

IFLA AFRICA SECTION ACTION PLAN 2016-2017

Mission

To promote and support the advancement of the library and information profession and services in Africa in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Objective

The Africa Section exists among other things to:

1. Provide Strategic leadership for the LIS profession in Africa
2. Create Awareness on Global LIS issues and aligning the African LIS to the Development Agenda
3. Promote and strengthen Library Associations, the profession and Library/Information Services in Africa.
4. Create and maintain links with other Sections of IFLA as well as related bodies/institutions/organizations for the benefit of the profession and services in Africa

Action Plan 2016-17

1. To promote and support the implementation of the International Advocacy (IAP) programme of IFLA in the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Strategic Direction 2 -Information and Knowledge; Strategic Direction 1- Libraries and Society
2. To continue to implement the Building Strong Library Association (BSLA) Programme in an effort to strengthen library associations on the continent.
Strategic Direction 4- Capacity Building
3. To promote and support development programmes that focus on improved information use, reading and literacy in Africa.
Strategic Direction 2-Information and Knowledge

- To support the development of Public Libraries with emphasis on their specific role and the role of libraries in general in development.

Strategic Direction 1- Libraries and Society

- To Advocate for the endorsement of the Cape Town Declaration by African countries that have not yet done so and advocate for improved access to information and knowledge for development in Africa

Strategic Direction 2: Information and Knowledge

- To promote education and continuing professional development for the library and information profession in Africa.

Strategic Direction 4 – Capacity Building

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE IFLA AFRICA SECTION FROM WHICH THE ACTION PLAN FOR 2016-2017 IS CAPTURED

<i>Objectives What do you want to achieve? Use your list above</i>	<i>Project or activity What project or activity are you going to do?</i>	<i>Main tasks What are the specific things you need to do?</i>	<i>Responsibilities and timeline Who will do them and by when?</i>	<i>Resources Do you need specific skills, money or technology?</i>	<i>Communications How will you communicate your achievements? To whom? By when?</i>	<i>Measures of success How will you show the impact of your work?</i>	<i>Progress Report here the progress of your work, at least every month</i>
1. To promote and support the implementation of the IAP of IFLA in the achievement of the UN SDGs.	Awareness of IAP Programme In Africa	Identify and Train the Trainers	Chair and Secretary and SC members identified for core group of trainers	Yes for downstream activities after the initial training	Africa –C and Africa- L	Number of Librarians trained, No of Library Assoc. participating	Key person identified for training by HQ
2. To continue to implement the Building Strong Library Association (BSLA) Programme	Continue to Broaden BSLA On the Continent	Track the progress and assess where the programme is being implemented.	Ujala and Irene +Library Associations identified for mentorship i.e. Guinea Bissau Rwanda Swaziland	Required- Funding, Resource Persons, Technology- e.g teleconferencing. Advocacy skills	1.Reports circulated IFLA –L And IFLA-C -to SC Members during the year	Emergence vibrant, Effective and strong library associations in the identified countries and	

			Gambia, Sierra Leone, Monitor recent BSLA beneficiaries- Zambia, Uganda, Cameroon and Zimbabwe		& at Mid Term Meeting 2017 2.Communicate with the Section By email and Africa- C	countries around them.
3. To promote and support development programmes that focus on improved information use, reading and literacy in Africa.	Campaigns, Advocacy, Seminars Conferences Meetings	1.Organize national regional workshops to develop strategies for creating partnerships, promotion of literacy and reading culture: Libraries, NGOs, ICTs, & Telecentres 2. localize skills training after the 2016 Uganda regional Summit for public libraries on their new	1.Mid-Term Meeting- February 2017 -Irene 2. IFLA Congress August 2017-Rosemary 3.SC Members presenting at Regional gatherings 2016/17	1.Required- Funding, Resource Persons, Technology- e.g teleconferencing 2.Special skills – ICT skills, Project Management, Fundraising skills, Marketing skills Advocacy skills,	1.Reports circulated IFLA –L And IFLA-C -to SC Members at IFLA 2016 2.Hold Sessions at Regional and major Conferences, summits and professional meetings in 2016 such as SCECSAL and SCANUL , etc	1.Increased awareness of the role of libraries in promoting literacy and reading and skills development in this area. 2.Increased Partnerships with NGOs, in various projects such as Public and Community Libraries Project 3. Increased electronic infrastructure in public libraries 3. Narrowing the digital divide

**roles as
community
development
partners**

**3. To plan a
workshop on
sustainability
of electronic
library
services in
public
libraries:
electronic**

**infrastructure
issues,
costing,
effective
management.**

**To support
efforts on
closing the
digital divide.**

**4. To create
awareness on
the role of
libraries in
promoting
literacy and
life-long
learning
through**

**4 Increased /
Improved literacy
rate in most African
Countries**

		Library Associations and /or National Libraries.				
<p>4. To support the development of Public Libraries with emphasis on their specific role and the role of libraries in general in development</p>	<p>Publicity campaigns and Meetings. Advocacy on the changing roles of libraries. Campaign for libraries' role in SDGs</p>	<p>Representing the interest of IFLA's members and their users throughout the world. 2.Participate in global events. - increase our regional capacity and strengthen our regional presence and leadership through participation 3.Support the 2016 Uganda Public Library Summit</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend IFLA Congress 2016 2. ATINA Mtgs when held 3. AHILA when held 4. Support Regional Meetings for Southern and Eastern Africa, North and West Africa as and when held. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Required- Funding, Resource Persons, Technology- e.g teleconferencing 2.Special skills – ICT skills, Project Management, Fundraising skills, Marketing skills Advocacy skills 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Reports circulated IFLA –L And IFLA-C and Mid-Term Mtg 2017 2.Communicate with the Section By email 3.Hold Sessions at Regional and major Conferences, summits and professional meetings in 2016/17such as SCECSAL and SCANUL in Swaziland etc. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Adherence to the Cape Town Declaration- a follow-up on post 2015 SDGs 2. holding workshops/ briefings at all the regional meetings in East, West, Southern Africa and North Africa during 2016 3. Participants in the IFLA Leadership Program

<p>5. To advocate for the endorsement of the Cape Town Declaration by African countries that have not yet done so & advocate for improved access to information & knowledge for development in Africa</p>	<p>Communicating with the relevant Ministers and the Foreign Affairs Ministry via the AU</p>	<p>1. Participate in the forth coming SA coordinated Meeting of AU Ministers to be held during AfLIA 2. Organize an international forum on Africa Digital Libraries and Archives 3. Advocate for the adoption and promotion of Open Access Policies.</p>	<p>1.Work in collaboration with SA Deputy Minister of Arts & Culture; AU Ministers responsible for Libraries 2. Work with AfLIA in organizing the meeting of Ministers in 2017 3. Celebrate Open Access Week in October 2016/17 at member institutions, Associations(SC Members) 4.Attend ICADLA 5 when organized in 2016/17 – Abraham And Support ATINA program at IFLA Congress 4.Continued participation in UNESCO Memory of the World-Helena</p>	<p>1.Required funding to service meeting Teas and lunch.</p>	<p>1.Reports from the meeting circulated to IFLA HQ, circulated through IFLA –L 2. Report at Mid-Term Mtg 2017 3.Hold Sessions at Regional Conferences, summits on the Cape Town Declaration at professional gatherings in 2016/17</p>	<p>1.An increase in Signatories to the Cape Town Declaration 2. Adoption and implementation by more States in 2017 3. .Completion of the ICADLA Project 4. Increased adoption of Open Access policies by institutions and associations 3.Commemoration of the Open Access Week 4. Continued participation in Memory of the World 5. Increased awareness and setting up of preservation projects 6.A set of guidelines for the digital libraries</p>
<p>6. To promote education and</p>	<p>Transforming the profile and</p>	<p>1. Participate in the review</p>	<p>1.Work in collaboration with LIS Education in</p>	<p>1.Required-Funding,</p>	<p>1.Reports circulated</p>	<p>1.A transformed profile and</p>

<p>continuing professional development for the library and information profession in Africa</p>	<p>the standing of the profession in the Continent</p>	<p>of curricula in library schools in Africa 2. Compile a Directory of Library and Information Science Schools 3. Input information on Africa into the IFLA World Report & link Web page 4. Encourage organization of at least one national LIS professional development programme</p>	<p>Developing World to set agenda for change. Black Caucus (US) etc 2. Meet on sidelines of IFLA Congress/at regional meetings at SCECSAL, SCANUL 2016/17. 3. Work with LIS institutions on curricula. Updates at Regional gatherings as above 4. Provide local content to compilers of IFLA World Report</p>	<p>Resource Persons, Academics in the LIS field, Technology- e.g teleconferencing 2. Special skills – ICT skills, Project Management, Fundraising skills, Marketing skills Advocacy skills</p>	<p>IFLA –L And IFLA-C -to SC Members at Mid-Term Mtg February 2017 2. Communicate with the Section By email 3. Hold Sessions at Regional and major Conferences, summits and professional meetings in 2016/17 such as SCECSAL and SCANUL etc.</p>	<p>standing of the profession 2. Adoption of new curricula accommodating emerging developments in Training institutions 3. Directory of LIS compiled and published 4. Increased local content on Africa in the IFLA World Report 2016</p>
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