aaba ke!!!

WELCOME ADDRESS BY DR. FLORENCE PLOCKEY ***CHAIRPERSON, LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE***



Distinguished Guest of Honour, Apagyahene Nana Owusu Afriyie IV, representing the Asantehene, Otumfour Osei Tutu II; the Chairperson and Vice-Chancellor of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Professor (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson; Distinguished Special Guest of Honour, Professor George K. T. Oduro, Technical Advisor to the Minister for Education; Distinguished Keynote Speakers; Vice-Chancellors

and Principals of our sister institutions; Senior and Management officers of KNUST; Distinguished Invited Guests; Dr. Mac-Anthony Cobblah, Chairperson of the Governing Council of CARLIGH and University Librarian for UCC; Dr. Theresa L Adu, Chairperson, Management Committee of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Ghana (CARLIGH) and University Librarian of UHAS; Esteemed and Valued Delegates; Members of the Press; Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), it is my singular honour and privilege to welcome you to the 5th CARLIGH International Conference. This year marks a significant milestone in our history. For the first time, we have moved this gathering outside of Accra to the vibrant, historic city of Kumasi, hosted by the renowned Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

We gather today at the intersection of tradition and progress. Kumasi, the heart of the Ashanti Kingdom, serves as a poignant reminder that knowledge flourishes best when it honours its roots while reaching for the future. There is no more fitting setting to discuss the evolution

of scholarship than here, within one of Africa's leading hubs of science and technology.

The Urgency of the Open Movement

Our theme this year, "The Open Movement in Times of Urgency and Rapid Change," is a direct response to the global landscape. Between accelerated technological shifts and the demand for equitable access, "openness" has shifted from an aspiration to a necessity.

Whether through Open Science, Open Data, or inclusive digital infrastructures, the work we do here will shape how research is produced and preserved for generations. This conference is a marketplace of ideas, designed to foster deep interaction between researchers, librarians, innovators, and global development partners.

Honouring Our Global Community

We are thrilled to welcome a diverse cohort of delegates, including colleagues from beyond our membership who recognize the growing international resonance of this event.

I would like to specifically acknowledge our distinguished keynote speakers and special guests, whose expertise spans the globe:

Prof. Christopher Prom (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA) – My "Library Buddy" who has travelled far to be with us.

- Prof. Amevi Acakpovi (Accra Technical University, Ghana)
- Prof. Eric NyarkoSampson (UESD, Ghana)
- Prof. Ellis OwusuDabo (KNUST, Ghana)
- Prof. Josh Sendall (University of Leeds, UK)
- Prof. Dorcas ObiriYeboah (UCC, Ghana)
- Prof. Colleen Campbell (Max Planck Digital Library, Germany)
- Prof. Iryna Kuchma (EIFL Open Access Programme, Europe)

Your presence enriches our dialogue, and we are honoured to have your insights on our stage.

An Invitation to Engage

To our delegates: I encourage you to treat these few days as more than a series of lectures. View this as a platform for relentless collaboration. Some of the most impactful breakthroughs happen not at the podium, but in the corridors, the exhibition halls, and during our scheduled excursions. I hope you take the time to experience the soul of the Ashanti region—from the historic Manhyia Palace Museum to the serene waters of Lake Bosomtwe. Let these landmarks inspire your reflections and strengthen the bonds you form here.

Conclusion

I wish to thank the Local Organising Committee, our sponsors, and our volunteers for their tireless vision in bringing this scale of event to life. Let us engage fully, listen generously, and challenge ideas constructively. May our time at KNUST inspire new partnerships and reaffirm our role as stewards of knowledge in an ever-changing world.

Once again, a very warm welcome to the 5th CARLIGH International Conference. I wish us all an inspiring and successful experience. Akwaaba!

Profiles of Keynote Speakers

PROF. GEORGE KWAKU TOKU ODURO

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



Professor George K. T. Oduro is the Technical Advisor to Ghana's Minister for Education. He has held various leadership roles in university administration, including Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast, Provost (College of Distance Education), Dean (Dean, School of Educational Development and Outreach) and Director of the Institute for Educational Planning & Administration (IEPA) at the

University of Cape Coast.

As a teacher by profession, Prof. Oduro is very passionate about leadership for learning, teaching quality, gender-sensitive pedagogy and the use of mother tongue as medium of teaching in foundational learning. In February 2025, he was appointed Chairman of the National Education Forum Committee set up by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana to review Ghana's education system.

He holds a PhD in Educational Leadership, an MPhil in School Improvement (both from the University of Cambridge) and a B.Ed degree in Educational Foundations from the University of Cape Coast. Prof Oduro is a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, Galilee International Management Institute, Israel, the Australian Leadership Award (ALA), AusAID, Sydney, Australia and the All Saints' Education Trust, UK.

PROF. CHRISTOPHER J. PROM

THEMATIC KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Christopher J. Prom, PhD, is professor and coordinator for sponsored research development and acting head of the History, Philosophy, and Newspaper Library at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

A Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, he holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Illinois, with an emphasis in British social policy.

In 2009-2010, he was a Fulbright

Distinguished Scholar at the University of Dundee, where he led a project to help make digital preservation methods more accessible to archives and libraries.

He has written extensively about topics relating to digital cultural heritage and is most recently the author of the 2nd edition of *Preserving Email*, a Technical Watch Report published by the Digital Preservation Coalition. He has active research interests in humanitarian and community archives. Currently, he serves as director of DNA TRUST Program: A new initiative that seeks to inspire, motivate, and organize a decentralized group of people to create and maintain a Digital News Archive (DNA) designed to capture what American citizens are reading and how political information flows through society.

PROF. AMEVI ACAKPOVI

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Prof. Amevi Acakpovi is the Vice Chancellor of Accra Technical University (ATU), a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology Ghana, and a Senior Member of IEEE. He holds a PhD in Energy Systems Engineering and has over 15 years of academic and research leadership in electrical and energy systems, with specialization in smart grid optimization, hybrid renewable energy systems, and AI applications in energy.

Prof. Acakpovi has authored over 120 publications in top-tier journals and conferences and has delivered keynote speeches at major international forums including the British Council's Going Global Africa Conference, IEEE conferences, and Africa Academia Conferences. Under his leadership, ATU achieved Times Higher Education recognition for the first time, secured multiple grants, launched postgraduate programs, and pioneered digital and sustainability-driven curriculum reforms.

He also serves as President of the IEC National Committee of Ghana and chairs key standardization technical committees across Africa. His contributions have earned him several international awards in leadership, research, and innovation.

Prof. Acakpovi is passionate about driving higher education transformation, research collaboration, and equitable access to knowledge resources—principles that strongly align with the mission of CARLIGH.

PROF. ERIC NYARKO-SAMPSON (PhD)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Professor Eric Nyarko-Sampson is a distinguished academic and administrator, currently serving his second term as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) in Somanya, Ghana.

He began his professional journey with a Teacher's Certificate 'A' from Komenda College in 1991 and progressed with degrees in Educational Psychology, Human Resource Management, and Guidance and Counselling, including a PhD from University of Ilorin, Nigeria. He held various academic and administrative positions when he worked at the University of Cape Coast (UCC), including Foundation Head of the Department of Guidance and Counselling, Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Educational Foundations, and a member of university committees and external educational boards. Professor Nyarko-Sampson's research and teaching interests span areas such as Career Counselling, Behaviour Modification, Counsellor Education, Entrepreneurial Education, and Human Resource Management.

He has presented at numerous national and international conferences and contributed to scholarly literature as a Reviewer and Editorial Board member for several academic journals. His passion for mentorship, motivational speaking, and religious service is evident in his long-standing role as a Lay Preacher of The Methodist Church Ghana and his efforts to mentor young individuals. He has played a key role in shaping education policy in Ghana. As Chairman of the National Teaching Council, he helped establish significant professional

development structures for teachers, including the Ghana Teacher Licensure Examinations (GTLE), and contributed to the restructuring of tertiary education through his involvement as a Council member of the then National Council for Tertiary Education (NCTE).

An advocate for alumni engagement, he served as Acting National Secretary and later a National Vice President of the UCC Alumni Association. His leadership journey reflects a deep commitment to education, capacity-building, and national development. Professor Nyarko-Sampson is a Member and Fellow of relevant professional bodies in and outside Ghana. He is married to Margaret, a nurse, and they have two (2) children

PROF. ELLIS OWUSU-DABO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Professor Ellis Owusu-Dabo is the immediate past Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, a Professor of Epidemiology and Global Health, a Consultant Public Health Physician and Researcher. In his previous role as Dean of the School of Public Health, Professor Owusu-Dabo saw to the introduction of new programs and growth of the school, increasing the number of Master of Public Health

(MPH) programs from three to seven. He also served as both Deputy Director and Director of the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research (KCCR) into Tropical Medicine for a period of eight years.

Ellis continues to make significant strides in securing and managing multi-million dollar research grants from principal granting institutions such as the European Union, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Mastercard Foundation, The World Bank and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) as well as many bilateral organisations. He has a wealth of experience in resource mobilisation, grantsmanship, research management, clinical trials and community-based research implementation. His research interests lie in pandemic preparedness, epidemic-prone diseases, vaccine development and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). Currently, he leads KNUST's Africa Health Collaborative, funded by the Mastercard Foundation.

Prof. Owusu-Dabo served as an Executive Steering Committee Chairperson of the nine collaborating higher education institutions in Africa and Canada. Through his leadership, over 2000 primary health care workers across all regions of Ghana have benefitted from capacity strengthening workshops, short-courses and scholarships for certificate, degree and postgraduate programs. As an advocate for inclusive education, Professor Owusu-Dabo has led the development and implementation of five diploma programs, specifically designed to suit persons with various forms of disabilities. Through his research, he has mentored over thirty young research scientists to PhD and post-doctoral positions across the globe. His exceptional support for female scientists has seen the remarkable rise of his female mentees to reputable positions in research and leadership roles at both national and international levels.

Prof. Owusu-Dabo currently has over 300 scientific publications, 26000+ citations, an h1 index of 51 and i10 index of 156, making him one of Ghana's top five research scientists. Ellis is a Perelman International Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania, USA. He has travelled extensively and serves on several boards at both local and international levels, thus providing a massive network for work. His passion is in building capacities of next generation scientists and health systems to help solve Africa's health challenges through scientific innovation and research collaborations. Professor Ellis Owusu-Dabo received

his PhD from the University of Nottingham, UK, a BSc, MPH and MB ChB from KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana. He has additional qualifications from both the Ghana and West Africa Colleges of Physicians. Ellis, is married to Joyce with whom they have three boys and fellowships with the Assemblies of God Church, Ghana.

JOSH SENDALL **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



Josh provides executive leadership, management and oversight of three large-scale associate directorates: Student Learning and Experience, Research and Digital Futures, and Content and Discovery. He works collaboratively with the Libraries' Executive team to enable the strategic delivery of Knowledge for All: University of Leeds Libraries Vision for 2030 in alignment with the institutional strategy: Universal Values, Global Change.

In addition to his substantive role, Josh holds several national and regional leadership roles for a range of organisations including but not limited to ALN (Academic Libraries North) and Jisc (UK's HE & FE digital, data and technology agency & consortia). He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for UKSG, which connects the knowledge community, spanning the diverse interests and activities of academic librarians, publishers, intermediaries and technology vendors.

Josh's career in academic libraries started at Lancaster University, where he held roles including Library Aide, Learning Zone Student Advisor, Information Assistant, Research Data Manager, and Head of Open Research. He then joined the University of Nottingham Libraries

as Associate Director for Research, prior to his current appointment at the University of Leeds. Josh promotes open knowledge, freely accessible libraries, talent development and empowerment, and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) as essential elements of healthy, resilient cultures and communities.

PROF. DORCAS OBIRI-YEBOAH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Prof. Dorcas Obiri-Yeboah is a Professor of Clinical Microbiology, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medical Sciences, College of Health and Allied Sciences, University of Cape Coast (UCC), Cape Coast, Ghana.

She has a medical degree (MBChB), an MSc and PhD as her main academic qualifications. In addition, she has many relevant trainings and courses from recognised institutions/bodies with sponsorship from DAAD, WHO and other agencies/organisations globally. As a clinician-scientist, her research area is infectious diseases and clinical microbiology, particularly virology. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) are core focus with research into the epidemiology, diagnostics, therapeutics and prevention of these viruses and their associated conditions. A researcher with skills in quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods designs with over 80 peer reviewed journal publications.

She is the winner of the UK Taylor and Francis Commonwealth Scholar Best Journal Article Prize, 2020 among many awards over the years. Prof. Obiri-Yeboah has significant leadership/administrative experience e.g. Coordinator for Clinical Training, Head of Department, immediate past Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery and currently, Deputy Director at the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Consultancy (DRIC), UCC. In addition, she has considerable teaching experience at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels.

She has collaborated on a number of research projects and consultancies around the world. She is a member of the National Paediatric HIV Task team (Ghana), an advisory board member for West African Network of Excellence for TB, AIDS and Malaria (WANETAM-II), member of WHO Guideline Development Group for cervical cancer screening. Membership of organizations include, International AIDS Society, International Papillomavirus Society, Africa Society of Laboratory Medicine, Medical Women Association of Ghana, Society of Laboratory Physicians, Ghana, Organization of Women in Science for the Developing World and West African Health Organisation Infectious Diseases Network.

COLLEEN CAMPBELL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Colleen Campbell is strategic advisor for external engagement at the Max Planck Digital Library (MPDL). There she coordinates two open access initiatives: the Open Access 2020 Initiative, a global alliance of research organizations and their libraries that are repurposing their investments in subscriptions to support open access publishing, and the ESAC Initiative, a library community of practice building capacities around transformative

and open access publishing agreements.

She is a member of the LIBER Open Access Working Group and serves on the Managing Board of EIFL, a not-for-profit organization that works with libraries to enable access to knowledge in developing and transition economy countries.

IRYNA KUCHMA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Iryna Kuchma has been managing the EIFL Open Access Programme (EIFL-OA) since 2008. Working in collaboration with libraries and library consortia in more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe, she advocates for open access to research results, facilitates the development and implementation of open science policies and infrastructures, and provides support and training. Iryna sits on the boards of Confederation of Open

Access Repositories (COAR), the Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS) and the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD). In addition, she serves on the advisory board of Open Access Week, the Coalition Publi.ca International Committee and the DSpace Community Advisory Team. In 2013, Iryna received the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) for Development Annual Award, in recognition of her 'efforts in the furtherance of open access to scholarly publications in the developing and emerging countries.

NANA OWUSU AFRIYIE IV **OTUMFUO APAGYAHENE**



Oheneba Owusu Afriyie IV serves as the Otumfuo Apagyahene, a revered stool within the Asante Kingdom, and a custodian of centuries-old traditions and heritage. As Liaison Officer at the Asantehene's Lands Secretariat at Manhyia Palace, he plays a critical role in coordinating and managing land administration matters under the authority of His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II.

Oheneba is a professionally trained Architect of over 20 years standing, combining his deep cultural roots with modern technical expertise. He is also a partner at Amalgamated Grup, a leading firm of architects and development consultants. Throughout his career, Oheneba has served on numerous boards, including:

- Immediate Past Chairman, State Housing Company
- Past Chair, Governing Council of Mampong Technical College of Education
- Past Board Member, Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation Company (BOST)

He began his formal education at Prempeh College, one of Ghana's premier secondary institutions, where he cultivated a strong foundation in leadership and academic discipline. He subsequently pursued higher education at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), where he studied Architecture, a profession in which he continues to excel with a blend of precision, creativity, and vision.

As Otumfuo Apagyahene, Oheneba Owusu Afriyie IV embodies the values of integrity, service, and cultural preservation. His life's work reflects a seamless integration of traditional authority and modern professionalism, making him a key figure in both the Asante royal framework and Ghana's broader socio-political landscape.



PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

DAY 1: MONDAY, 4 MAY, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE	VENUE
7:30am - 8:30am	Arrival, Registration and Familiarisation		Library Mall, KNUST
8:30am-8:45am	Welcome address	Dr. Theresa L. Adu <i>Chair, CARLIGH</i>	
8:45am-9:00am	Introductions	Dr. Christopher Owusu-Ansah <i>Chair, Publications Committee</i>	
9:00am - 9:30am	SNACK BREAK		
	WORKSHOP 1: <i>Open Scholarship and Systems in Research Libraries: Roles and Opportunities</i> Format: Instructor-led		Seminar Room 1
9:30am–12:00pm	Presentation 1	Resource Persons: Prof. Christopher Prom and Dr. Dominic Agyei Dankwah	
12:00pm –1:00pm	Q & A	Moderator: Dr. Margaret Sraku Lartey	
1:00pm- 2:00pm	LUNCH BREAK		
	WORKSHOP 2: <i>Creative Commons and Open Licensing in a Changing Society</i> Format: Instructor-led		Seminar Room 2
2:00pm– 5:00pm	Presentation 2	Resource Person: Dr. Amy Asimah	

4:00pm –
5:00pm

Q & A

Moderator: Dr.
Antonia Donkor

OPENING CEREMONY PROGRAMME

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 5 MAY, 2026

#	ITEM	PRESENTER / PERFORMER	TIME
OPENING			
1	Opening Prayer	Rev. Father Dr. Anthony F. Naah, <i>University Chaplain, KNUST</i>	9.00am – 9.05am
2	Welcome Address	Dr. Theresa L. Adu, <i>Chairperson, Management Committee, CARLIGH</i>	9.05am – 9.15am
3	Opening Address	Dr Florence Plockey, <i>Chairperson, Local Organising Committee</i>	9-20am – 9.30am
CHAIRPERSON			
4	Introduction of Chairperson	Mrs. Francisca Asante	9.30am – 9.35am
5	Chairperson's Response	Prof. (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson, <i>Vice Chancellor, KNUST</i>	9.35am – 9.45am
KEYNOTE			
6	Musical Interlude	Conference Ensemble	9.45am – 9.50am
7	Keynote Address	Dr. Christopher Prom, <i>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</i>	9.50am – 10.10am
8	Musical Interlude	Conference Ensemble	10.10am – 10.15am

#	ITEM	PRESENTER / PERFORMER	TIME
GUEST OF HONOUR			
9	Special Guest of Honour's Address	Prof. George K. T. Oduro, <i>Technical Advisor, Ministry of Education, Ghana</i>	10.15am- 10.30am
SOLIDARITY MESSAGES			
i.	Apagyahene, Representative, Otumfour Osei Tutu II, Asantehene	Nana Owusu Afriyie IV	10.30am- 10.40am
ii.	Ashanti Regional Minister	Dr. Frank Amoakohene	
iii.	Vice-Chancellors Ghana (VCG)	Representative of VCG	
iv.	Vice-Chancellors of Technical Universities Ghana (VCTU-G)	Representative of VCTU-G	
v.	Ag. Executive Director, Ghana Library Authority	Mr. Ziblim Alhassan Betintiche	
CLOSING			
10	Chairperson's Closing Remarks	Prof. (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson, <i>Vice Chancellor, KNUST</i>	10.40am – 10.45am
11	Vote of Thanks	Ms. Vivian Amponsah	10.45am- 10.50am
12	Announcements	Master of Ceremonies	10.50am- 10.55am
13	Closing Prayer	Rev. Dr Joseph William Acheampong, <i>The Protestant chaplain</i>	10.55am- 11.00am

5TH CARLIGH CONFERENCE: PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
9:00am - 11:00am	<p>OPENING CEREMONY (PLENARY SESSION)</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Prof. Christopher Prom, <i>University of Illinois, Urbana Champaigne, USA</i></p> <p>Topic: Cultural Openness & Equity</p> <p>Chairperson: Prof. (Mrs.) Rita Akosua Dickson, Vice Chancellor, KNUST</p>	Great Hall, KNUST
11:00am - 11:30am	SNACK BREAK / SOCIALISATION	
	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
Day 2 Session 2A (Room 1): Cultural Openness & Equity	Day 2 Session 2B (Room 2): Cultural Openness & Equity	Day 2 Session 2C (Room 3): Open Technology for Equitable Access
Moderator: Mr. Adolph Agbeh	Moderator: Dr. Ato Essuman	Moderator: Dr. Mac Anthony Cobblah
Rapporteur: Dr George C. Yamson	Rapporteur: Mrs. Vivian Se- neadza	Rapporteur: Ms. Constance Aboagye- waah

Time	Presenter	Title	Presenter	Title	Presenter	Title
12:00pm – 12:25pm	Matilda Ampah-Johnston, Gloria Bosomtwi Amoah, Nesiba Adzobu Armah, Vida Mensah	Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Open Science	Maxwell Seyram K. Kumah, Samuel Bruce Kpeglo, John-Newton Kumi, and Sampson Lucky K. Yekple	Awareness, Use, and Barriers to Open Technologies in Academic Libraries: Implications for Equitable Access in Ghana	Richfield Kwame Atinyo, Francis Mensah & Kwaku Anhwere Barfi	Adoption of Open Technology in Libraries and Service Innovation
12:30pm – 12:55pm	Gloria Tachie-Donkor, Mac-Anthonny Cobblah, Christopher M. Owusu-Ansah, and Prince Baffour Amankwah	Bridging Gaps in Knowledge Access: Promoting Educational Equity Through Open Educational Resources in African Higher Education	Majorine Koshie Kitcher and Louise Zambianchi	Open Science and Collaborative Research Promotion: Evidence from a Transitional Academic University	Franklina Adjoa Yebowaah	Bridging Access and Equity through Open Technology

1:00pm - 2:00pm

LUNCH AND EXHIBITION TOUR



2:05pm - 2:30pm	Katamba Abubakar Saka	Open Science for Global Challenges	Theresa Adu, Comfort Asare, Stephen Okyere, Dominic Agyei Dankwah, Mabel Frempong, Kojo Antwi	International Copyright Agreements and the Open Access Movement: Implications for Information Dissemination and Reuse in Higher Education Institutions	Comfort A. B. Asare, Theresa L. Adu, and Samuel B. Aggrey	The Velocity of Open Technology in an Era of Rapid Change	Library Mall, KNUST	
2:35pm - 3:00pm	Samuel Ankamah	Tracking Open Science in Times of Crisis: A Bibliometric Study of COVID-19 and Climate Research	Achiaa Angela Aikins, Mutee-at Amuda, and Linda Akerville.	Academic Libraries Leveraging Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS) to Enhance Library Services	Dominic Dankwah Agyei; Margaret Sena Boatu; Ivy Priscilla Cobbalah; Christopher Ayisa	Users' Perceptions of Gaming Spaces in Academic Libraries"	Library Mall, KNUST	
3:10pm - 3:40pm	<p>PLENARY SESSION</p> <p>Topic: Open Technology For Equitable Access</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Prof. Amevi Acakpovi</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Florence Plockey</p>							Plenary Room

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PANEL DISCUSSION	
4:50pm - 5:30pm	Moderator: Dr Kwabena Osei Kuffour Adjei
DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY, 2026	
PLENARY SESSION	
8:30am - 9:30am	Keynote Theme: <i>Open Education And Publishing For The Open Era</i> Keynote Speaker: Josh Sendall Keynote Theme: <i>Open Science & Global Challenges</i> Keynote Speaker: Colleen Campbell Chairperson: Dr Theresa L. Adu
	Plenary Room
Day 3 Session 3A (Room 1):	
Open Science & Global Knowledge	
Moderator: Mr Adolph Agbeh	
Rapporteur: Mrs. Vivian Seneadza	
Day 3 Session 3B (Room 2)	
Open Science & Global Knowledge	
Moderator: Dr Gloria Amoah	
Rapporteur: Mr. Samuel Donkor	
Workshop 3 (E-Learning Room)	
Facilitator: Dr. Tony Lelliott	
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Moderator: Mrs Evelyn Tetteh	
	Library Mall, KNUST

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9:40am - 10:05am	Uwaebukwa Wisdom Madu & Adebowale Aanuoluwa Adeyemi	Information Literacy Skills and Open Online Educational Resources Use among Undergraduates in Faculty of Education, University of Lagos, Nigeria	Gilbert E. Mushi & Kingsley N. Egbukole	Use of Free Open-Source Tools to Bridge the Digital Divide in African Academic Libraries
10:10am - 10:35am	Richfield Kwame Atinyo & Francis Mensah	The Effect of Open-Source Library Systems on User Satisfaction: The Mediating Role of Digital Literacy	Hadiza Umar	Motivation and Collaborative Roles of Bayero University Kano Law Students on the Use of WhatsApp Technology as Leverage for Equitable Access in Academic Setting

10:40am - 11:05am	Selikem Dorvlo	The Effect of Digital Competencies on the Adoption of Metaverse	Nasir Aseidu Koranteng, Abudu Issah Ndaago, Philip Kwaku Kankam, and Yaw Akwoyire Aviamu	Championing the Open Movement: A Study of Institutional OER Advocacy Strategies for Postgraduate Education in Ghana	Library Mall, KNUST
SNACK BREAK / EXHIBITION TOUR					
11:10am - 12:00pm		Day 3 Session 4A (Room 1): Open Science & Global Knowledge		Day 3 Session 4B (Room 2): Open Science & Global Knowledge	Library Mall, KNUST
	Moderator: Dr Patrick Baayel Rapporteur: Mr. Sambo Ali Issaka		Moderator: Dr. Linda Miriam Akeriwe Rapporteur: Mrs. Eunice Arthur-Jones		

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12:10pm - 12:35pm	Alice A. Bamigbola Synergizing AI and Blockchain for Open Scholarly Communication: Opportunities and Challenges	Edward Mensah Borteye, Issaka Ali Sambo, Constance Aboagye-waah Richard Bruce Lamptey, Anthony Mensah Idan	Exploring Librarians' Knowledge and Contribution to Open Science
12:40pm - 1:00pm	Emmanuel Sarpong, Esther White, Francis Nimo Nunoo Assessing the Level of Awareness and Understanding of Open Science	Dominic Dankwah Agyei, Philip Larry An-guah, George Clifford Yamson	Exploring Researchers' Experiences with Diamond Open Access Publishing
1:00pm - 2:00pm	LUNCH / EXHIBITION TOUR		
2:10pm - 2:40pm	PLENARY SESSION Keynote Speaker: Iryna Kuchma Keynote Theme: Open Science & Global Knowledge Chairperson: Mr. Samuel Bentil Aggrey	Plenary Room	

	Presenter	Title	Presenter	Title	Presenter	Title
9:05am -	Benedicta Krampah Ako-to Bitherman, Justice Adjei Manu Obeng, & Ayanda Lebele	Building Trust Networks Among Academia and Industry in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Literature-Based Inquiry	Diana Atuase & Doris Nima-koh	Champions with Fewer Chapters: Unpacking Librarians' Engagement with Open Access Publishing	Theresa Adu, Stephen Okyere, Mabel Frempong, Dominic Agyei Dankwah, Comfort Asare, Hawa Osman, Kojo Antwi	Between Access and Control: How Academic Librarians Navigate Copyright and Open Access in Ghanaian Universities
9:30am						
9:35am -	Benedicta Krampah Akoto Bitherman, Harry Akussah, & Patience Eme-efa Dzandza	Communicating the Perceived Factors of Usability for Institutional Repositories in Public University Libraries: A Case Study	Monica Mensah Danquah & Aba Amandzewaa Anaman	Academic Libraries in Ghana and their Strategic Support for Open Educational Resources and Scholarly Publishing	Florence Plockey, Sydney Liyod Abubey, Donus W. Buadi, Aurelius Fiadogbe	Accra Technical University's Green Energy Transformation
10:00am						

10:05am - 10:30am	Hussaini Musa, Gar-ba Shambo Mohammed & Salami Rita Otibhor	Strategies University Libraries will Adopt to Ensure Quality Open Education and Scholarly Publishing in Nigeria: A Case Study of Federal University of Technology, Minna Library	George Clifford Yamson, Dominic Dankwah Agyei, Amy Asimah, Jonathan Agbamey, and Simon Sanche	Beyond Connectivity: Advancing Open Research Infrastructure for Sustainable Knowledge Sharing in Ghana	Johanssen Obanda	Metadata Makes Open Research Better	Library Mall, KNUST
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10:30am - 11:15am **SNACK BREAK/ EXHIBITION TOUR**

11:20am - 12:00pm	PLENARY SESSION						
	Keynote Theme: <i>Open Governance and Democratic Resilience</i>						
	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Eric Nyarko-Sampson						
	Chairperson: Dr. Michael Ato Essuman						

12:05pm - 12:15pm	Donus W. Buadi	Lightning Talk:	Reimagining Open Journal Publishing: A new model for Africa?
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2.10pm - 2.45pm	Plenary Room
2.50pm - 3.50pm	TIME WITH PUBLISHERS/PARTNERS EIFL Research4Life ORCID (20 minutes each)
3:55pm - 4:45pm	PANEL DISCUSSION: KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND SELECTED PRESENTERS ON THE OPEN MOVEMENT Moderator: Dr. Dominic Dankwa Agyei
4.50pm - 5.30pm	CLOSING CEREMONY Rapporteurs Report: Dr. George Yamson Communique: Dr. Florence Plockey
6.00pm - 9.00pm	CONFERENCE DINNER AND CULTURE EVENING Venue: Royal Basin Resort
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