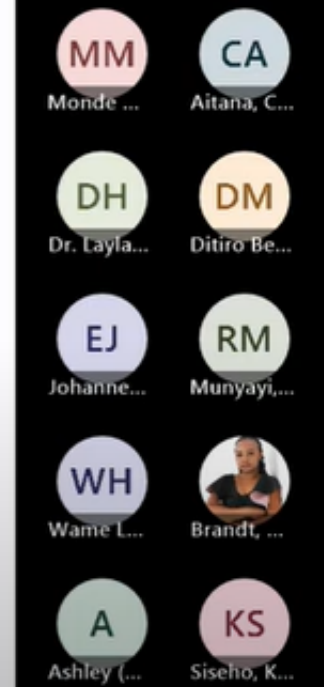


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Research Publication Clinic convened under the Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL) Research Chair in Water Resource Quantity and Availability

Main Speaker: Dr Fritz Schmuhl is currently the senior publisher at the Springer Nature's mathematics, physical and applied sciences journal division. He is responsible for driving forward the commissioning, content management and development of a portfolio of international environmental sciences journals across three broad cores: environmental studies, sustainable development, and cleaner production, with a special focus on trans and interdisciplinary research.

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Short Summary of the Research Publication Clinic

The publication clinic was designed to equip researchers with the essential knowledge, invaluable guidance and skills needed to effectively navigate the publication landscape and how to publish your research findings. The comprehensive webinar covered the entire research publication process, from selecting the right journal to crafting compelling manuscripts, navigating the peer review process, and effectively promote research work.

According to Dr Schmuhl, researchers' should not only focus on becoming great publishers, but also to be well read in their respective fields. Consequently, this goes hand in hand with being an effective communicator. He equally placed great emphasis on three main sections of publishing which include obtaining a logical manuscript, successful journal submissions and efficient publication. Additionally, he added that the important components which makes us great publishers are centered around being able to answer key questions of the readers such as, what did you do, what did you find, why did you do the study and how does the study advance the field?

Lastly, he further stated that it is crucial to always bear in mind the publishing ethics. A total number of forty-one participants attended the webinar and Prof Ditiro Benson Moalafhi, the SASSCAL Research Chair in Water Resource Quantity and Availability moderated the session.

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