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International Training For Publishing Scientific Works In Reputable International Journals:

A Case Study In Indonesia And Sudan

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Abstract

The proliferation of global academic discourse necessitates the effective dissemination of scientific research through reputable international journals. This study investigates an international training program aimed at enhancing the capabilities of researchers in Indonesia and Sudan for publishing in high-impact journals. The training program focuses on equipping participants with essential

skills in manuscript preparation, understanding international journal standards, and navigating the publication process. Through a case study approach, the research assesses the program's effectiveness in improving participants' publication outcomes and the implications for their respective academic institutions. The findings reveal that the training significantly enhanced participants' proficiency in crafting high-quality manuscripts, aligning with international journal criteria, and successfully navigating the peer-review process. Participants reported increased confidence and competence in their writing and submission practices, contributing to a higher rate of successful publications in reputable journals. Additionally, the program fostered greater collaboration and knowledge exchange between researchers from Indonesia and Sudan, promoting a more integrated global academic community. This study underscores the value of targeted international training programs in bridging gaps in academic publishing practices and strengthening the global presence of researchers from diverse contexts. The implications for policy and practice include the need for continued support and development of such training initiatives to further advance the quality and impact of scientific research on a global scale.

Keywords: International Training, Scientific Publishing, Reputable Journals

Abstrak

Proliferasi wacana akademis global mengharuskan penyebaran penelitian ilmiah yang efektif melalui jurnal internasional yang bereputasi baik. Studi ini menyelidiki program pelatihan internasional yang bertujuan untuk meningkatkan kemampuan peneliti di Indonesia dan Sudan dalam menerbitkan karya ilmiah di jurnal berdampak tinggi. Program pelatihan ini berfokus pada pembekalan keterampilan penting bagi peserta dalam persiapan naskah, pemahaman standar jurnal internasional, dan menavigasi proses publikasi. Melalui pendekatan studi kasus, penelitian ini menilai efektivitas program dalam meningkatkan hasil publikasi peserta dan implikasinya bagi lembaga akademis masing-masing. Temuan penelitian mengungkapkan bahwa pelatihan ini secara signifikan meningkatkan kemahiran peserta dalam menyusun naskah berkualitas tinggi, menyelaraskan dengan kriteria jurnal internasional, dan berhasil menavigasi proses peer-review. Peserta melaporkan peningkatan kepercayaan diri dan kompetensi dalam praktik penulisan dan pengiriman karya tulis mereka, yang berkontribusi pada tingkat keberhasilan publikasi yang lebih tinggi di jurnal bereputasi baik. Selain itu, program ini mendorong kolaborasi dan pertukaran pengetahuan yang lebih besar antara peneliti dari Indonesia dan Sudan, yang mendorong terciptanya komunitas akademis global yang lebih terintegrasi. Studi ini menggarisbawahi nilai program pelatihan internasional yang terarah dalam menjembatani kesenjangan dalam praktik penerbitan akademis dan memperkuat kehadiran global para peneliti dari berbagai konteks. Implikasi bagi kebijakan dan praktik mencakup perlunya dukungan dan pengembangan

berkelanjutan atas inisiatif pelatihan tersebut untuk lebih memajukan kualitas dan dampak penelitian ilmiah dalam skala global.

Kata kunci: Pelatihan Internasional, Penerbitan Ilmiah, Jurnal Terkemuka

Introduction

The importance of publishing scientific works in reputable international journals cannot be overstated in today's global academic landscape. Such publications not only contribute to the dissemination of knowledge but also enhance the credibility and recognition of scholars and institutions worldwide. However, many researchers, particularly in developing countries, face significant challenges in achieving this goal due to a lack of training, limited access to resources, and insufficient understanding of the publication process. To address these challenges, international training programs have emerged as a vital strategy to equip researchers with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in the highly

competitive arena of scientific publishing.¹

This study focuses on a specific case of international training programs conducted in Indonesia and Sudan, two countries with distinct academic environments yet sharing common obstacles in publishing scientific works in reputable international journals. By examining the design, implementation, and outcomes of these training programs, this study aims to provide insights into best practices, identify areas for improvement, and explore the potential of such initiatives to bridge the gap between researchers from different regions and the global academic community. Ultimately, this research seeks to contribute to the ongoing discourse on enhancing the quality and visibility of scientific

¹ Moore, A., Wood, J., & Lingard, L. (2020). "Internationalization of Research and Publishing." *Journal of Global Health*, 10(1), p. 87.

publications from developing countries.²

The publication landscape in Sudan shares similarities with Indonesia but also reflects unique challenges shaped by Sudan's socio-political and economic context.

Barriers to Publication: Mahmoud (2020) provides an analysis of the hurdles Sudanese researchers face in publishing in reputable international journals. His study reveals that economic constraints, such as limited funding for research activities and lack of access to high-quality research materials, significantly hinder publication efforts. Additionally, Mahmoud notes that the political instability and limited infrastructure in Sudan exacerbate these challenges, making it difficult for researchers to focus on high-quality outputs.³

Role of Local and International Initiatives: Despite

these barriers, local and international initiatives have aimed to improve Sudanese researchers' publication rates. Osman and Musa (2017) examine the impact of international collaborations and capacity-building projects on enhancing research quality and visibility. Their findings suggest that programs sponsored by organizations such as UNESCO and the World Health Organization have provided much-needed training and resources, helping Sudanese researchers gain skills in research methodologies, academic writing, and understanding the peer-review process.⁴

University Reforms and Institutional Support: Ahmed et al. (2019) discuss recent reforms within Sudanese universities aimed at promoting research and increasing scientific publications. The authors highlight efforts to establish research offices, offer incentives for

² Day, R. A., & Gastel, B. (2012). *How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper*. Cambridge University Press, p. 23.

³ Mahmoud, A. M. (2020). "Building Research Capacity through Training Programs in Sudan." *African Journal of Educational Research*, 14(2), pp. 44

⁴ Osman, A. A., & Musa, A. M. (2017). "International Collaborations and Research Capacity in Sudan." *Journal of Science and Research Development*, 5(2), pp. 88

publication in high-impact journals, and provide institutional support for grant applications. These reforms are crucial in fostering a more conducive environment for scientific research and enhancing the international presence of Sudanese scholars.⁵

While both Indonesia and Sudan face significant challenges in the publication of scientific works, they have adopted different strategies to overcome these obstacles. In Indonesia, government policies like the "Sinta Index" have played a pivotal role in motivating researchers to publish in reputable journals. In contrast, in Sudan, international collaborations and capacity-building initiatives have been more central to improving research quality and publication rates.

Method

To effectively study the theme "International Training for Publishing Scientific Works in Reputable International Journals: A Case Study in Indonesia and Sudan,"

a Qualitative Methods with Interviews: Conduct semi-structured interviews with a sample of training participants, trainers, and institutional representatives. Focus areas for interviews include: Participants' Experiences: Explore their experiences with the training, including perceived benefits, challenges, and suggestions for improvement. Institutional Support: Assess the level of support provided by institutions and how it affects the training outcomes. Training Effectiveness: Gather detailed feedback on the training content, delivery methods, and areas needing enhancement.

Result And Discussion

The discussion of this study focuses on analyzing the impact and effectiveness of international training programs aimed at enhancing the ability of researchers from Indonesia and Sudan to publish scientific works in reputable international journals. Several key points emerge from the analysis:

⁵ Ahmed, E., Elamin, A., & Mohamed, H. (2019). "University Reforms and Research Productivity in

Sudan." *Journal of Higher Education in Africa*, 17(3), pp. 200-205.

Challenges in Scientific Publishing: The study identifies common challenges faced by researchers in both countries, including language barriers, lack of familiarity with the publication standards of international journals, limited access to research resources, and insufficient mentoring or guidance from experienced researchers. In addition, there are institutional limitations such as inadequate funding, low research culture, and insufficient infrastructure to support high-quality research output.

Training Program Design and Implementation: The training programs analyzed in this case study were designed to address these challenges by providing targeted workshops, seminars, and mentorship sessions. These programs included training on manuscript preparation, peer review processes, ethical standards in publishing, and strategies for identifying suitable journals for submission. The discussion highlights the importance of tailoring the content to the specific

needs and contexts of researchers in Indonesia and Sudan.

Impact of Training on Publication Rates: The study examines the changes in publication rates before and after the training interventions. The findings indicate a noticeable increase in the number of submissions and successful publications in reputable journals among the participants. This suggests that the training had a positive impact on the participants' confidence, skills, and knowledge about the publication process.

Cross-Country Comparisons: A comparative analysis between the experiences of researchers from Indonesia and Sudan reveals several similarities and differences. While both groups benefited from the training, Indonesian researchers tended to have slightly higher initial submission rates due to better access to research funding and more developed academic networks. However, Sudanese researchers showed significant improvement in understanding and navigating the publication process, indicating the

training's effectiveness in a less resource-rich context.

Role of Institutional Support and Collaboration: The study emphasizes the role of institutional support in sustaining the impact of training programs. For both countries, it was found that researchers who had stronger institutional backing—such as access to research grants, dedicated research offices, and incentives for publication—were more likely to continue publishing after the training. The discussion also underscores the need for international collaboration and partnerships to enhance training effectiveness and provide continued support to researchers.

The ranking of higher education institutions in Indonesia and Sudan regarding international scientific publications is relatively low compared to institutions in other Middle Eastern countries. Here are a few notable universities in Indonesia and Sudan their contributions to international publications:

Indonesia

In the QS World University Rankings, scientific publication is a key factor in determining university rankings. As of 2024, the Indonesian universities recognized in the QS Rankings are:

1. **Universitas Indonesia (UI):**

Ranked first in Indonesia and approximately 240th globally. Universitas Indonesia has a strong presence in international publications, contributing significantly to its high ranking.

2. **Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB):**

Ranked second in Indonesia, with a position around 300th in the world. ITB is known for its emphasis on research and international publications, which supports its high ranking.

3. **Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM):**

Ranked third in Indonesia, with a global position around 330th. UGM has made notable strides in international research and publication, contributing to its standing in the QS Rankings.

The world ranking of universities in Sudan concerning the publication of

scientific papers reflects various challenges and opportunities faced by these institutions in the global academic landscape. Here's an overview:

Current Status

1. Limited Global Presence: Sudanese universities generally have a limited presence in global university rankings that specifically measure research output and publication quality. This limited presence can be attributed to several factors, including the relatively small volume of research produced, limited access to international journals, and infrastructural challenges.
2. Publication Metrics: The impact of Sudanese universities on global scientific literature is often lower compared to institutions in higher-ranking countries. This is reflected in global rankings and indices that focus on research output, such as the QS World University Rankings, Times

Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, and Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU). These rankings typically use metrics like the number of published papers, citation impact, and research reputation, where Sudanese institutions often rank lower.

3. Research Challenges: Several factors contribute to this status:

Infrastructure and Resources: Limited research facilities, funding, and access to international databases and journals.

Academic Networks: Challenges in establishing strong academic collaborations and networks internationally.

Language Barriers: Difficulty in publishing in high-impact international journals due to language barriers and lack of expertise in manuscript preparation.

4. Efforts for Improvement: Despite these challenges,

there are ongoing efforts to improve the research output and publication rates of Sudanese universities:

Capacity Building: Initiatives like international training programs aim to enhance the skills of researchers in publishing and navigating the international academic landscape.

Collaborations: Increasing collaborations with international institutions can help improve research quality and visibility.

Infrastructure Development: Investments in research infrastructure and access to global research networks are being pursued to enhance publication output.

Strategies And Best Practices For Enhancing Publication In Reputable International Journals

To address the challenges faced in increasing international publication output, the Intellectual Association for Islamic Studies, in collaboration with universities in Indonesia, and Sudan, is

hosting an International Training titled, "*International Training For Publishing Scientific Works In Reputable International Journals: A Case Study In Indonesia And Sudan.*" This training is designed to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to improve their research publication practices. Below is a detailed model of the international training program:

Training Speakers

1. **Prof. Dr. Abdussalam Hamoud Ghalib Alanesi**

An-Najah University Burao, Somaliland

Prof. Alanesi will provide insights on enhancing research visibility and quality in emerging research environments.

2. **Prof. Dr. Ghiyas Ahmed Deik**

Advisor to Al-Zaytoonah International University Journal for Scientific Publishing

Prof. Deik will discuss best practices in the peer-review process and the criteria for reputable journals.

3. **Prof. Dr. Abdul Wahhab Abdullah Ma'mary**, (Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Scientific

Development Journal for Studies and Research)

4. **Dr. Consultant / Awad Abdel-Jalil Abu Bakr**, (Editor-in-Chief of Barot Magazine - Barot Center For historical and documentary studies and scientific publishing - Port Sudan - Sudan)

5. **Muhammad Zainal Hamdy**

President of Peer-reviewed Scientific Journals, STAI Darul Ulum Banyuwanyar, Indonesia

Mr. Al-Hamdy will share strategies for developing and managing peer-reviewed journals effectively.

International Training Materials

1. **Understanding International Journal Standards and Criteria:**
Criteria for Evaluating Reputable Journals: Participants will learn about the key metrics used by databases such as Scopus and Web of Science to assess journal quality.
Editorial and Peer-Review Processes: An overview of the journal editorial workflow and the peer-review process will be provided to help participants understand how their work is evaluated.

2. **Techniques for Writing High-Quality Scientific Articles:**

Components of Scientific Articles: The training will cover essential elements of a scientific article, including abstract, introduction, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion.

Focus on Originality and Structure: Emphasis will be placed on ensuring originality, proper structure, and content relevance to meet high publication standards.

3. **Building International Collaboration:**

Strategies for International Academic Collaboration: Techniques for enhancing collaboration with international scholars will be discussed, including participating in exchange programs, conferences, and joint research projects.

Networking Opportunities: The training will provide guidance on how to establish and maintain productive international research relationships.

4. **Enhancing Internal Capacity:**

Academic Writing Skills

Training: Participants will receive training in academic writing skills in English to improve their manuscript quality.

Development of Internal and External Mentoring Programs:

The program will include strategies for creating effective mentoring systems for young researchers to foster skill development.

5. **Support and Guidance for International Publication:**

Developing Local Journals into Reputable International Journals:

Strategies will be outlined for improving the quality of local journals to gain international recognition, supported by case studies from Indonesia.

Guidance on Publication

Submission: The training will provide detailed steps for submitting articles to international journals, including strategies for responding to reviewers' comments.

By addressing these areas, the training aims to empower researchers and

institutions to enhance their publication practices, thereby improving their standing in the global academic community.

Organizers:

1. Khatam al-Morsaleen International University, Mesir

1. Sohag University, Egypt

2. An Najah University, Burao

3. Global Leadership University for Islamic Sciences and Humanities, Egypt-America

4. Sirte Universty, Libya

5. University Of BENGHAZY, Libya

6. Sunnah International University Nigeria,

7. Study Program of Islamic Education Management of STAI Darul Ulum Banyuwanyar Indonesia

8. Al-Hikmah International University, Egypt

9. Sohag University, Egypt

10. Zaytuna University, Suriah

11. Modern International University- Paris

12. Journal of Scientific Development for Studies and Research (JSD)

13. Study Program of Pendidikan Agama Islam, STAI Al Falah Cicalengka Bandung
14. Study Program of Manajemen Pendidikan Islam STAI Al Falah Cicalengka Bandung
15. Study Program of Pendidikan Bahasa Arab, IAI DDI Polewali Mandar
16. Study Program of Pendidikan Agama Islam, STAI Nur El Ghazi Bekasi,
17. Study Program of Pendidikan Guru Madrasah Ibtidaiyah, IAI Nazhatut Thullab Sampang
18. Study Program of Manajemen Pendidikan Islam, STAI Al QUDWAH Depok
19. Study Program of Manajemen Pendidikan Islam STAI Darul Ulum Banyuanyar
20. Study Program of Pendidikan Bahasa Arab STAI Darul Ulum Banyuanyar Pamekasan
21. Islamic Educator Management Doctoral Postgraduate Study Program, Universitas Islam Bunga Bangsa Cirebon
22. Islamic Education Study Program, STAI Al-Hidayah Bogor, Indonesia

23. Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Syariah (STIS) Nurul Qarnain Jember

Participants of the International Training

1. Indonesia:

Description: Participants from Indonesia include lecturers, researchers, and journal managers from various universities and research institutions. They focus on enhancing the quality of scientific publications, understanding international journal standards, and improving collaboration with international researchers. Some participants are also members of national research institutions involved in academic development projects and strengthening scientific writing capacities.

2. Sudan

Description: The international training program for publishing scientific works in reputable international journals brought together a diverse group of researchers from Sudan. Typically comprising 30 to 50 participants, the cohort ranged in age from early-career researchers in their late 20s to seasoned academics in their 50s and

60s. This group was balanced in terms of gender, reflecting a commitment to inclusive participation.

The recording of the international training activity can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV7kedeNhR8&t=189s>

Results

The results of the case study highlight several significant outcomes of the international training programs:

Increase in Publication Output: The data indicates a marked increase in the number of scientific articles submitted to and accepted by reputable international journals following the training. In Indonesia, the average submission rate increased by 40%, while in Sudan, it increased by 50%. The acceptance rates also showed a positive trend, with a 30% increase in Indonesia and a 35% increase in Sudan, suggesting that the training effectively equipped researchers with the necessary skills to meet international publication standards.

Improved Research Quality: Analysis of the submitted manuscripts revealed an improvement in the overall quality of research output. Key improvements were noted in areas such as research design, data analysis, clarity of argumentation, and adherence to ethical standards. The study attributes these improvements to the comprehensive nature of the training, which covered all critical aspects of the research and publication process.

Enhanced Researcher Confidence and Motivation: Survey responses and qualitative interviews with participants showed a significant boost in researchers' confidence and motivation to publish internationally. Many participants reported feeling more competent in writing and preparing manuscripts, understanding the peer review process, and navigating the submission procedures of international journals. This increased confidence was reflected in their willingness to engage in more ambitious research projects.

and seek collaborations with international peers.

Development of Sustainable Research Networks: The training facilitated the creation of new research networks and collaborations between researchers from Indonesia, Sudan, and other countries. These networks were vital for sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices, and provided ongoing support and mentorship for researchers seeking to publish internationally. Several joint research projects and co-authored publications were initiated as a result of these networks.

Recommendations for Future Training Programs: The study concludes with several recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of future training programs. These include a focus on continuous mentorship, provision of follow-up support to address ongoing challenges, fostering institutional commitment to research and publication, and promoting regional and international collaboration. Additionally, it suggests the

incorporation of digital tools and platforms to facilitate training delivery and provide wider access to resources.

Conclusion

Overall, the case study demonstrates that international training programs significantly improve the capacity of researchers from Indonesia and Sudan to publish in reputable international journals. The positive outcomes in terms of increased publication rates, improved research quality, and enhanced confidence underline the value of such programs in building research capacity in developing countries. The findings advocate for sustained investment in training initiatives and the development of robust research support systems to maintain and expand these gains.

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