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UNISA Research Data Management: A Case Study

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The drivers and principles for managing research data at the University of South Africa is driven by the increasing number of policies published by funders of research to ensure the validation of research results. The funder requirements expects the following from research outputs:

- To make provision for data reuse,
- To enable actionable and socially beneficial science from publicly funded research.

The purpose of the project is to ensure that research data is stored, preserved, retained, made accessible for use and reuse, and/or disposed of, according to legal, statutory, ethical and funding bodies' requirements.

Unisa Library was mandated to investigate the Data Curation readiness at Unisa in 2010. Research was conducted and it was concluded that, that Data Curation cannot take place in isolation in the library. It was then decided to change the concept documents from data curation to Research Data Management, holistically. The project is driven from Unisa Library and in particular Information Resources Content Management (IRCM).

The paper will provide a case study analysis of the transition in the implementation of the Research Data Management and the interdependencies.

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