IFLA AFRICA SECTION STRATEGIC PLAN

Actions

1.1 To implement the Building Strong Library Association (BSLA) programme.

1.1.1 To identify Library Associations in the region who would benefit from the programme and extend it to countries surrounding them.

1.1.2 To establish an African Library and Information Associations & Institutions.

Strategic Direction: To implement the Building Strong Libraries Programme

Outcome: Effective and strong library associations in the region

Goal 2

To promote and support development programmes that focus on improved information use, reading and literacies in Africa.

Strategic Direction: Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information.

Goal 1c/Priority Activity 3.2

Outcome: Increased awareness of the role of libraries in promoting literacy and reading and skills development in this area.

Actions

2.1 Organize national regional workshops to develop strategies for creating partnerships for promotion of literacy and reading culture: Libraries, NGOs, ICTs, and Telecentre.

2.2 Organize a regional workshop for public libraries on their new roles in society through Public Libraries Summit.

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.

2.3 To create awareness on the role of libraries in promoting literacy and life-long learning through Library Associations and/or National Libraries.
Goal 3
To promote the role of libraries in the Information Society

Strategic Direction: Representing the interest of IFLA’s members and their users throughout the world.

Goal 4a, 4b, 4d/Priority Activity 4.1, 4.4, 4.7
Outcome:

Goal 4
To drive access to content and digital resources for library users.

Strategic Direction
Actions
4.1 To organize an international conference on Africa Digital Libraries and Archives (ICADLA-3) in Morocco in 2013.
4.2 To advocate for the adoption and promotion of Open Access Policies.
4.3 To work collaboratively to build a legal, technical and professional base to enable libraries play a major role in collecting, preserving and offering wide access to all types of physical and digital materials.
4.4 To participate in the UNESCO Memory of the World Project.

Goal 5
To promote education and continuing professional development for the library and information profession in Africa.

Strategic Direction: Transforming the profile and the standing of the profession

Goal 3b/Priority Activity 3.2

Actions
5.1 To participate in the review of curricula in library schools in Africa to accommodate emerging developments.
5.2 To compile a Directory of Library and Information Science Schools in Africa.

5.3 To input information on Africa into the IFLA World Report and create a link between the Section’s Web page and the report.

5.4 To encourage the organization of at least one continuing professional development programme at the national level for LIS professionals.

**Goal 6**

To promote documentation and preservation of indigenous knowledge and to advocate for moral rights, intellectual property and copyright for indigenous knowledge.

**Strategic Direction:**  Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information.

**Goal 1a, 1b, 1c, 1e Priority Activity 1.2,1.3,1.5**

**Outcome:** A set of guidelines for the digital preservation of IKS.

6.1 To build capacity on the continent on digital preservation of indigenous knowledge and develop guidelines for digital preservation of IKS.

**Goal 7**

To support the IFLA Presidential Theme.

**Goal 8**

To advocate for improved access to information and knowledge for development in Africa.

**Strategic direction:**  Empowering libraries to provide their user communities the avenues for timely and reliable access to information and knowledge to enable them to grow and thrive in their various endeavours.

**Goal 1a/Priority Activity 1.1.**

**Outcome:**
The existence of an active global network of professionals, that effectively advocate for adequate access to information and knowledge for development in Africa.
Actions

8.1. To sponsor and support the activities of Access to Information Network-Africa=Reseau d’acces à l’information en Afrique (ATINA/RAIA), the Section’s Special Interest Group on broadening access to information.

8.2. To facilitate fundraising to enable effective functioning and broad-based participation in the network.

8.3. To support the public library Network and

8.4. To support reading for people with special needs and minority groups