

# IFLA Africa Section

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### The 3rd African Public Libraries Summit .

It was held in Durban,  
South Africa on the 3rd  
to 4th July 2018.

Topics covered for dur-  
ing the summit were as  
follows

AFLIA focused on the de-  
velopment of libraries, infor-  
mation centers , library and  
information personnel to  
offer cutting edge modern  
services to people on the  
African continent to improve  
their livelihoods .

- African libraries, creating awareness of the AU 2063 and UN 2030 Agenda
- Access to information for peace, conflict resolution and regional integration in Africa
- Preservation and promotion of African cultural heritage and identity
- Libraries as drivers of sustainable economic growth and social progress for the Africa We Want
- Library and information services promoting good governance, democracy, human rights, justice and rule of law for sustainable development and creating the Africa We Want
- 21st century library digital Innovation competencies for sustainable development and building the Africa We Want

Data, telling our stories and

advocacy for the place of Librar-  
ies in sustainable development  
and building the Africa We  
Want

- Envisioning LIS education as an empowerment avenue for librarians to drive sustainable development for the Africa We Want.





## **NYWA 2018 UGANDA**

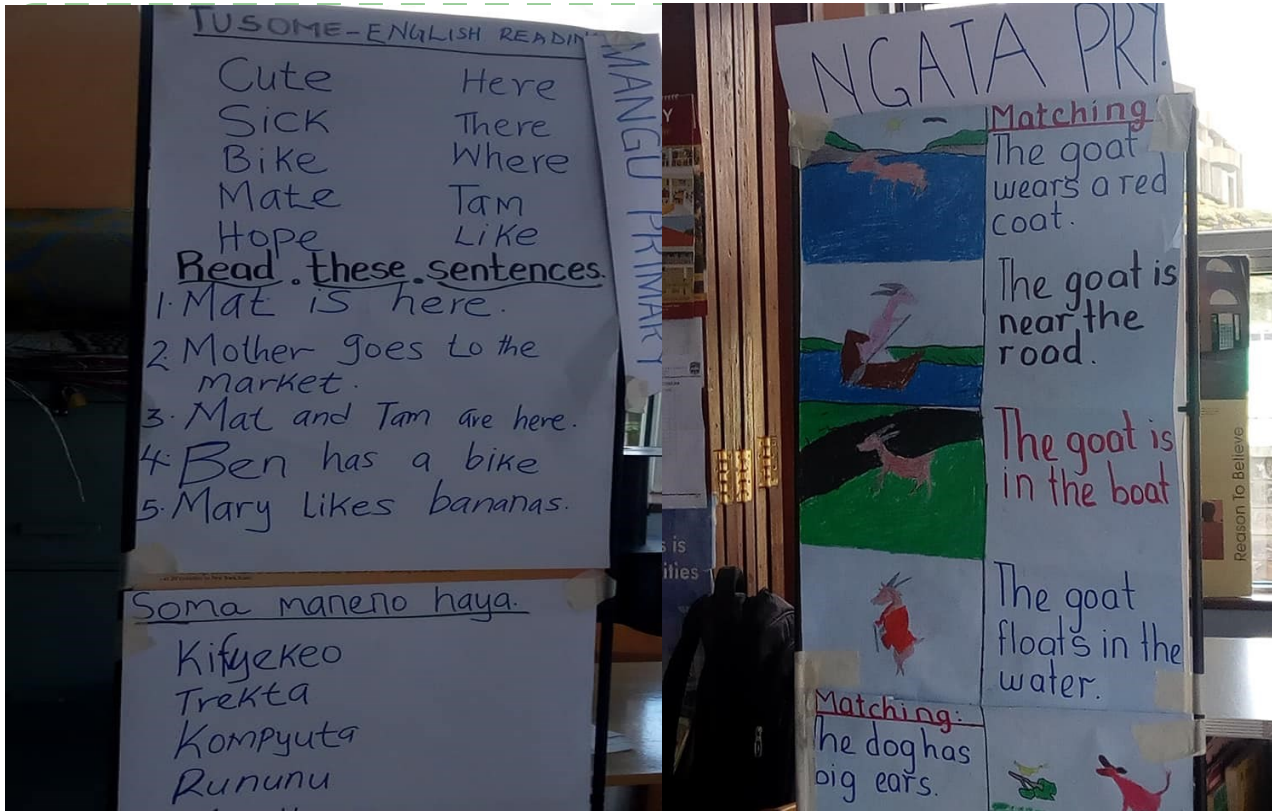
**A colourful day in Uganda as UYONET and Kawempe Youth Centre gathered at Kalerwe to raise awareness on the SDGs. A big thanks to all who joined in the campaign.**

**Fika Africa Foundation, Central College Kawempe and all the KYC young people and staff. Special thank were given to**

**@UYONET [Act4SDGs](#) @UNSDSN -Youth .**

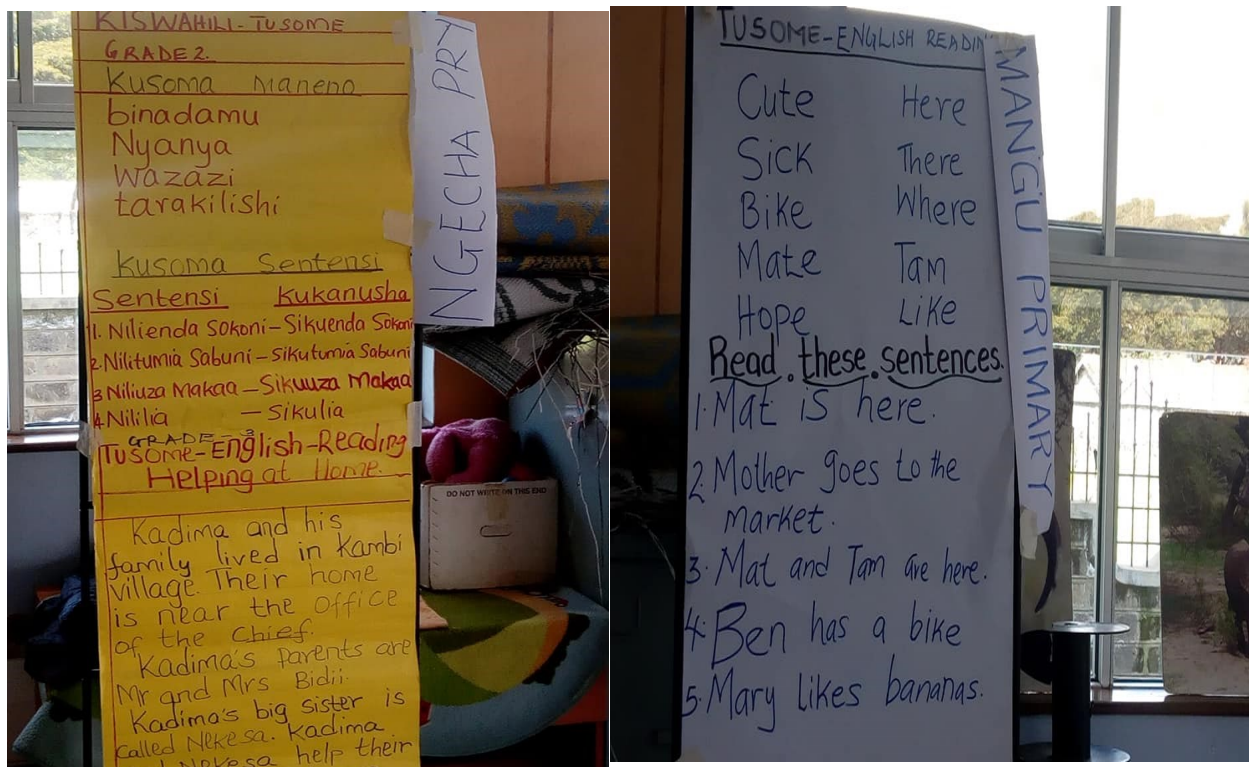






**The first ever Reading Exhibition in Nakuru , in Kenya was held in partnership with Nakuru county Youth Bunge, USAID, TUSOME, Ministry of Education Kenya and the Kenya**

**National Library Service. The aim is to help improve literacy in grade 1-3 in support of SDG no. 4 promoting access to Quality Education for All. Each school exhibited their reading program activities**



## **SCECSAL April 2018, UGANDA , ENTEBBE.**

**The SCECSAL General Council has recognised five individuals - one from Kenya, two each from Uganda and Zambia respectively – for their dedication and contribution to the development of SCECSAL since its establishment in 1974 and awarded them the SCECSAL Excellence Award. The SCECSAL Excellence Award, in form of a plaque, was introduced in January this year and the SCECSAL member Associations were invited to nominate individuals to be considered for the Award, and associations from eSwatini, Kenya, Namibia, Uganda and Zambia submitted their nominations.**

**The standing conference of Eastern, Central and southern African Library and Information Associations held a conference in Uganda on the 23rd to 28th April 2018.**

**The theme for the conference was Positioning Library and Information services to achieve Sustainable development: Innovations and Partnerships**

**The main objective of the conference was to :**

To provide a platform for learning new initiatives and innovations in the field of LIS



**Prof. Isaac N.M. Kigongo-Bukenya (R) receiving the award from the Mayor of Entebbe, His Worship Vincent De Paul Kayanja**



## Africa Can Lead: IFLA Addresses African Ministers.



(l-r) Mandla Ntombela (LIASA), Glòria Pérez-Salmeron (IFLA President), John Tsebe (AfLIA President), Gerald Leitner (Secretary General)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of African ministers responsible for libraries took place on 5-6 July in Durban, South Africa. IFLA President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón and Secretary General Gerald Leitner were proud to be there in support of efforts to strengthen the African library field .

The meeting included clear updates on what governments across Africa have been doing to implement the commitments they made. The importance of the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#), as well as the place of [IFLA's Library Map of the World](#) in broader efforts to strengthen the sector was clear.

A new Declaration was agreed, confirming the importance of supporting the work of libraries, and reaffirming the importance of working with our institutions to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals. IFLA will share a short brief on the declaration shortly, once the final version is published.

The IFLA Africa Section Mid-Term meeting was held from the 19th -20th April, 2016 at the Makerere University Library, Kampala, Uganda. The Section was honored by the presence at the meeting of Ms. Ingrid Bon, IFLA Manager Development Programmes



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***Librarians during the first meeting that was held in Botswana International University of Science and Technology.***

The main purpose of the Forum is to bring together library professionals in and around Palapye with a view to sharing experiences and leveraging on each other's skills, competencies and strengths for service improvement in libraries. In view of this purpose the Forum is currently implementing an initiative called "Nketela", which entails visiting local libraries for assessment and possible support.



Obituaries.

**It is with great sadness that to inform the LIS community of the passing of Dr. Henri Sene. Henri, before retiring was Lecturer at EBAD (Ecole de Bibliothecaires, Archivistes et Documentalistes), the Cheikh Anta Diop University School of Library, Archives and Information science. He became the Dean of EBAD and after his term, he joined the Cheikh Anta Diop University Library as Director of Library Services. He led the Cheikh Anta Diop University library Extension and renovation program. During this period he was also the manager of the IFLA Africa Office.**

