



CAMRS

African Community of
Scientific Journal
Managers

CATALOGUE DES COURS CAMRS

Professional Training for African Scientific Journal Managers

The African Community of Scientific Journal Managers (CAMRS) offers a comprehensive programme of practical, professional training designed to support editors, journal managers, reviewers, and institutional leaders in strengthening the quality, credibility, and sustainability of African scientific journals.

These courses are developed by and for journal professionals, taking into account the realities of the African context, while remaining fully aligned with international standards of scholarly publishing.

All courses are delivered through the Chamilo platform and are fee-based. Participation requires prior registration and enrolment. Courses are primarily intended for CAMRS members, with selected programmes also open to non-members through a formal application process.

WHY ENROL IN CAMRS COURSES ?

By enrolling in CAMRS training programmes, you will learn how to:

Manage a scientific journal efficiently from submission to publication;
Improve editorial organisation and scientific quality;
Strengthen ethics, transparency, and journal credibility;
Increase journal visibility, indexing, and impact;
Master essential digital publishing and editorial tools;
Build sustainable and internationally recognised journals.

MODULE 1 :

JOURNAL EDITORIAL MANAGEMENT



Designed for professionals seeking to structure and optimise editorial workflows

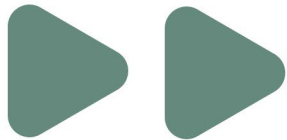
You will learn to:

- Plan journal issues and editorial calendars;
- Implement transparent and efficient editorial workflows;
- Manage authors and reviewers professionally;
- Make clear, justified, and consistent editorial decisions.

□ Ideal for: Editors-in-Chief, Managing Editors, Editorial Managers.

MODULE 2

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES & EDITORIAL COORDINATION



MODULE 3

PEER REVIEW & PUBLICATION ETHICS



Focused on collaboration and efficiency across editorial teams.

You will learn to:

- Clearly define editorial roles and responsibilities;
- Coordinate editors, reviewers, authors, and technical staff;
- Improve internal communication and accountability;
- Apply best practices in editorial teamwork.

□ **Ideal for:** Editorial teams, journal managers, editorial boards.

To ensure integrity, transparency, and scientific credibility.

You will learn to:

- Establish reliable peer-review systems;
- Prevent and manage plagiarism and misconduct;
- Apply international publication ethics standards;
- Manage conflicts of interest transparently.

□ **Essential for:** Editors, Reviewers, Editorial Boards.

MODULE 4

JOURNAL INDEXING, VISIBILITY & IMPACT



To increase the reach and recognition of your journal.

You will learn to:

- Prepare journals for indexing (DOAJ, AJOL, Scopus, Web of Science);
- Improve article visibility and dissemination;
- Apply academic SEO strategies;
- Analyse citations, metrics, and journal performance.

☐ **Ideal for: Developing and repositioning journals.**

MODULE 5

DIGITAL TRANSFOR- MATION & JOURNAL PLATFORMS



To master the technical tools of journal publishing.

You will learn to:

- Install and configure journal platforms (OJS/PKP);
- Manage users, roles, and permissions;
- Customise journals using plugins and themes;
- Ensure platform maintenance, backups, and security;
- Troubleshoot common technical issues.

☐ **Recommended for: Technical editors, journal administrators.**

MODULE 6

JOURNAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY



MODULE 7

SCIENTIFIC WRITING & AUTHOR SUPPORT



To build strong and resilient scientific journals.

You will learn to:

- Establish effective editorial governance;
- Design sustainable organisational structures;
- Develop funding strategies and partnerships;
- Create 3–5 year strategic development plans.

□ **Essential for: Institutional leaders, editorial committees.**

To improve manuscript quality and author capacity.

You will learn to:

- Understand scientific article structures (imrad);
- Improve clarity, coherence, and argumentation;
- Support authors through coaching and pre-submission review;
- Reduce rejection rates while improving quality.

□ **Ideal for: Editors, section editors, author support teams.**

MODULE 8

LANGUAGE EDITING, TRANSLATION & MULTILINGUAL JOURNALS



MODULE 9

COPYRIGHT, LICENSING & OPEN ACCESS



To manage linguistic quality and internationalisation.

You will learn to:

- Distinguish scientific and language editing;
- Manage multilingual submissions and abstracts;
- Organise translation and revision workflows;
- Define journal language policies.

□ **Ideal for: Editors, language editors, multilingual journals.**

To protect journals and authors legally.

You will learn to:

- Understand copyright and authors' rights;
- Apply creative commons licences correctly;
- Define open access policies;
- Avoid legal conflicts in publishing.

□ **Essential for: Editors, publishers, journal owners.**

MODULE 10

EDITORIAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT



To protect journal credibility in difficult situations.

You will learn to:

- Manage retractions and corrections;
- Resolve conflicts with authors and reviewers;
- Respond to public criticism or ethical accusations;
- Handle delays and editorial breakdowns.

□ Recommended for: Editors-in-Chief, senior editors.

MODULE 11

EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP & TEAM MANAGEMENT



MODULE 12

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING



To strengthen human and organisational capacities.

You will learn to:

- Lead editorial teams effectively;
- Manage volunteer-based editorial boards;
- Resolve internal conflicts;
- Ensure editorial continuity and succession.

□ **Essential for: Editors-in-Chief, journal leaders.**

To use AI responsibly and strategically.

You will learn to:

- Understand AI applications in scientific writing;
- Define journal policies on AI use;
- Detect AI-generated content;
- Use AI tools to improve editorial efficiency.

□ **Highly relevant for: Editors, reviewers, journal managers.**

MODULE 13

CRÉATION ET LANCEMENT D'UNE REVUE SCIENTIFIQUE



To support institutions establishing new journals.

You will learn to:

- Assess journal feasibility;
- Define editorial scope and policies;
- Build editorial and review teams;
- Plan journal launch and early development.

☐ **Ideal for: Universities, research institutions, new journals.**

MODULE 14

JOURNAL EVALUATION & EDITORIAL AUDIT



To assess and improve journal quality.

You will learn to:

- Evaluate editorial and scientific performance;
- Conduct internal and external audits;
- Prepare journals for indexing and accreditation;
- Design improvement plans.

☐ **Ideal for: Editors, evaluators, institutional partners.**

MODULE 15

SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS, SOCIETY & PUBLIC POLICY



To enhance societal impact and relevance.

You will learn to:

- Connect research outputs with public policy;
- Promote african research beyond academia;
- Strengthen societal and institutional impact;
- Support open science and knowledge dissemination.

□ Recommended for: Editors, researchers, policy-oriented journals.



MODULE 13

CRÉATION ET LANCEMENT D'UNE REVUE SCIENTIFIQUE



To position scientific journals as credible, visible, and attractive scholarly brands.

You will learn to:

- Understand ethical marketing for scientific journals;
- Define a clear journal value proposition and positioning;
- Build and maintain a strong journal brand identity;
- Attract quality submissions, readers, and reviewers;
- Design digital communication strategies (website, newsletters, social media);
- Promote calls for papers and special issues professionally;
- Manage journal reputation and public perception responsibly.

Key deliverables:

- Journal marketing and communication strategy template;
- Annual promotion and outreach plan;
- Ethical Call for Papers models;
- Journal branding and visibility checklist.

☐ Ideal for: Editors-in-Chief, Journal Managers, Communication Officers, Institutional Publishers.

LEARNING PATH & LEVELS

CAMRS courses are structured into a three-level progressive learning path, allowing participants to build competencies step by step, from foundational knowledge to advanced leadership and expert-level mastery.

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BASIC LEVEL – Foundations of Journal Management

Designed for new editors, journal staff, and early-stage journals.

Modules included:

Module 1: Journal Editorial Management
Module 2: Roles, Responsibilities & Editorial Coordination
Module 3: Peer Review & Publication Ethics
Module 4: Journal Indexing, Visibility & Impact
Module 5: Digital Transformation & Journal Platforms

Outcome: Participants acquire a solid operational understanding of how a scientific journal functions and how to manage core editorial processes.

ADVANCED LEVEL – Development, Quality & Growth

Designed for established journals seeking improvement, sustainability, and expansion.

Modules included:

Module 6: Journal Development, Governance & Sustainability
Module 7: Scientific Writing & Author Support
Module 8: Language Editing, Translation & Multilingual Journals
Module 9: Copyright, Licensing & Open Access
Module 10: Editorial Crisis Management
Module 16: Journal Marketing, Communication & Brand Strategy

Outcome: Participants strengthen journal quality, author relations, visibility, and institutional positioning.

EXPERT LEVEL – Leadership, Innovation & Impact

Designed for senior editors, journal founders, and institutional leaders.

Modules included:

Module 11: Editorial Leadership & Team Management
Module 12: Artificial Intelligence in Scholarly Publishing
Module 13: Creating & Launching a Scientific Journal
Module 14: Journal Evaluation & Editorial Audit
Module 15: Scientific Journals, Society & Public Policy

Outcome: Participants develop strategic leadership, innovation capacity, and high-level expertise to position journals as influential, credible, and sustainable actors in the global scholarly ecosystem.

COURSE FORMAT

Short, progressive modules
Practical and immediately applicable content
Africa-based case studies
Peer learning and discussion spaces
Fee-based courses with prior registration

APPLY & ENROL IN CAMRS TRAINING PROGRAMMES

CAMRS training programmes provide a unique opportunity to build skills, share experiences, and professionalise African scientific journals within a collaborative continental community.

Register, choose your courses, and grow within an African network committed to scholarly excellence.