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South African Centre for Digital Language Resources

Leveraging Institutional Support to Build Sustainable Capacity

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South African Research Infrastructure Projects

- Department of Science and Technology initiated SARIR projects to strengthen and build research capacity that is internationally on par and relevant.

- SADiLaR's mandate:
  - Through a digitisation programme to promote the creation, management and distribution of digital language resources as well as applicable software related to all official languages of the South Africa and
  - through a Digital Humanities programme to promote and enable the use of innovative digital methodologies within the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Delivering on the mandate

- SADiLaR runs specialisation projects through its different nodes:
  - CTexT, Meraka - CSIR, UNISA, UP, ICELDA

- Example of Specialisation projects in action:
  - Data digitised
  - Digitised content enriched through Part of Speech Tagging etc.
  - Then made available publicly for researchers

- All good and well but there are challenges…

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Challenges	Possible Solutions
How to **access** resources and start diverse projects?	Carpentries have a diverse active community
Given interdisciplinary nature of these projects where can academics find **collaborators**?	Local South African Instructor community an organic and growing network of collaborators
Where to find related **training**?	Lesson environment of carpentries structured and maintained
How to function within the new **Digital Scholarship/RDM environmen**t?	Digital Scholarship, RDM and FAIR inherently part of the "Carpentry approach"

Based on Carpentry experience we decided to write a funding proposal

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Lessons learned

THE CARPENTRIES

Build on
what already exists

REUSE

Provide contextualisation to participants in
order to ground new concepts

CONTEXTUALISE

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http://bit.ly/capacitymodel

**SHARE with the community
and contribute back**

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SHARING KNOWLEDGE • DRIVING CHANGE

Find like-minded
collaborators

COLLABORATE

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