

STM Frankfurt Conference 2026 Programme

08:30	Registration & networking breakfast
09:15	Opening & Welcome – Steven Heffner , Chief Publication Officer and Managing Director, IEEE / STM Board Chair
09:30	Keynote Speaker: As open as possible is not necessary but imperative: why safeguarding international research cooperation needs more trust and Ubuntu Introduced by Steven Heffner, Chief Publication Officer and Managing Director, IEEE / STM Board Chair Daan du Toit, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation and Resources, South African Department of Science and Innovation
10:15	Refreshment break & networking – Sponsored by 
10:45	The hidden architecture of trust: AI, policy and research in transition Moderated by Violeta Ribarska, Head of Partners, Policy and Engagement, IOP Publishing Rose L’Huillier, SVP, Researchers & Librarians Solutions, Elsevier Claudia Russo, Director, Public Affairs EU and Global Deputy Director, Public Affairs, STM
11:35	Trusted scholarly content is visible, attributed, measurable: TRACE Moderated by Priya Madina, VP, Research Ecosystem Initiatives, Springer Nature Todd Carpenter, Executive Director, NISO Tasha Mellins-Cohen, Executive Director, COUNTER Metrics Todd Toler, Inaugural practice lead for AI in scholarly communication, Ithaka S+R
12:00	Lunch & networking



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13:00	From output to influence: China, and the future of scholarly communication Moderated by Nandita Quaderi, SVP Editor-in-Chief, Web of Science, Clarivate Bob Howard, Executive Vice President, Research, SAGE Publishing Yu Sun, Associate Editor-In-Chief, Tsinghua University Press Ting Yue, OAJ team lead, National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences
14:00	Trust by Design: Who decides where AI stops, and humans begin? Moderated by Rob Johnson, Managing Director, Research Consulting Kim Eggleton, Head of Peer Review & Research Integrity, IOP Publishing Maria Kowalczyk, Research Integrity Auditor Manager, Frontiers Witold Kozakiewicz, Director of the Information & Library Centre at the Medical University of Lodz Indira Sen, Junior Faculty Chair of Data Science for the Social & Economic Sciences, University of Mannheim Jonathan Woahn, Co-founder, Cashmere
16:00	Refreshment break & networking – Sponsored by 
16:30	Executive leadership perspective: Trust under pressure: Decisions leaders can make in an AI-driven research ecosystem. Moderated by Caroline Sutton, CEO, STM Atul Goel, CEO, KnowledgeWorks Global Ltd Laura Hassink, President – Journals, Elsevier/RELX Steven Heffner, Chief Publication Officer and Managing Director, IEEE Barbara Kline Pope, Executive Director, Johns Hopkins University Press Jessica Kowalski, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Research, Wiley
17:30	Closing remarks – Steven Heffner, Chief Publication Officer and Managing Director, IEEE / STM Board Chair
17:45 – 19:00	Reception drinks – Sponsored by 

