

## Chapter 4

### Institutional Repository Policy

#### 4.0. Policy Statement

Africa University Institutional Repository is an electronic platform for collecting, preserving and disseminating in digital form the intellectual / research output of the institution. The repository strengthens the capacity of the Library to support the increasing number of graduate and research programmes now on offer at Africa University. Africa University expects its academics, scholars and scientists who publish research papers through direct or indirect funding by the University to provide through the Library maximum online access, use and application of their findings freely without cost or legal sanctions as a condition for research funding. Research and scholarly output of the University shall to be located in the Digital Library / Institutional Repository (AUDil), which shall be managed in accordance with this Policy and the Library's Intellectual Property Policy.

#### 4.1. Purpose

The purpose of the Africa University Institutional Repository is to provide Library clients with access to full text academic and research information by:

- i. Gathering, preserving, indexing and archiving research information produced by Africa University staff and students in a single location.
- ii. Providing a maintained repository of research information in an accessible format, both on campus and off campus.
- iii. Providing open access by creating global visibility for the institution's scholarly research, harvesting from other Institutional Repositories, and sharing of academic content / literature with other institutions.

*For full policy please visit the Africa University Intranet site or email: [librarian@africau.edu](mailto:librarian@africau.edu).*