

Open Access Publishing and Supporting a Knowledge Economy

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Abstract

Access to information and knowledge is a fundamental requirement for the development of a knowledge-based economy. From a publisher's perspective the potential and pitfalls of open access publishing will be assessed in relation to providing a platform for a knowledge-based economy. The speaker will draw on experience gained as the Director of an open access Press in South Africa to address the issue.



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