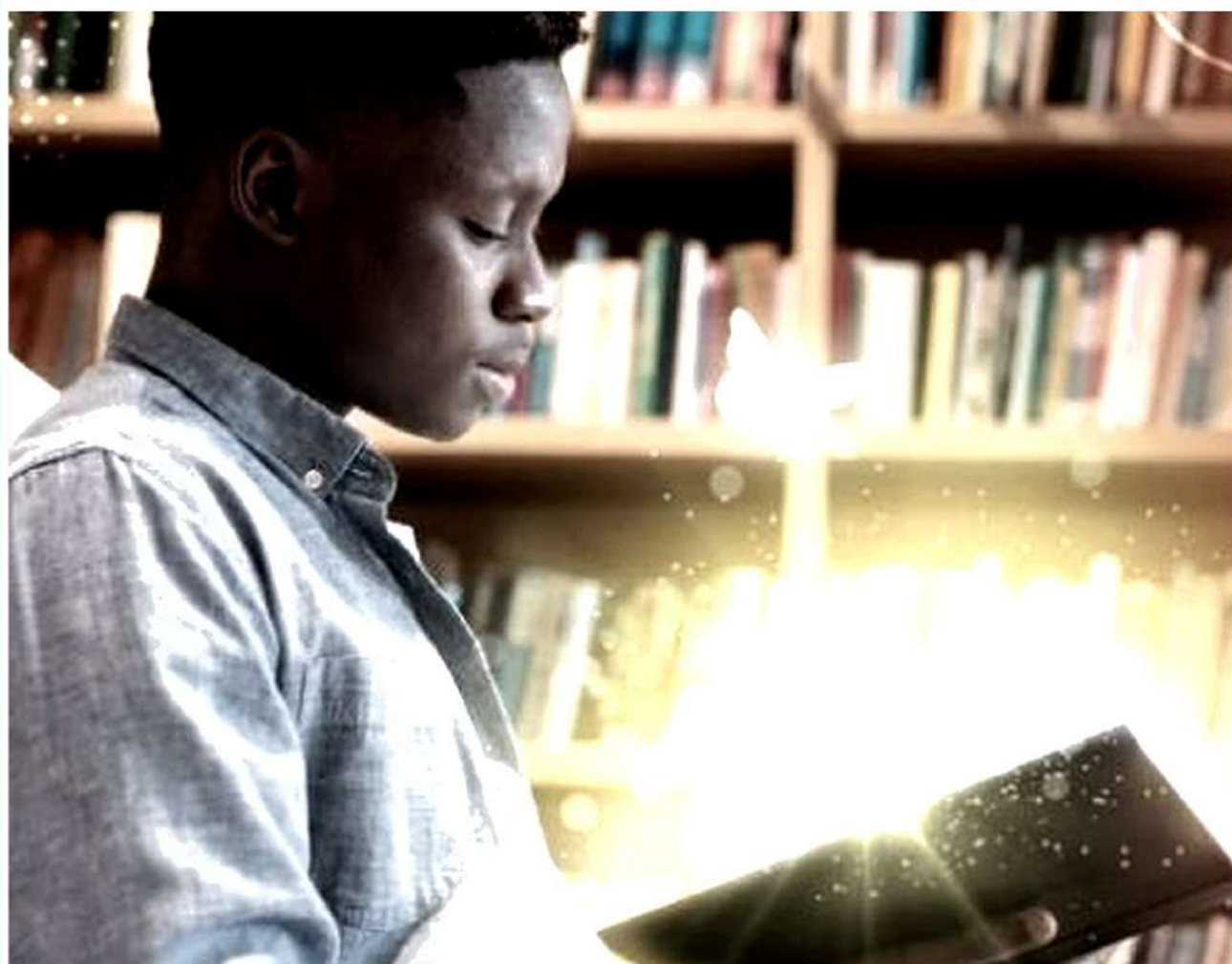


PRESENTATION OF ZƏNU PUBLISHERS

Guide for Future Authors

Understand our editorial policy, prepare your manuscript and follow each stage of the publishing process.



1. Who are we?

Welcome to ZəNU Publishers / Éditions ZəNU (ZP), a Pan-African, multilingual and innovative publishing house.

- **Pan-African and international reach:** Based in Cameroon, our publishing house is present in several capitals across Africa and around the world. This ambitious project is led by academics, intellectuals, writers and cultural figures from the African continent and its diasporas.
- **Editorial excellence:** We publish high-quality scientific and fiction works within a professional, transparent framework that respects authors' rights.
- **Traditional Publishing:** We are among the few publishing houses based in Africa, or mainly devoted to Africa, that cover all publication costs while guaranteeing authors comprehensive support.
- **Multilingual publishing:** We publish in French, English and African languages, particularly Kiswahili, to promote and disseminate the continent's scientific, cultural and artistic wealth.
- **Author support:** We guide authors, including young authors, through every stage of the publishing process, from submission to distribution, to strengthen the impact and visibility of their work across five continents.

2. Why publish with us?

- **Very high-quality standards:** rigorous selection, meticulous editorial processing and professional marketing of selected works across five continents.
- **Respect for professional ethics:** ethical standards, prevention of all forms of plagiarism and scrupulous respect for copyright.
- **Personalised support:** assistance with writing, layout and promotion.
- **Traditional Publishing:** full coverage of production and distribution costs for selected projects.
- **Multilingual distribution:** publication in French, English and African languages to reach a broad and diverse audience.
- **Broad visibility and distribution:** print production, distribution in bookshops, presence on digital platforms and participation in international book fairs.

| 3. Publication fields and types of works accepted

- Humanities and social sciences
- Literature and fiction: novels, short stories, poetry, drama, autobiographies and comic books
- Essays
- Academic books and textbooks

Each manuscript is assessed according to its quality, originality and relevance to the publisher's editorial line. We only publish original and unpublished works.

| 4. Submission procedure

Step 1: Preparing the manuscript

- Book proposal in Word format.
- Include: provisional manuscript title, abstract, detailed outline, target audience and marketing plan.
- Attach a 2- to 3-page statement of intent explaining the originality and major contribution of the work to the literary and/or scientific and academic landscape.
- Add a short biography, a detailed CV and an official identity document for the author.
- Provide a sworn declaration confirming the manuscript's exclusive submission to Éditions ZƏNU for evaluation and, where applicable, publication.

Step 2: Submission

- By email to zenupublishers@gmail.com or manuscripts@zenupublishers.org, or via our online form.
- Receipt confirmed within 7 working days.

Step 3: Acknowledgement of receipt

- Official confirmation and assignment of a tracking number for all subsequent communications.

| 5. Evaluation and editorial decision

First reading: verification of the manuscript's compliance and relevance, followed by one or two preliminary evaluations.

In-depth reading:

- **Scientific works:** assessed by at least two independent experts.
- **Literary works:** critically reviewed by the editorial committee and specialised external reviewers.

Final decision:

- **Acceptance:** direct publication or publication with minor modifications.
- **Major revision:** returned to the author for substantial corrections.
- **Rejection:** clear and respectful notification, with advice where appropriate.

Approximate timeframes:

- **First readings:** approximately 4 to 6 weeks.
- **In-depth evaluations:** an additional 8 to 20 weeks.
- **Production and publication:** 6 to 12 weeks.

| 6. Publication and distribution

- **Publishing contract:** formalisation of transferred rights and remuneration terms.
- **Editorial preparation:** proofreading, layout, cover design and author approval.
- **Print and digital formats:** simultaneous print and e-book publication.
- **Multilingual promotion and distribution:** targeted communication, participation in book fairs, distribution in bookshops and on digital platforms.

| 7. Support for authors and researchers

- Personalised advice to improve the scientific or literary quality of the manuscript.
- Training in editorial standards and professional writing.
- Publication monitoring and advice on distributing and promoting the work.

| 8. FAQs and practical advice

Q: Can I submit a manuscript that has already been published elsewhere?

A: No, we only accept unpublished and original works.

Q: What are the selection criteria?

A: Quality, originality, relevance, a major contribution to the literary and/or scientific landscape, clarity, coherence and alignment with our editorial line. ZΘNU has also adopted a robust and proactive approach to combating plagiarism, combining digital tools with human verification.

Q: Can I submit a collective work?

A: Yes, with a designated lead coordinator.

Tips:

- Ensure that the manuscript is well presented and clear.
- Provide an accurate and appealing abstract.
- Proofread carefully before submission.
- Be responsive to requests for revision or clarification.

9. Contacts and submission

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