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AFRICA-L

Africa Section mailing list.

The aim of the list is to facilitate communication with library community within the African continent

Post submissions: *africa-l@infoserv.inist.fr*

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ATINA-L

ATINA-L is the public discussion list for the IFLA Special Interest Group

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IFLA-L

A general discussion list for the international library and information community

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IFLA Africa



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Regional associations Events



SCECSAL XXIII, KAMPALA, UGANDA 23rd – 28th APRIL 2018

Theme: *Positioning Library and Information Services To Achieve Sustainable Development: Innovations and Partnerships*

ANNOUNCEMENT

[First Announcement](#) | [Call for Posters](#) | [Call for Workshop Proposals](#)

The SCECSAL XXIII Organizing Committee has the pleasure of inviting Library and Information Professionals and Development partners to the twenty third Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL XXIII) to be hosted by the Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA), in Kampala, Uganda.

Theme:

Positioning Library and Information services to achieve Sustainable development: Innovations and Partnerships.

Sub Themes:

1. Inclusive library and information services for national development
2. Universal literacy through library and information services
3. Broadening LIS partnerships to achieve SDGs
4. Innovations in LIS Education
5. Innovations in the delivery of Library and information services
6. Trends in Gender and information services
7. Library and Information Services advancing open governance
8. Agricultural information services and food security
9. Bettering health through Library and information services
10. Open data, Open science and Intellectual property
11. Data science and LIS institutions
12. Cloud Computing and Information management

13. Indigenous knowledge and preservation of cultural heritage
14. Effective records management to fight corruption
15. Promoting Information Ethics for sustainable development

Registration Fees:

Early Bird (1 February 2017 - 31 January 2018)	US\$360
Late Registration (1 February 2018 - 31 March 2018)	US\$400
On-site Registration (1 April 2018 - 24 April 2018)	US\$430

For more information about the conference please visit the links below:

<http://scecsal.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.ulia.or.ug/>



<https://twitter.com/scecsal>

*The 10th Annual UNISA / IFLA Regional Office for Africa
Annual Public Lecture on Africa Librarianship in the 21st
century.*

*The Title for the 2017 Lecture was: Unpacking the role of Libraries and
the Implementation of the SDGs in Africa*

*Speaker: Dr Aida Opoku-Mensah. Special Advisor to the Executive Secretary – SDGs &
Special Initiatives*

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Discussant: Dr Buhle Mbambo – Thata

*Director- Resources Development of the African Library and Information
Association and Institutions (AfLIA)*

RECORDING IS AVAILABLE @: [HTTP://WWW.LIASA.ORG.ZA/WEBINARS-2/](http://www.liasa.org.za/webinars-2/)

2ND AFLIA CONFERENCE & 4TH AFRICA LIBRARY SUMMIT

When: 13 – 15 May 2017

Where: Djeuga Palace Hotel, Yaoundé, Cameroon

Theme: *Libraries In The Development Agenda: Repositioning African Libraries to Deliver On “The*

Future We Want”

IFLA at AFLIA Conference



President-Elect of IFLA – Ms. Gloria Perez-Salmeron and Secretary General of IFLA – Mr. Gerald Leitner

2nd AfLIA Conference opening ceremony



The amazing Choir: The University of Yaoundé choir

Delegates hard at work



The harambe Led by Irene Onyancha for the President fund

Africa section Mid Term Meeting in Cameroon.

13 – 15 May 2017

Djeuga Palace Hotel, Yaoundé, Cameroon

Graced by the His Majesty, TENENG SIKOD III, Tisagli Village - Pinyin Clan, Santa sub-Division, North West Region - Cameroon,

Association des bibliothécaires, archivistes, documentalistes, et museographes du Cameroun (ABADCAM) and The University Librarians from Cameroon.

Main Agenda: Section Reports
Global Vision discussion
Conferences 2017 and 2018
Venue for the Midterm meeting 2018.....Watch the space

Majesty, TENENG SIKOD III, Tisagli, LIndi Nhlapho and Nyarai Chibanda

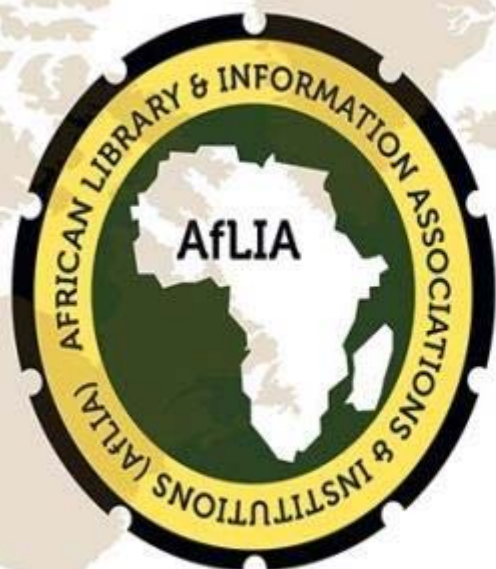


ABADCAM) and the University Librarians from Cameroon



The President's Fund

An Invitation to Donate



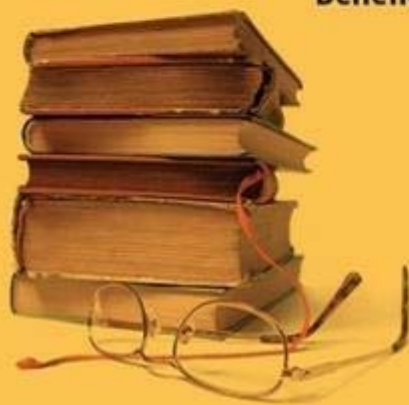
The purpose of the AFLIA President's Fund is to facilitate innovation and sustainability of our Pan- African Library Association, AFLIA. The fund will be utilised for special innovative projects, emergencies, and specialist operations.

A donation to the President's Fund will enable the President to respond speedily to new opportunities and challenges that may face this association. The Fund is an integral component of maintaining and improving innovation within AFLIA.

The donation to this fund will provide flexible support for AFLIA to fund areas of greatest need; give strength to AFLIA's efforts to support the realisation of the AU 2063 Agenda "the Africa We Want" and the UN 2030 Sustainable

Development Goals; respond to disasters, and support emerging library associations. This Fund enables the President and AFLIA to respond to Africa's libraries as they respond to the development needs of their communities.

To transfer a donation please pay to the following bank Bank Details.



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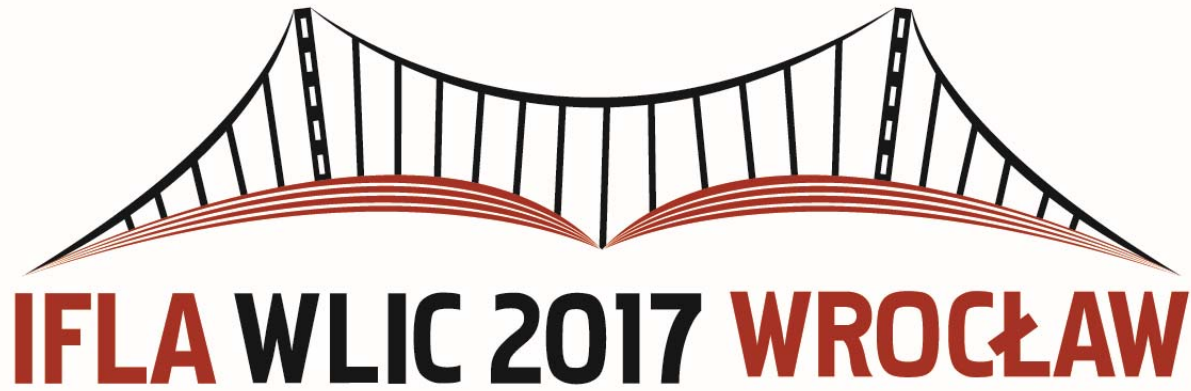
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IFLA World Library and Information Congress

83rd IFLA General Conference and Assembly

19–25 August 2017, Wrocław, [Poland](#)

Libraries. Solidarity. Society.

Full Programme available at:

<http://2017.ifla.org/now-available-full-conference-programme-including-speaker-presentation-details>

Africa Section Sessions @ IFLA WLIC 2017

Congress Programme, Auditorium Hall (SI)

19.08.2017, 18:00 – 18:45

Session 049 Caucus - Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean

Business Meetings, Oval 11

20.08.2017, 08:00 – 10:00

Session 063 SC I – Africa

Business Meetings, Conference Room A

20.08.2017, 13:45 – 15:45

Session 084 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, and a group of Professional Units representing interests in the three regions Africa, Asia Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The meeting is convened by the Division Chair.

Special Sessions, Multifunctional Hall

21.08.2017, 13:45 – 15:45

Session 118 IFLA Global Vision Discussion - IFLA

IFLA's Global Vision discussion brings together thousands of representatives of the library field worldwide to explore how a united library field can meet the challenges of the future. Join us in this exciting effort! During this session, we would like to reflect on highlights from the regional Global Vision workshops organized by IFLA between May and July 2017 in six regions: Africa, Asia and Oceania, Europe, Middle East and North Africa, and Latin American and the Caribbean. Attend and have your say about the future of the united library field against the trends in globalised societies.

Congress Programme, Off-site 6

22.08.2017, 09:15 – 15:00

Session 137 Understanding Your Library from the Inside Out: A Workshop in Library Ethnography for User Assessment - Social Science Libraries with Africa Section

Export with abstracts?

Workshop Location: Wroclaw University Library. ul. F. Joliot-Curie 12, 50-383 Wrocław, Poland

This off-site workshop will focus on helping librarians to understand and use ethnographic research methods--long used for cultural anthropology research--to better understand their libraries, their users, and how their services and collections are used. The workshop includes presentations by 2 leaders in the field: Lynn S. Connaway, Senior Research Scientist and Director of User Research at OCLC and Celia Emmelheinz, Anthropology and Qualitative Research Librarian at UC Berkeley. Through interactive/hands-on activities, the workshop participants will explore an "ethnographic toolkit" they can use to

better understand the context in which their users engage with their library and its resources. Topics covered include learning how to ask good research questions; honing participation and observation skills; engaging patrons in research through mapping and diaries; coding and interpreting findings, and using results to spark deeper engagement with the user community.

The workshop requires a [registration](#) and is limited to 30 participants. Lunch will be served.

Business Meetings, Conference Room A

23.08.2017, 08:00 – 10:30

Session 179 SC II – Africa

Congress Programme, Auditorium Hall (SI)

22.08.2017, 09:30 – 12:45

Session 139 Demonstrating the Contribution of Libraries to the UN 2030 Agenda: Examples from IFLA Division V. - Division V. (SI)

Chair: Rosemary Shafack, University of Buea, Cameroon

Chair: Kathy Matsika, National University of Science and Technology, Library, Zimbabwe

Presentation

Africa Section

1. Libraries as Engines for Social and Economic Empowerment - Best Practices and Results from a Partnership Project Between Tanzanian, Namibian and Finnish Libraries
Alli Mcharazo, Tanzania Library Services Board, Tanzania, United Republic of Minna
Koskinen, Finnish Library Association, Finland Kingo Mchombu, International University of Management, Namibia Namutenya Hamwaalwa, Library and Archives Services, Namibia

[Paper in English](#)

2. Rural Library Services and Community Initiatives in Zimbabwe Obadiah T Moyo, Rural Libraries & Resources Development, Zimbabwe Debra Chibaya, Robert Tredgold School Library, Zimbabwe

3. Lubutho Libraries in Zambia: Sustainable Development through Library and Information Services Kasonde Mukonde, Lubuto Library Partners, Zambia

4. Les Bibliothèques Africaines une Solution au Programme 2030 des Nations Unies. Demonstrating the Contribution of Libraries to the UN 2030 Agenda: Best Practices from Division of Regions. Alioune Cisse, Universite Cheikh Anta Diop Bibliotheque Centrale, Senegal

Latin America and the Caribbean Section

1. Mapeo de las iniciativas de bibliotecas latinoamericanas y caribeñas en apoyo al Plan Nacional de Desarrollo - Agenda 2030: proyecto integrado IFLA LAC 2017. Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira, University of São Paulo, Brazil

2. Curso de formación de Ecoguías para la comuna de Doñihue: Explorando otras formas de lecturas desde la Biblioteca Pública Municipal de Doñihue, Chile. Lucía Abello Abello, Colegio de Bibliotecarios de Chile AG, Chile

3. Tablet Cafe 60+ Astrid Britten, Aruba National Library, Aruba

4 The National Family Planning Board library providing current sexual and reproductive Health information to staff and the public. Dorrett A. McLean, National Family Planning Board - Sexual & Reproductive Health Agency, Jamaica

Asia and Oceania Section

1. TBA Christine Mackenzie, IFLA President-elect, Australia

2. TBA Wai Yin Pryke, National Library, National Library Board, Singapore

3. TBA Huanwen Cheng, Sun Yat-sen University Library, China

For information on the IFLA Africa Section, please see <http://www.ifla.org/en/africa>

ATINA

Congress Programme

08:30 - 10:30 Auditorium Hall (SI)

Session 220, Knowledge Systems for Sustainable Development Goals - Access to Information Network-Africa (ATINA) (SI)

Chair: Abraham Azubuiké (United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library, United States)

Chair: Helena R. Asamoah-Hassan (African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA), Ghana)

1. Knowledge Systems for Sustainable Development Goals: a Conceptual Framework

Abraham Azubuiké (United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library, United States)

2. Towards Sustainable Development Goals: What Role for Academic Libraries in Nigeria in Assuring Inclusive Access to Information for Learners with Special Needs?

Chinwe N. Ezeani (University of Nigeria, Nigeria)

Scholar C. Ukwoma (University of Nigeria, Nigeria)

Esther Gani (Kaduna State University, Nigeria)

Prince J. Igwe (University of Nigeria, Nigeria)

Chidimma G. Agunwamba (University of Nigeria, Nigeria)

[Paper in English](#)

3. Synergies for Libraries in the Least Developed Countries: the Technology Bank in Pursuit of Sustainable Development

Barbara Aronson (Research4Life, Switzerland)

Tomás González (United Nations Office of the High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS), United States)

Kimberly Parker (World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland)

Cathrin Stöver (GÉANT, Netherlands)

Americo B. Zampetti (United Nations Office of the High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS), United States)

[Paper in English](#)

4. Enabling Action Research and Action Learning for Enhanced Capacity and Empowerment across SDG Dimensions and Targets

R. I. Echezona (University of Abuja, Nigeria)

L. R. Mommoh (University of Abuja, Nigeria)

I.S. Afegbua (University of Abuja, Nigeria)

5. Open Educational Resources within a Knowledge System for Achieving Quality Education SDG

Lena Nyahodza (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

Reggie Raju (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

[Paper in English](#)



GLOBAL VISION DISCUSSION

Ready to tackle the challenges of the future? Let's hear from you!

IFLA needs your expert input and participation in the Global Vision discussion so we can make the library field as ready as possible for what tomorrow might bring. Face-to-face and online, future-oriented conversations will be taking place throughout the year. To make this a true global brainstorm, we want to see participation from all countries in the world.

Take action! You can help make it happen!

We encourage you to organise your own discussions and make use of our specially prepared guidelines. Share your input by sending us a simple, template-based report and let the world know about your engagement using the communication package.

More Information @

<https://globalvision.ifla.org/>

The challenges facing the library field from ever-increasing globalisation can only be met and overcome by an inclusive, global response from a united library field.

IFLA's Global Vision discussion brings together thousands of representatives of the library field worldwide to explore how a connected library field can meet the challenges of the future.

IFLA launches and facilitates this global discussion at a series of high-level meetings and workshops in different parts of the world following the kick-off event in Athens, Greece. Numerous meetings and online threads led by librarians

from all over the world will build on the momentum started in Athens. Simultaneously, this dedicated “Global Vision” website provides key information about the initiative and will also provide support materials as well as interactive mechanisms (e.g. real-time voting) that allow active participation in identifying future challenges and prioritizing actions that the library environment could take.

Conclusions from this conversation along with voting data will then be gathered and analysed by IFLA. This unique material will provide a basis for the IFLA Global Vision report which will be published in early 2018. Based on the report, the library field will develop concrete work plans on how to put our collective vision of the future into practice.

We firmly believe that only a unified and connected library field will be able to fulfil one of the true potentials of libraries: to build literate, informed and participative societies.

Gerald Leitner
IFLA Secretary General



Together we create the future. Join us!

*Global Vision Regional Workshop Africa
at the Djeuga Palace Hotel in Yaoundé, Cameroon*







Global Vision Regional Workshop Egypt (for the Middle East and North Africa [MENA] region)

In Alexandria, Egypt.

21 to 22 May 2017

IYALI (Initiative ‘Young African Library Innovators’), a peer learning and international networking experience for African public librarians.

IYALI is an initiative of the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP), in partnership with the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (ALIA) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The initiative aims to expose emerging public library innovators in Africa to experiences and ideas from other developing and transition economy countries.

Algeria – Djillali Chatane, Head of Information Services at Public Library of ‘Le Center Cultural Islamique’ of Oran. The library serves an urban community in the coastal city of Oran, which is Algeria’s second most important city after the capital city, Algiers.

Ghana – Felicia Kuubepuo, Library Assistant at Sunyani Public Library (Ghana Library Authority). This public and mobile library service serves 36 communities in Berekum municipality in southern Ghana.

Kenya –

Jemmimah Wangechi Maragwa, Librarian at Kangema Library, Kenya National Library Services. The library’s community includes many tea and coffee farmers.

Joseck Olala, ICT Officer at Nakuru Public Library, Kenya National Library Service. The library serves Nakuru County, whose population is predominantly young people, many of whom live in impoverished conditions in Rhonda slum.

Koi Kazungu, Senior Library Assistant at Kwale Community Library, Kenya National Library Service, which serves communities in Kwale County on Kenya’s south coast, where literacy levels among young people are low.

Malawi – Khumbo Ng’ong’ola, Readers’ Services Librarian at Malawi National Library Service, which manages 17 public libraries serving urban and rural communities across Malawi.

Namibia – Ezze Shipo, Senior Librarian at Okalongo Community Library, which serves business people, including many street vendors, and farmers living in and around Okalongo village in northern Namibia.

Nigeria – Ranti Ishola, Assistant Library Officer at Oyo State Library Board, which operates four libraries serving Oyo State in southwestern Nigeria.

South Africa –

Mukhethwa Patience Tshisikule, Reference Librarian at Bellville Public Library, which serves urban communities in the City of Cape Town Municipality in South Africa’s Western Cape Province.

Sydney Nkosi, Librarian at Emjindini Public Library in Mbombela Municipality, serving urban and rural communities in South Africa’s northeastern Mpumalanga Province.

Thuletu Brenda Mlumbi-Javu, Adult Librarian at Kuyasa Public Library, a new library that opened in 2015 to serve people living in the vast peri-urban settlement of Khayelitsha in South Africa’s Western Cape Province.

Tanzania –

Taus Hamad Banzi, Kibaha Regional Librarian (Tanzania National Library Board). Kibaha Public Library serves the coastal district of Kibaha, including Kibaha town and surrounding villages.

Shariff Mdanku, Librarian at Mwanza Regional library (Tanzania Library Service Board), which serves communities living in Mwanza Region on the shores of Lake Victoria in Northern Tanzania.

Jackline Mshana, Head of Projects and Programmes at Tanzania Library Service Board, which operates a network regional and district libraries serving communities all over Tanzania.

Uganda –

Betty Kabanyoro Wamara, Senior Assistant Librarian at Hoima Municipal Council Public Library which serves the town of Hoima in Uganda's Western Region.

Bonny Olobo, Adult Library Officer at Kampala Public Library in Kampala, Uganda's capital city.

Isa Maganda, Chief Librarian at Nambi Sseppuuya Community Resource Centre, serving a rural community living in and around Igombe Village in Jinja District, eastern Uganda

Zambia –

Given Mwenda Besa, Library Manager at Ngwerere Lubuto Library, which serves poor and vulnerable children in Lusaka, Zambia's capital city.

Allan Hagwelele Mudenda, Provincial Librarian at the Provincial Education Office, which manages libraries in Zambia's Southern Province.

Submitting an Article for Next Month's Newsletter

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

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