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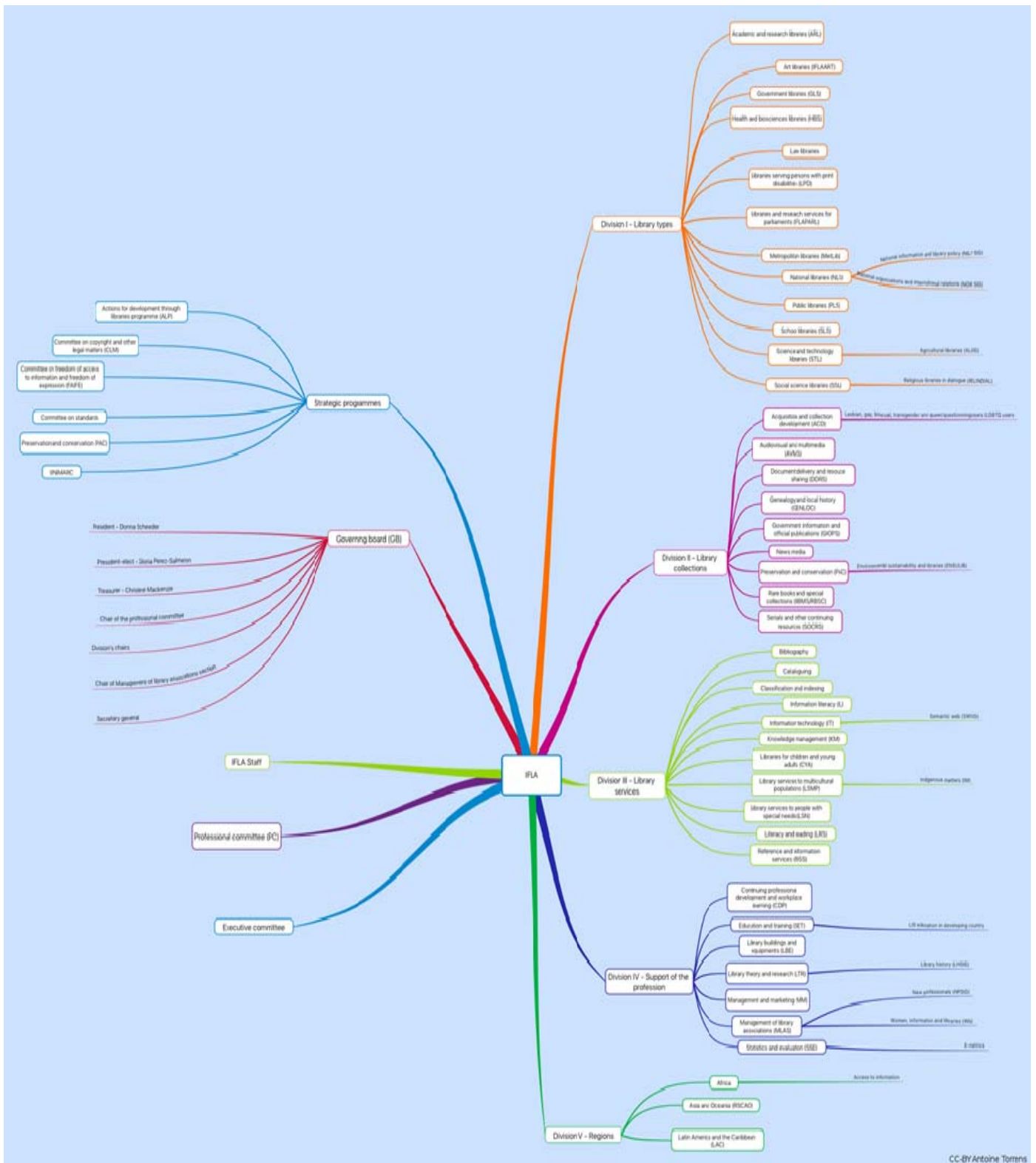


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The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)



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<https://npsig.wordpress.com/2016/05/23/an-ifla-mindmap/>

An IFLA mind map created by the [New professionals special interest group](#)

The mind map is meant to help you understand IFLA.

## Regional associations



### [African Library & Information Associations & Institutions AFLIA](#)

**AFLIA is an independent international not-for-profit organization which pursues the interests of library and information associations, library and information services, librarians and information workers and the communities they serve in Africa. It was established in 2013 and registered as an international non-governmental organisation (NGO) under the laws of Ghana in October 2014.**

<http://aflia.net>



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**SCECSAL is a regional forum for library and information associations in Africa. Membership to SCECSAL is open to national library and information associations from the following countries: Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Congo Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**



<https://twitter.com/scecsal>



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## The Arab Federation for Libraries and Information (AFLI)

The Arab Federation for Libraries and Information (AFLI) is the largest professional body representing the interests of library and information services in the Arab World. It is an independent, non-governmental and not-for-profit. The federation was founded in 1986 in Tunisia.

The aim of AFLI is to bring approximately 450 participants from numerous Arab countries to uphold the field of librarianship and information science. The conference is the combined efforts of AFLI and Tunisian National Library.

<http://arab-afl.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/aflinfo/>

## ***West African Library Association (WALA)***

The West African Library Association (WALA) was founded in 1954. It was a properly constituted professional library association for West Africa. Its aims<sup>1</sup> were:

1. To unite all person interested in libraries and librarianship, by holding conferences and meetings, by issuing publications, and by any other means.
2. To safeguard and promote the professional interests of librarians, and to promote the establishment and development of libraries.
3. To watch any legislation affecting libraries, and to assist in the promotion of such legislation as may be considered necessary for the regulation and management or extension of libraries within the English-speaking territories of West Africa.
4. To promote and encourage bibliographical study and research, and library co-operation.



## 2016 IFLA Africa Section Satellite Meeting

Building Cross Cultural Capabilities for Universal Access to Information and Knowledge in Africa

### When

11 – 12 August 2016

### Where

University of Ohio, Athens, Ohio, USA

The IFLA Africa Section invites Librarians, Information Scientists and other stakeholders to the Africa Section Satellite Conference in Ohio, USA.

The papers at the meeting will address one or more of the Sub-themes in English or French:

### Sub-themes

- Role of libraries in empowering communities in Africa
- Libraries and Cultural Development
- Social media and community library out reach
- Intellectual Property
- Partnerships and collaboration: inspiring and exciting opportunities for libraries
- Creating synergies for research for Library professionals in Africa
- Building cross cultural capabilities to build strong libraries for strong societies

See our dedicated website: [Africa Section Satellite Meeting – IFLA 2016](#)

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**Africa Section Focus at IFLA World Library and Information Congress 82nd  
IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 13–19 August 2016, Columbus,  
Ohio, United States of America**

**Saturday 13 August 2016**

**Business Meetings**

**17:30 - 18:30 C222**

**Session 050, Caucus - Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Sunday, 14 August 2016**

**08:30 - 10:00 C216**

**Session 068, Division Leadership Forum: Division V**

The Division V Leadership Forum is a meeting of all Officers (Chairs and Secretaries of the Sections) and Special

Interest Group Conveners from IFLA's Division V, Regions, a group of Professional Units representing interests in the three regions Africa, Asia Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Chairs: Victoria Okojie (Chair Division V, Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN), Nigeria)**

**Business Meetings**

**13:45 - 15:45 C223**

**Session 084, SC I - Africa**



**Tuesday 16, August 2016**

**13:45 - 15:45** Union Station Ballrooms A/B/C

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***Session 145, Creating an Enabling Information Environment for Africa: Taking the Cape Town Declaration Forward - Africa (SI)***

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**Chairs:** Rosemary Shafack, and Katherine Matsika

**1. Enabling technology driven library environment in Sub-Saharan African**

**Universities: A study of the Carnegie Continuing Professional Development**

**Programme experience vis-à-vis the participants work enhancement**

Richerd Bruce Lamptey (Kwame Nkurumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana)

Dinah Koteikor Baidoo (Ashesi University College, Ghana)

Anna Adwoa Hassan (Kwame Nkurumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana)

Marlene Holmner (School of Information Technology, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

[Paper in English](#)

**2. Information Literacy, Research, Scholarship and Publication; Comparative of**

**PhD Students in Nigerian and South African Universities**

Elizabeth Adetola Oyewo (University of Kwazulu- Natal, South Africa)

Samuel Umoh Uwem (University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa)

[Paper in English](#)

**3. Building strong partnerships in Library Community through the Jay Jordan**

**IFLA/OCLC Early Career Fellowship Program for Continuing Professional**



## **Development.**

Sarah Kaddu (East African School of Library and Information Science, Makerere University, Uganda)

**Wednesday 17, August 2016**

### **Business Meetings**

08:00 - 09:30 C226

Session 161, SC II – Africa

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## IFLA Building Strong Library Associations In Africa

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### **BSLA Projects in Africa**

The following projects are part of the regional approach to Building Strong Library Associations 2013-2016 in Africa.

#### *Botswana*

##### [Botswana Library Association \(BLA\)](#)

### **Project**

- Botswana: Governance restructure and regional benchmarking, Botswana Library Association  
*Implemented 2015*

### **Project objectives**

- Drafting a statute for the recognition of Botswana Library Association by parliament. Build awareness of BLA and enhance leadership and sustainability.

#### *Cameroon*

##### [The Cameroon National Library Association \(ABADCAM\)](#)

### **Project**

- Building Strong Library Associations in French Speaking Countries in Central and West Africa (Cameroon, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Benin, Mali, Madagascar)  
*Implemented 2015*

## **Project objectives**

- To establish networking and strategic partnership through capacity building and provide advocacy and marketing training.

### *Swaziland*

#### [Swaziland Library and Information Association \(SWALA\)](#)

## **Project**

- Strategic Planning Workshop for the Swaziland Library Association (SWALA)  
*Implemented 2015*

## **Project objectives**

- Formulate a vision and mission for SWALA. Establish strategic initiatives and action plans in preparation for the upcoming SCECSAL 2016

### *Uganda*

#### [Uganda Library and Information Association \(ULIA\)](#)

## **Projects**

- Membership drive and retention project, Uganda Library and Information Association  
*Implemented 2015*
- Constitutional Review and development of by-laws for the improvement of governance and management performance for ULIA  
*Implemented 2015*

## **Project objectives**

- Draft National Information and Communication Technology Policy by bringing together executive members of Library Information Services, regional government officials and ULIA members to formulate a five year plan that will help design a constitution for ULIA.
- [BSLA project outcome](#)

### *Zambia*

#### [Zambia Library and Information Association \(LIAZ\)](#)

## **Project**

- Advocacy and strategic planning, Zambia Library and Information Association, Implemented 2015

## **Project objectives**

- Develop a strategic plan that will help the association improve national policies that affect libraries and promote professional standards within Zambian libraries. Create standard guidelines so that all libraries are work parallel with service delivery
- [BSLA project outcome](#)

### *Zimbabwe*

#### [Zimbabwe Library Association \(ZIMLA\)](#)

## Projects

- Strategic Planning Workshop for the Zimbabwe Library Association  
*Implemented 2014*
- Advocacy Workshop to Revise and Include Libraries and Access to Information for all in Draft National Information and Communication Technology Policy  
*Implemented 2015*

## Project objectives

- Main objectives of these projects were to create a new vision, mission and values. Improve strategic planning through forming initiatives and action plans with achievable targets. Improve advocacy skills and engage with policy makers and raise awareness of policies that affect library information services.
- [BSLA project outcome](#)

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## *BSLA Global Meeting in Manila*

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### Library associations are stronger together: IFLA hosts first ever BSLA Global Meeting in Manila, Philippines



Library association leaders, IFLA leadership, staff and trainers participated in a milestone event for the Building Strong Library Associations programme in Manila, Philippines 30 May-2 June 2016. The first ever BSLA Global Meeting, hosted by IFLA in partnership with the Philippine Librarians Association (PLAI), highlighted the stories, challenges and successes from associations that have participated in the programme since the expansion of the programme to a regional model since 2014 across Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The programme has reached over 60 countries since commencing in 2010 and is continuing to work with new participants and supporters – from the newest to longer established associations, among them the Library and Information Association of Qatar, under establishment since 2014, and the Danish Library Association with a history of more than 100 years.

IFLA President Donna Scheeder inspired associations to answer the “Call to Action” and to make concrete plans to collaborate and to work to advance the library field, and to support IFLA’s Global Advocacy work. Outgoing IFLA Secretary General Jennefer Nicholson highlighted the contribution of so many people to making BSLA a success, and incoming Secretary General Gerald Leitner closed the week of activities with a presentation on the challenges facing the library field in the future and action associations need to take to respond.



In parallel to a series of workshops and activities that provided opportunities for learning about sustainability and advocacy on issues including the UN 2030 Agenda, and networking with associations within and across regions, the meeting included a substantial focus on evaluation to capture stories from projects implemented at the regional and country level, and to make recommendations about the future of BSLA. As IFLA's flagship capacity building programme, the model includes training, mentoring, cross-country and cross-regional activities. The BSLA model is an important platform for all library associations to improve their services and to benefit all library users, and the foundation for IFLA's global development and regional actions in the years to come. The results of the evaluation will be shared during the IFLA Congress in Columbus Ohio, at the ALP session together with stories from many of the participating associations.



The meeting achieved a number of objectives:

- Reviewed and celebrated the outcomes and impact of the programme and projects from 2014 onwards
- Supported networking between associations and activities to support continued collaboration after participating in BSLA
- Raised awareness about trends and factors that will influence the role of associations and potential for advocacy in the future
- Reviewed the programme over its lifespan since 2010 to develop a future strategy and linkages with other IFLA programmes

During the meeting, associations made presentations about their achievements as a result of implementing a BSLA project with support from IFLA. The presentations can be found here:

- [ASEAN](#)
- [Botswana](#)

- [Cameroon](#)
- [Colombia](#)
- [Indonesia](#)
- [Myanmar](#)
- [Peru](#)
- [PIALA](#)
- [Qatar](#)

- [Sri Lanka](#)
- [Swaziland](#)
- [Uganda](#)
- [Ukraine](#)
- [Zambia](#)
- [Zimbabwe](#)

<http://www.ifla.org/bsla>



### John Tsebe visit to Botswana Library Association (BLA)

*“I attempted to create some awareness to several constituencies. I spoke about the IAP at the following occasions:*

*1. Seminar arranged by BLA at University of Botswana Library auditorium. Jennifer Nicholson also spoke at this Seminar. The seminar was well attended with very interesting discussions.*

*2. All members of the Library Management Committee/Team at University of Botswana Library.*

*3. A group of all Academic Librarians in Botswana from different tertiary institutions in Botswana.*

*4. The University of Botswana Department of Library and Information Studies, both teaching staff and graduate students*

*5. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs.*

*6. National Librarian of Botswana, and the*

*7. Vice-President of the Republic of Botswana.*

*I met him with the President of Botswana Library Association accompanied by Kay Raseroka.*

*My visit to the Botswana Library Association was extremely productive from the Advocacy point of view.*

*Thank you very for all the assistance.”*



## ZimLA Advocacy Workshop held in Harare to Increase Advocacy Initiatives

By Zimbabwe Library Association



Mr. John Tsebe and Mrs. Nthabiseng Kotsokoane with ZimLA NEC members who participated in the Advocacy Workshop held recently in Harare.

The Zimbabwe Library Association (ZimLA) successfully held an Advocacy and National Information Policy Formulation (NIP) Workshop at Cresta Lodge, Harare from 5 – 6 May 2016. The workshop was designed to build capacity for Librarians to enable them to effectively advocate for Access to Information for All. It was also meant to equip Librarians with skills to design, develop, implement, monitor and review a National Information Policy (NIP), either as a standalone policy or as a section in the National Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Policy that is currently in its draft form.

ZimLA is grateful to the International Federation of Library Association (IFLA) who sponsored the workshop under its Building Strong Library Association (BSLA) programme and highly appreciative of the capable facilitation provided by the two experts of Mr. John Tsebe and Mrs. Nthabiseng Kotsokoane.

The workshop brought together the leadership of the ZimLA National Executive Council (NEC) and Chairpersons of the ZimLA Provincial Branches of Manicaland, Mashonaland, Masvingo and Matebeleland Chapters. It provided a platform for exploring how ZimLA and libraries throughout the country could best contribute to the attainment of Zimbabwe's national socio-economic development agenda, the Zim Asset through the provision of Access to Information for All. It became evidently clear that libraries and the provision of access to information for all is pivotal in the development discourse. The deliberations at the workshop amplified ZimLA's responsibility to facilitate meaningful dialogue with stakeholders such as Decision and Policy Makers as ZimLA seeks to consolidate the position of libraries and provision of Information for development.

Public libraries ability to strengthen the role of libraries in the development agenda was scrutinized with the view of promoting access to information for all. It was noted that the public libraries have the capacity to strengthen the role of libraries in national development and therefore innovative strategies should be developed that will bring out this importance. An example of an initiative given during the workshop was that public libraries should actively gather and distribute copies of the Zimbabwe Agenda for Sustainable Socio-Economic Transformation (Zim-ASSET). Public Libraries should also hold workshops and discussion fora where eminent policy-makers are invited to articulate Zim-Asset to communities. Translations of the Zim-Asset documents could be organised with Public Library involvement for distribution in vernacular languages.

During the workshop, participants got an opportunity to understand the information policy formulation and promulgation processes with a view to actively participate in the ongoing review of the current draft National ICT policy. From the ensuing deliberations participants observed that the aspect of information and libraries was not covered in the ICT policy and therefore advocacy initiatives are required to lobby the Draft committee to include the aspect on Access to Information for All. Thus it was incumbent upon ZimLA to advocate for the inclusion of libraries and access to information for all first with this Ministry as well as with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and other relevant Ministries.

At the conclusion of the workshop, a Working Group was enacted to finalise on the Advocacy Action Plan and the framework of the National Information Policy that were formulated. The Work Group, led by ZimLA President Mr. Lantern Fusire, includes the Acting Director of the National Library and Documentation Services (NLDS), Mrs. Tesah Stimah, ZimLA Advocacy Officer Mr. J L Maenzanise, ZimLA Secretary General Mrs. H Ncube and the ZimLA Editor Mr. K Mangemba.

SOURCE: [Zimbabwe Library Association](#)

## Launch of the PERSIST digital heritage selection Guidelines



[L to R: Ingrid Parent, Dr. Abdulla El Reyes, Julia Brungs, Frank la Rue](#)



The UNESCO PERSIST Project, an initiative of UNESCO, ICA, IFLA and other partners, for enhancing the sustainability of digital heritage, has now launched The UNESCO/PERSIST Guidelines for the selection of digital heritage for long-term preservation.

The aim of the Guidelines is to provide an overarching starting point for libraries, archives, museums and other heritage institutions when drafting their own policies on the selection of digital heritage for long-term sustainable digital preservation.



The Guidelines target institutions, professionals and administrators on every level and in every region of the world in order to review existing material for selection, highlight important issues, and offer guidance when drafting institutional policies, they were written by a team of seven authors from the libraries, archives, and museums community.

We encourage everyone to use the Guidelines as a starting point for the institutional policies. If you do use the Guidelines, we would very much appreciate any feedback you have in order to improve them and make the truly usable for all communities.

Please send your feedback to: [cultural.heritage@ifla.org](mailto:cultural.heritage@ifla.org)

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### *Submitting an Article for Next Month's Newsletter*

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You are invited to submit articles to be featured in the IFLA Africa Section Newsletter

You may submit text in a language other than English. However, it will have to be accompanied by an English summary, so that those who don't speak your language can get the gist of it. Pictures with caption are welcomed.

If you want to see what others have written so far, please go to Africa Section Newsletter

Please send your contributions to the:

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## Events

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### **Unisa/IFLA Regional Office for Africa Annual Public Lecture Series: “African Librarianship in the 21st Century”**



*The Executive Director of the Unisa Library Services,  
Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata cordially invites you to the 9th Annual  
Unisa/IFLA Regional Office for Africa Annual Public Lecture on  
African Librarianship in the 21st Century.*

### **Title:**

*“The Book Famine for Blind and Visually Impaired People in Africa  
– are African Libraries ready to implement the Marrakesh Treaty”*

**Date:** 13 July 2016  
**Speaker:** Francois Hendrikz  
Director/CEO of South African Library for the Blind  
**Time:** 10h00  
**Place:** Kgorong Building  
Level 4, Function Hall  
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# LIBRARIANS' REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

(Federal Ministry of Education)



## 2016

### 3rd MANDATORY CONFERENCE of CERTIFIED LIBRARIANS in NIGERIA



## THEME: CHANGING LIBRARIES THROUGH ENHANCED ACCESS: A CALL FOR ACTION

**Post-Conference workshop on Libraries, the SDGs and AU Agenda 2063 on Thursday, 10th November, 2016**

**Venue: Olusegun Obasanjo Space Center  
Airport Road, Lugbe**

**Date: 6th - 11th NOV, 2016**

#### SUB-THEMES

- Information Technology and Community Engagement: The Role of Librarians
- ICTs Tools for Enhancing Access to Information (Social Media, Portals, Mobile Apps etc) Case Studies
- Libraries and Digital Collections: Building Collaborations
- Conceptual Model for Continuous Professional Development: Current Issues and Emerging Trends
- Self Development for Enhanced Productivity

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Plenary Sessions
- Drilldown Sessions
- World Café and Development of Action Plans for LIS sector in Nigeria
- Presentation of Report on research on measuring the impact of Libraries to National Development
- Unconference
- Poster Session
- Conference Dinner/Gala Night
- Tour of Libraries and Other Cultural Sites in Abuja

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*The University of Cape Town Libraries, in collaboration with SPARC Africa, SPARC USA, NRF and LIASA, are pleased to announce that it will be hosting an Open Access Symposium in Cape Town from 4 to 9 December 2016.*

The Symposium will bring together a range of international experts who will share their research, experience and expertise on the theme **Empowerment through open scholarship: transcending boundaries**. The theme exploits 'openness' to foster collaborative research activities and sharing that transcend the boundaries of resources and capacity. As the theme indicates, the open access movement has grown significantly over the last few years to include other areas of openness.

Professor John Willinsky, founder of the Public Knowledge Project and by default a pioneer of the library as publisher service, will be one of the keynote speakers. Prof. Willinsky, Kevin Stranack and Naim Kamran will be hosting the Library as Publisher Workshop which will be convened at UWC.

Another keynote speaker is Professor Herbert van de Sompel who is known, amongst others, for his role in the development of the Open Archives Initiative and standards such as OpenURL, Object Reuse and Exchange, and the OAI Protocol for Metadata Harvesting. Herbert van de Sompel's research, *Memento*, focuses on web archiving examining integration of web archives in regular web navigation. He is also part of an international team investigating the next generation of repositories. Over and above sharing the research findings on the next generation repositories project, van de Sompel will be speaking at the institutional repository workshop which will be hosted by CPUT.

Professor Barnard Rentier is a keynote from the University of Liège. The open access mandate at the University of Liège is considered as the ideal exemplar of a mandate. It inspired a unique collaboration among researchers, university management and library. Professor Harnad describes Bernard Rentier as the first rector/VC to fully grasp and fully act on OA. Harnad adds that "Bernard understood, implemented exactly the right mandate at Liège (Immediate Deposit/Optional Access, linked to performance evaluation) and, in addition, immediately assumed the leadership in university OA policy, not just in Europe but worldwide." Prof Rentier will be presenting on *Open access: challenging the norm in the academy*.

Another feature of the Symposium is the OpenCon session. Young, vibrant academics from developing and developed worlds share their experiences of pushing the boundaries of openness and challenging current conventions relating to the dissemination of research and research data.

The blend of inspired engagement lead by international experts with practical workshops is intended to provide the delegates with a full openness learning experience.

**Venue:** University of Cape Town (with workshops held at sister institutions)

**Date:** 4-9 December 2016

**Registration:** R4 000.00 early bird (31 October) and R5 000.00 from 1 November

\*Note that the workshops are free – you do not have to register for the Symposium to attend the workshops

A draft programme is available at <http://www.openaccess.lib.uct.ac.za/programme>.

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