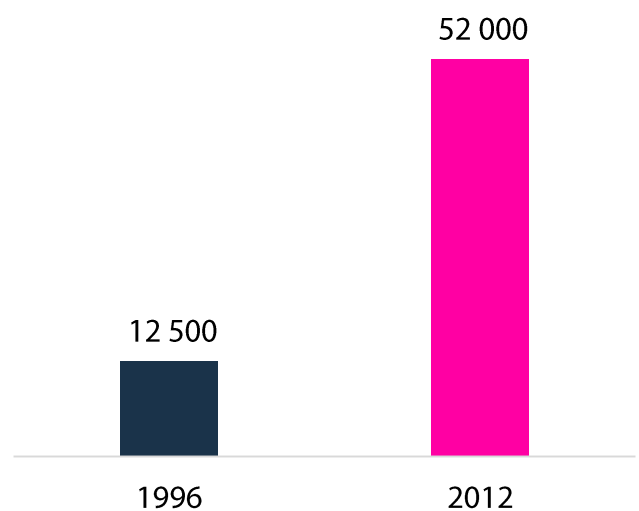


Research output from Africa increased by over 300% between 1996 and 2012

Africa's drive towards a knowledge based economy is gradually becoming a reality. The number of research papers published in scientific journals with at least one author at an African institution increased by 316% between 1996 and 2012. Within the same period, Africa's share of the world's articles almost doubled from 1.2% to around 2.3%. In 2011, the developing world, including Africa accounted for 40% of the world's scholarly papers.

In 2011, the greatest proportion of research papers in Africa were in the Physical Sciences at 34% and followed by Life Sciences at 29%. Compared to other developing economies at regional level, African research in 2011 had a relative impact of approximately 0.81 on a scale of 0 to 1, which is higher than developing economies in Asia and Europe which scored approximately 0.68 and 0.65.

Number of Publications from Africa



Research Papers from Africa by Field (2011)

