## **African Journals Initiative**

Standard criteria for any journal that would like to be considered for inclusion.

## Essential

- 1. They are a HSS journal that is published in English.
- 2. They publish 2 or more issues a year, with a minimum of 5 research articles per Issue.
- 3. They have a track record of publishing for more than two years.
- 4. They have an established Editorial Board, Advisory Board members, Book Review Editors, Associate Editors, or a combination of these categories. Ideally the Editorial Board would include members from several countries.
- 5. They have a peer review system.
- 6. They have a submissions procedure including for book reviews if these are published.
- 7. They have a system for typesetting.
- 8. Have a published Guidelines for Authors.

## Desirable

- 1. An established ISSN number
- 2. A cover design
- 3. A website

We would expect a journal to share their production pipeline with us.