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Closing Plenary: Commitments & Next Steps for Diamond OA

It is a true honor to address you once again, alongside distinguished government representatives, institutional leaders, and our gracious hosts, as we bring this remarkable Third Global Summit on Diamond Open Access to a close. On behalf of the Government of Mexico and the Ministry of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation (Secihti), we are proud to have been part of this collective effort to uphold knowledge as a public good.

This summit has offered us a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of the diversity of Diamond Open Access ecosystems across regions; to listen carefully to critical perspectives; and to exchange experiences and tools that can help strengthen the Diamond model in our respective contexts. I have no doubt that this gathering has been truly inspiring for all of us.

Among the many reflections shared throughout these days, I would like to highlight a few key takeaways that may help guide our next steps.

One lesson that emerged clearly—not only in the plenary sessions and panels, but also in our informal conversations—is the remarkable diversity and vitality of Diamond Open Access ecosystems. This diversity is reflected both in national publishing systems—ranging from relatively small-scale initiatives to vast and complex ecosystems—and in regional collaborations. While bibliodiversity, multilingualism, and plural forms of knowledge production are core strengths of the Diamond model, they also remind us of the need to design governance frameworks and shared solutions that are broad enough to function across very different contexts. We must remain attentive to global inequalities and strike a careful balance between diversity and the common principles that make international cooperation possible.

Throughout the discussions, we have also identified the strategic role of key actors in ensuring the sustainability and development of Diamond ecosystems. On the one hand, government bodies and science policy institutions play a decisive role in reshaping incentive systems—so that publishing in Diamond journals is properly valued, rather than overshadowed by the impact-factor logic of mainstream commercial publishing. On the other hand, funding agencies and service providers are essential partners in sustaining the infrastructures that enable equitable access to knowledge.

Infrastructure has undoubtedly been the cross-cutting theme of this summit. Technical infrastructures—journal portals, publishing platforms, digital services—as well as editorial teams themselves face ongoing challenges in expanding their capacities and ensuring the open circulation of knowledge. For this reason, building collaborative networks that strengthen public knowledge infrastructures and safeguard their accessibility as a common good is an urgent priority.

In this regard, I would like to recall Leslie Chan's critical intervention, reminding us that infrastructures are never neutral. While they enhance visibility and usability, they can also introduce new power asymmetries, as their adoption often requires technical and operational resources that not all journals or institutions possess. His call to approach infrastructures through the lens of community governance, the commons, and care provides an important ethical compass for our work moving forward.

Another central issue raised during this summit was the need to make the social impact of Diamond Open Access journals more visible. Over the past days, it has become clear that Diamond journals are strategic sources of knowledge—resources that governments, international organizations, and scientific agencies must recognize and support as a shared responsibility between institutions and the editorial communities that sustain them.

Finally, this summit has reminded us that cooperation, dialogue, and the exchange of knowledge are just as important as technological infrastructures. The value of Diamond Open Access is not economic—it is relational. It rests on networks of collaboration. Our collective discussions have helped identify three key pillars for a global roadmap toward a stronger, more equitable, and more sustainable Diamond model: capacity building, reform of research evaluation systems, and a clear commitment to the social relevance of knowledge.

This 3rd Global Summit has shown us that the Diamond Open Access movement is, above all, about building community—like the one we have formed here in Bengaluru over these past days. From Mexico, having listened and learned alongside you, we reaffirm our government's commitment to advancing Diamond Open Access as a strategic pillar of our national science policy.