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From The Chair's Desk



Dr. Victoria Okojie

Welcome to 2015!

The New Year provides us the rare opportunity to review the activities of the past, identify our low points and explore new horizons to improve on our services to the public. 2014 was quite eventful with many initiatives and new programmes successfully implemented, including IFLA's International Leaders Programme and the Building Strong Library Associations programme. It is, therefore, appropriate to express optimism that 2015 will even be better for the Africa Section especially as the IFLA Conference holds in Cape Town, South Africa in August, 2015 and the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AFLIA) holds its first conference in Accra, Ghana in June, 2015.

Access to Information, Intellectual Property Reform, Access to

Open Data and Affordable Access to ICTs are some of the important issues IFLA and those of us in the wider library and information community are dealing with. IFLA has been working with the international library community as well as civil society and member states to develop its position and help ensure that crucial elements such as access to information are included in the UN post-2015 Development Agenda. Progress has been achieved by IFLA's participation in meetings of the UN Open Working Group (OWG) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This process will lead to the creation of a new post-2015 development framework which will replace the Millennium Development Goals. IFLA has advocated for the inclusion of access to information in the new framework, which in the context of this process aligns with advocacy by a number of groups on transparency and governance. The process has reached a preliminary conclusion, with positive results for libraries and access to information. Throughout this process, it is important that African librarians are seen as being part of the conversation. It is my hope that African libraries, being part of the significant beneficiaries of these concepts, will contribute meaningfully to shaping the discussions, structure and strategies for implementation.

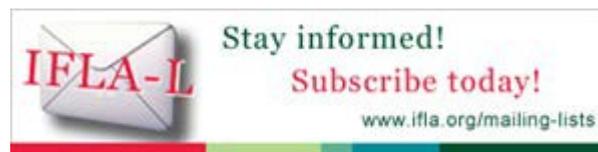
Indeed, 2015 holds so much in store for the Africa Section. The IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Cape Town in August, 2015 will afford the continent the needed space to showcase its achievements. In addition, the International Advocacy Programme of IFLA will take off in July this year. Details on the Programme will be provided at the Standing Committee meeting of the Africa Section in February, 2015 and distributed through our networks shortly.

Finally, it is another election year at IFLA. New President-elect as well new members of the Governing Board are expected to emerge. More importantly, new Standing Committee members for the Africa Section and all other IFLA Sections will be elected this year. Colleagues, please ensure that you nominate and vote credible members into these various offices. For more details on this, please check the IFLA Website: <http://www.ifla.org>

I look forward to working with you all more closely.

I wish you a very fruitful 2015!

Dr. Victoria Okojie, FNLA, CLN
Chair, IFLA, Africa Section
Registrar/CEO, Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria
Associate, IFLA Leaders Programme, 2012-2014
Advisor, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2006, 2013



AFRICA-L

Africa Section mailing list:

The aim of the list is to facilitate communication with library community within the African continent. The objective of the Section amongst other things, seeks to promote and strengthen Library Associations, the Profession and Library/ Information Services in Africa; The Section seeks to create and maintain links with other Sections of IFLA, as well as related bodies/organizations for the benefit of the profession and services in Africa.

Messages intended for distribution to the list should be sent to: africa-l@infoserv.inist.fr

REGISTER @ [Web interface:](#)
<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwwsympa.fcgi/info/africa-l>

Note: AFRICA-L is a closed list (restricted to subscribers). Anyone interested in the goals and activities of Africa Section may apply to join.

ATINA-L

ATINA-L is the public discussion list for the ATINA SIG. The purpose of Access to Information Network - Africa is to aid, assess and promote free public access to government information and information about governments, as well as freedom of expression and democracy across the African continent, through libraries and library professionals. The group will seek to achieve its objectives through sponsoring IFLA conference programs, through a public e-mail discussion list for African library professionals, and through collaborative online work as well as action projects funded by development aid.

Messages intended for distribution to the list should be sent to: [Web interface](#) atina-l@infoserv.inist.fr

- Administrators: [Abraham Azubuike](#) and [Denise Nicholson](#)
Note: ATINA-L is a closed list (restricted to subscribers), but anyone interested in the goals and activities of ATINA may apply to join.

Dear Friends and Colleagues

Sedgefield, South Africa

26 December 2013

Thank you for your cards and messages. It's been good to hear from you. I'm sorry that I'm not able to respond to each of them individually, but instead offer the following brief update, which accompanies the sixth instalment of my annual Christmas /New Year ABC. For background and earlier issues, see : <http://peterlor.com/2012/12/27/peter-lors-library-abc/>.

This year I feature the letters P, Q and R. As predicted last year, I had to make a trip to Queenstown, in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province, to make sure we had a picture for the letter Q. This was no great hardship, as we made a bit of a road trip of it. We started with a visit to the Karoo National Park, near Beaufort West, in early August (see <https://picasaweb.google.com/PeterJLor/KarooNationalPark25August2013>). This was our first visit to this national park, and we were hugely impressed by the magnificent arid-country scenery, the wildlife, the accommodation and the staff. This must be one of the best-run national parks in the country. From the Park we drove through the Great Karoo via Aberdeen (a far cry from Aberdeen, Scotland!), to the historic Eastern Province town of Graaff-Reinet. The road on to Cradock took us through magnificent mountain scenery, where we were lucky to have a close encounter with a roadside Verreaux's Eagle – doubly lucky in that we saw it close-up but did not hit it when it flew up as we passed. For more on this magnificent eagle, see <http://blackeagleproject.blogspot.com/p/about-black-eagle.html>. Finally past endless road- works and “stop-go”s to Queenstown, where we spent two nights and where I took the photograph I needed. From Queenstown we drove to Grahamstown, another historic town and seat of Rhodes University, to visit Margaret Crampton, former MD of NISC South Africa. This provided an opportunity to photograph a library for the letter R. Then bad weather set in and we cut short our trip, driving straight home, much of the time through driving rain.

As I mentioned last year, my New Year's resolution was to stay at home this year in order to concentrate on my book on international and comparative librarianship (see <http://peterlor.com/the-book/>). I didn't travel internationally at all, and even skipped, IFLA, but I didn't make nearly as much progress as I had hoped. I have a magnetic personality – I attract work – so all sorts of other things came my way. The idea of being “semi- retired” has faded away. I'm just as busy as ever, doing some post-graduate teaching, examining theses and dissertations, writing papers, participating in IFLA work by correspondence, and generally keeping busy academically. But I've covered a great deal of ground in my research for the book, encompassing reading in fields such as comparative education, politics and social policy, diffusion studies, colonialism and post- colonialism, development studies, globalization, and the international political economy of information. The result is that I've come to a lot of new insights, which have led to ongoing rethinking of earlier chapters and, in fact, of the very nature and scope of the field. I'll get there eventually.

At the personal level, Monika and I are both well. Now that our building project has been (largely) completed, we are establishing a more regular routine, which includes making some time for activities aimed at both using both halves of the brain – music, art and physical exercise. My birding has been enjoyable but low-key this year. Working on my book and other (too many other) projects, I did not attend many bird club outings, but I did make a point of participating in citizen science projects, including twice-yearly Coordinated Waterfowl Counts (CWACs, see <http://cwac.adu.org.za/>), two Coordinated Avifaunal Roadcounts (CAR, see <http://car.adu.org.za/>), and, when possible, fortnightly beach walks to monitor the breeding of Black Oystercatchers. And our garden has plenty of birds. From my desk I have a view of our bird bath, where there are constant comings and goings. In December we were happy to have both of our Europe-based sons visiting us. So we have a great deal to be thankful for.

On that note, I close with my very best wishes for health, success, and above all, peace, in 2014

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A Library PQR: Peter Lor's library ABC, part 6

P is for **Portal**, an “unincorporated community” (population approx 700) in Cochise County, in the South-Eastern corner of Arizona. I chose Portal for an entirely unprofessional reason: it's a fantastic birding location. I visited it in 2010 with Charles Townley, and we saw an Elegant Trogon, among other special birds. The town is so tiny that the library is hard to miss. It's named after its founder, Myrtle Kraft. Now part of the Cochise County Library system, it is largely run by volunteers. It is open 20 hours a week, but we missed the opening hours, so a picture of the exterior will have to suffice. The Library has a web page with information about its services, which are quite extensive, including talking books, inter-library loan, photocopying service and public computers with Internet access. See <http://cochise.lib.az.is/cportal.html>.



Q is for **Queenstown** (population 70 000), in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa, founded in 1853 as a military outpost intended to protect white settlers from attack during the Frontier Wars with the amaXhosa. The Queenstown Public Library was founded as a subscription library in 1859, one of around 70 established in South Africa during the 19th century, mainly by settlers of British extraction. Following WW2, provincial library services were established and free public library services were provided through a partnership between the provinces and the respective municipalities -- but largely restricted to white persons until Apartheid ended. Inside the quite impressive building I found a roomy and rather traditional public library, with an adequate but somewhat dated bookstock. My visits to rural public libraries in South Africa suggest that they often play an important role in providing study spaces for students, but in many cases they do not appear to be heavily used by the general public.



R is for **Rhodes University**, in Grahamstown, an important educational centre, also in the Eastern Cape. The university library has had a major facelift and has been significantly extended since I last visited the campus. The new building, opened in 2010, includes many green features and was designed with disabled students in mind. (See <http://www.ru.ac.za/library/aboutus/ournewlibrary/>.) I was warmly received by the Director, Ujala Satgoor, who is the current President of LIASA (Library and Information Association of South Africa), and given a guided tour. There are several attractive and well-equipped reading areas, including a Research Commons for academics and advanced students, and a Postgraduate Commons. All of these spaces are well used. The library website reflects the typical facilities and services one would expect in a university library in North America or Western Europe.



UPDATE

It is my pleasure to provide the following update of developments:

1. Feedback from the IFLA/WLIC 2014 held in Lyon, France from 16-21 August 2014:

- Attendance - 3991 delegates attended the 80th IFLA WLIC in Lyon, France with Singapore having approx. 3800 delegates - do you think we could make this a record African attendance?
- Official handover - The presence of the Deputy Minister: Arts & Culture, MS Rejoice Mabudafhasi at the IFLA/WLIC in Lyon, France served to convey the importance of the 2015 IFLA/WLIC to South Africa as a country; the LIS sector and the African continent. She delivered the official invitation to the delegates at the Closing Session and accepted the official handover gift from the French NC most charmingly!
- Conference planning - As the host country, we are responsible for certain activities and events. Several meetings were held with KIT, the IFLA Congress PCO which served as an opportunity to meet the KIT team and share the progress regarding the South African deliverables. I'm pleased to inform you that we are on track and there is great confidence in our ability to deliver an excellent congress. Several members of the National Organising Committee (NOC) who attended IFLA/WLIC 2014, attended these meetings and very visibly promoted the 2015 Congress.
 - The French National Committee was extremely professional and courteous, and went out of their way to make us feel comfortable and extended the hospitality of their office for our use. It was interesting to hear their experiences and advice for a successful congress! Some of the key focus areas were:
 - Volunteer recruitment and training – a volunteer corps of 300 will be required
 - Promotion of the Congress for optimal continental and international participation
 - Visas – the fact that majority of the delegates are from other countries:
 - A letter of invitation must be generated/issued
 - All SA embassies are to be informed of the Congress
 - Prospective delegates must apply for visas well in time



- Promotion of IFLA 2015 - Promoting the IFLA/WLIC 2015 was a huge priority! We were allocated a section of the official IFLA stand, which worked very well for the promotion of South Africa and Cape Town. A representative of Wesgro, the Western Cape Convention Bureau, was in attendance at the stand, which made a big difference. She was able to actively promote, field questions and gave advice about Cape Town.
- Marketing materials, which included a beautiful back drop of Cape Town, pull-up banners, iPad wipes, sweets, bookmarks and prizes sponsored by hotels and restaurants were a huge hit! I wish to acknowledge all those who carried these items in their suitcases to Lyons and who spent time at the stand promoting Cape Town. The camaraderie, laughter and professionalism created a lovely buzz amongst the delegates.
- Marketing of the Congress is expected of all of us! It will be important to raise the visibility of the Congress on all our websites, marketing media and at all LIS related events. I urge you to ensure that everyone knows about IFLA/WLIC 2015 in Cape Town.

- Sabinet Reception - I wish to acknowledge Rose Hattingh and Pierre Malan of Sabinet for the elegant reception that was held at the Hilton Lyon. It was attended by members of the South African delegation, IFLA Governing Board, LIASA friends and partners, who all are excited about being in South Africa in 2015!

My overall impressions and observations are that the planning of an IFLAWLIC is all about teamwork, commitment, joint responsibility, professionalism, respect and doing the best to showcase one's country!

2. New developments:

- Visit the IFLAWLIC 2015 website at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla81/node/950>
- Like the IFLAWLIC 2015 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WLIC2015>
- The final announcement which includes all relevant conference information is available at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla81/>
- The Call for Posters is available at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla81/node/974>
- Early Bird Registration – complete details of online registration is available at <http://conference.ifla.org/ifla81/>
- Grants for conference attendance will be announced in January 2015
- Next site visit to Cape Town: January 26-29, 2015

I strongly believe that together we can ensure a successful Congress that will leave a lasting impression of South Africa, African libraries, librarians and a dynamic profession.

Ms Ujala Satgoor

LIASA Immediate Past President

Co-Chair: IFLA 2015 National Committee

Member: IFLA Africa Standing Committee



Open session

Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section & Law Libraries Section joint with & Africa Section

Theme:

Access to legal information and legislative data in Africa:
the role of libraries and librarians

The IFLA [Africa Section](#), [Law Libraries Section](#) and [Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section](#) will have a joint session on *Access to legal information and legislative data in Africa: the role of libraries and librarians* .

Session Theme

The [Lyon Declaration](#) calls for an international commitment to ensure access to information, with the belief that this will support development by empowering people to exercise their rights, help reduce inequality and marginalization.

Ensuring free, open and timely access to legal information and legislative data is a key aspect of this broad effort, and it is fundamental to the establishment of democratic and equitable societies, governed by transparent and accountable institutions and based on the rule of law.

Libraries and librarians at different levels can play a relevant role in facilitating this process. The Lyon Declaration reminds us that, as information intermediaries, they *"have the skills and resources to help governments, institutions and individuals communicate, organize, structure and understand data that is critical to development"* .

This session intends to take stock of access to law and legislative data in Africa, and to focus on the role that libraries and librarians are currently or potentially playing in this domain.

The papers will focus on:

- illustrate legislation in force, legislative developments or institutional regulations in place, and how they are implemented;
- present examples of adopted policies and practices, of case studies and innovative experiences on making legal and legislative data available and helping understand them;
- share experiences or ideas on the potential benefits of cooperation at the national, regional or international level;
- describe ICT developments focused on improving free and open access to legal and legislative information and data;
- analyze the development and progress in the adoption of electronic data open standards such as XML for legal and legislative information.

By reflecting the Congress theme, *"Dynamic Libraries: Access, Development and Transformation"*, papers able to identify innovative and sustainable practices, opportunities for collaboration, and elements for valuable investigation would be appreciated.

The program will feature presentations of 15-20 minutes each with additional time for questions.



Africa Section Satellite Meeting

Theme:

Africa and the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda

[Africa Section](#) invites proposals for papers to be presented at its Satellite Meeting hosted by University of South Africa (UNISA) Cape Town Campus in partnership with [Cape Peninsula University of Technology](#) [CPUT] on the theme “*Africa and the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda*”.

Date

13 – 14 August, 2015 (Arrival: 12 August, 2015)

Venue

Cape Peninsula University of Technology Library

Sub-themes

Proposal should address one or more of the sub-themes in English or French:

- Post-2015 Development Agenda and Emerging African Societies
- The Role of African Libraries in Driving the Post-2015 Development Agenda Initiative
- The Challenges and Prospects of Achieving the Post 2015 Development Agenda in African Societies
- Africa and the Millennium Development Goals: Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Assessment
- Implementation Framework for Post-2015 Development Agenda

Access to Information Network - Africa (ATINA) Special Interest Group

Theme:

Mind the Gap! Bridging Information and Knowledge Gaps in Development and Transformation Programmes in Africa

Session theme

Mind the Gap! Bridging Information and Knowledge Gaps in Development and Transformation Programmes in Africa

Authors will address one or more of the following sub-themes, and use one or two relevant national, African or global policies/strategies to illustrative their findings and propositions. For gap analysis, please provide preliminary outlines of information/ knowledge gaps identified and indicate briefly how the analyzed instrument could be (or could have been) enhanced by inclusion of substantial information/knowledge dimensions to it or complemented by separate information/knowledge strategies. Authors addressing other sub-themes should also provide the various dimensions of their topics in a robust manner.

Sub-themes

- Illustrative knowledge and information gap/barrier analysis using past and present national or/and multilateral development strategies and policies
- Information intensification in the implementation of programmes and projects: methods and success stories
- Looking ahead - building on the access to information and knowledge provisions of the post-2015 development agenda

Designing information strategies and services for complementarity and synergy with development and transformation programmes at the local and national levels

Libraries and access to information in the UN post-2015 Development Agenda - What's new?

Revised Toolkit — New Talking Points

IFLA has updated our [Toolkit on libraries and the United Nations \(UN\) post-2015 Développement Agenda](#). The updates give a better idea of the post-2015 timeline and the major events coming up. It will also help you to further structure your meetings with Member State Representatives in your country. In order to enable you to really stress IFLA's core messages on access to information, ICTs, and culture for development, we have created a set of [talking points](#). These talking points will give you a good overview of IFLA's international message and will enable you to bring this into your national context to make it more relevant for your Member State meetings.

IFLA Headquarters is looking forward to hear about your meetings with Member State Representatives and we strongly encourage you to [contact us](#) if you need further help. Download tool kit at :

<http://www.ifla.org/publications/toolkit--libraries-and-the-un-post-2015-development-agenda>



The Lyon Declaration in 2015

IFLA is very happy to announce that with the start of 2015, the Lyon Declaration has received support from over 500 library, ICT and development, institutions and organisations. This worldwide and cross-sector uptake underlines the importance of the Lyon Declaration and furthermore the importance of access to information for future development.

Please see the full Declaration and the signatories for more information. You can also find 19 translations of the Declaration online.

What's next?

During the next nine months leading up to the UN Special Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2015, IFLA will concentrate its efforts to ensure that access to information remains within the new development framework. We will also work on indicators with our coalition partners. These indicators will enable UN Member States and the UN to measure the impact of access to information on development over the next 15 years. The IFLA Statistics and

Evaluation Section is closely working with IFLA and its partners on formulating the indicators.

In order to achieve this, IFLA will participate in a range of high level meetings leading up to the Special Summit on Sustainable Development (September 2015) and will work closely with other stakeholders, national ministries and UN Member States.

Furthermore, several IFLA Sections have prepared briefs on how the Lyon Declaration is relevant to their professional environment. These will be available shortly.

Get involved

- Sign and add your voice to the call at the United Nations;
- Organise meetings with policy makers in your country and use the Toolkit created by IFLA in order to make the voice of the library community heard on a national level;
- Translate the Lyon Declaration into your language and share it with colleagues in your own country;
- Encourage others in the library and development sectors to sign the Lyon Declaration;
- Promote the principles of the Lyon Declaration throughout your network and ensure that the message gets spread as widely as possible.

Background

The Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development calls upon United Nations Member States to make an international commitment through the post-2015 UN development agenda. The Declaration proposes to ensure that everyone has access to, and is able to understand, use and share the information that is necessary to promote sustainable development and democratic societies. It was prepared by IFLA and a number of strategic partners in the library and development communities.

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It is another year under and we sigh in relief that we made it through the year on the same breath we brace ourselves to hosting WLIC 2015 as a continent. As year come to a close, I would like to assure that you are most valued members; IFLA Africa is as strong as its members who will soon host WLIC 2015

Once again we will be a melting pot for the LIS Community and we could not do it best without all our stakeholders [other IFLA divisions, sections and LIS service providers etc

Mentioning stakeholder, in 2009 I started to include the Library ABC by Prof Peter Lor. This became a distinct landmark/ brand of Africa Section Newsletter which has stood the test of series which is now 6 years at PQR. I would like to congratulate Prof for the endurance hopefully in no time will be at Z

In July I had an opportunity to be part of SCECSAL held 28 July – 01 August 2014 in Malawi on the theme “Information and knowledge management as a driving force for socio-economic development in Africa” On the last day of conference was an AGM, a Business Meeting where the Regional Office was given a session for the IFLA Trend Report. Dr Buhle Mbambo – Thata facilitated the panel session of three viz.

- Ujala Satgoor, SA ~ Trend One
- Jacinta Were, Kenya ~ Trend Two and Three
- Justine Chisenga, Ghana ~ Trend Four and Five

Visit the the following site <http://trends.ifla.org> for detailed reports

Back from another WLIC experience in Lyon we had a chance to reflect on the activities we participated in. I had a chance to attend for the first time the Satellite meeting organized by PAC on conservation, disaster management and preservation in a digital age at Geneva in line with the envisaged plan to have the Africa LIS Community trained in disaster management, a DIY approach. This followed by full participation in Lyon.

As we say in South Africa “local is lekker” I participated at the local library association conference, LIASA in September 22 – 26, 2014, Where we shared some ideas of how to forge ahead with WLIC 2015 arrangements. The Conference was held in Johannesburg, South Africa

2015 I envisage opening the year with the Midterm Meeting scheduled for February in Nakuru, Kenya.

The Midterm will followed by the Regional Office’s Annual Public Lecture on African Librarianship theme in May in observation of Africa Day.

From here all roads will go to Ghana for ICADLA-4 Conference a back to back with AfLIA starting from 27 May to 05 June 2015. At the close of Ghana we will be back south to finish the last preparation of WLIC 2015 in Cape Town.

Colleagues, we have seen the call of nominations by HQ and I am looking forward to new committee members joining the teams.

Another reminder is about the Trend Report. Africa has not made a substantial contribution. Please continue to post on Africa -L

The Report is coupled with Lyon Declaration which we call still call on institutions and everyone to sign

Africa, it is my great pleasure to wish you all a restful yearend holidays and a wonderful new year!!



Africa Directories

Colleagues, this is a long overdue story of creating Africa's **Directory of Library Associations**. Please share with us your up to date and contactable details. With BSLA going strong in the continent we want you to be part of it by have your information.

On the same breath we are making a plea to tertiary institutions of the continent to supply the Regional Office with their departments offering library science or any library formal library training for the **Directory of Library Schools**

All details can be email to Lnhlapo@unisa.ac.za shiriel@unisa.ac.za

African LIS Community encouraged updating their IFLA membership.



Come and join us!

IFLA Africa would like to welcome all its new members and thank you for choosing us. We thank all members who

sustained their membership by renewing, without you, there is no IFLA Africa. If you have not joined, this is the opportune time to subscribe.

Merci beaucoup! Muito Obrigado! لا يزوج ارفلش

Thank you very much. Baie dankie

ALP Project Proposals

The Regional Offices
Continue to be Africa
coordinator for ALP projects.
The Regional Offices provide
guidance for proposal
submissions and awareness
to timelines for applicants..

Lindy Nhlapo
Regional Manager for
Africa South Africa

XXIst SCECSAL Conference Lilongwe, Malawi
Sunbird Capital Hotel
28 July – 1 August 2014

RESOLUTIONS: Adopted by: SCECSAL General Assembly, 1 August 2014

CONSIDERING the significant role of information and knowledge in socio-economic development;

CONGNISANT of the on-going national and global consultations on the post-2015 development agenda;

RECOGNIZING the need to integrate digital technologies into library and information work for optimal access;

RECOGNIZING the rights of people with special needs;

We the delegates of the XXIst SCECSAL Conference resolve that:

1. Each SCECSAL member association should align its activities to the national and global development agenda and report on its post-2015 strategy at the XXIInd SCECSAL IN 2016.
2. In line with parent institutional policies and strategies, libraries and information centres in the SCECSAL region should develop e-strategies that encompass open access, social media, digitisation and e-learning resources for the provision of optimal access.
3. SCECSAL member associations should host national conversations on the provision of information services to people with special needs.

Done, this 1st Day of August 2014, at Sunbird Capital Hotel, Lilongwe, Malawi.



Dr Emmanuel Fabiano, Minister of Education, Science and Technology at the Opening session



Cameroon Association of Librarians Conference was organized in Collaboration with the Goethe Institute, in the Goethe Institute premises in Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon. The theme of the conference was, "Knowledge Management and Technology: Gateway to the Emergence of Cameroon". The conference took place on the 17th to 18th October 2014



Volunteers



Africa section Meeting

IFLA World Library and Information Congress 80th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

16-22 August 2014, Lyon, France

IFLA AFRICA FOCUS AT WLIC 2014

Session 144: OPEN FORUM (Joint Forum with IFLA Section on Children and Young Adults).

Theme: Libraries in Africa: Meeting the needs of children and young Adults...SI

19th August 2014, 13:45-18:00' Room: Auditorium Pasteur/FR-EN.

<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/node/360>

Session 189: ATINA (Access to Information Network - Africa (ATINA) Special Interest Group

Theme is: Effective Access to Information as Key to Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Thriving in Africa

20 August 2014 13:45 - 15:45 Room: Amphithéâtre | SI

<http://conference.ifla.org/ifla80/node/407>



OPEN FORUM (Joint Forum with IFLA Section on Children and Young Adults).



Diary of Events

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

4th International Conference on African Digital Libraries and Archives (ICADLA) will be held on

The 27 – 29 May 2015 at the University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.

The theme:

“Strategic Framework and Action Roadmap For Africa's Digital Libraries & Archives”

Format of the conference:

-  26 - 27 May 2015 ~ a workshop on Policy issues and practical dimension of digital libraries and archives
-  28 – 29 May 2015 ~ Open plenary and specialized sessions on the various sub themes

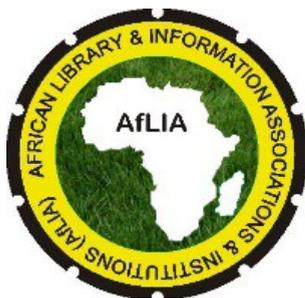
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African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA)
Association Africaine des Bibliothèques et des Institutions d'Information

Associação de Bibliotecas e Instituições de Informação

AfLIA will be holding its 1st Conference as an Association and the 3rd African Library Summit on

Theme:

"African Libraries Rising – Leadership and Innovation for Development "

Venue: Accra, Ghana

Conference dates: 30th May - 2nd June 2015

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