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Hello. I'm Dominique Babini, Open Science Advisor at the Latin American Council of Social Sciences - CLACSO. We are located in 56 countries, nearly a thousand research institutions. But our work is focused mainly in Latin America, a region where open access publishing is scholar-led, publicly funded, not-for-profit and developed in open access infrastructures, mainly managed by universities.

This community management allows equity to protect equity inclusion, bibliodiversity and multilingualism. To your question about what inequities do we perceive. Well, we could give two examples. In our region, authors from other regions that want to publish in open access quality journals within our region can do it without an APC, traditionally. But our authors from Latin America and the Caribbean, when they need to publish in international journals, the mainstream journals, because they participate in international projects or because our research evaluation systems reward publishing in the mainstream and in English, they have to pay APCs.

So that's a huge inequity. To the question about what our organization strategy is to advance open access publishing? Well, in the past two decades, CLACSO has built a strong open access publishing system. As an example, the editorial catalog of CLACSO's network has more than 4000 books in open access, which are in the repository, and our repository has the most strong collection of social science and humanities resources for our region.

And we have an agreement with Redalyc for a collection of more than a thousand journals in social science and humanities in open access quality journals from our region, and our priority in CLACSO at present is to promote and change research assessment procedures in our region. And we cooperate and dialog with other similar initiatives worldwide. To the question about what has to be strengthened to build a global open access publishing system, we consider that those noncommercial initiatives, among others, need to receive support and need to interoperate, build interoperability, among all those initiatives to strengthen noncommercial open access.

What guides us? We could give us examples. In the last two years, based on the experience of 20 years of open access publishing, we take as a guide the new Budapest International Open Access Initiative Declaration with recommendations about community-controlled infrastructure, strengthen community-controlled infrastructure, reform research assessments and incentives, move away from article-processing charges, APCs and Read & Publish agreements, and also last May the Council of European Union telling the countries to expand the nonprofit open access publishing model with no costs for readers or authors to change the research assessment, to reward peer review.

So we are all going towards a community-led system. We invite you also to go to the Diamond Open Access Global Summit, co-organized also with organizations which support this CAPES event today.

Thank you very much.