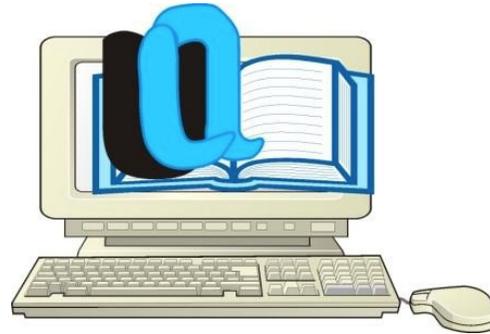




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Introduction: Uganda and ULIA profile

- **Uganda** is located in eastern Africa, west of Kenya, south of South Sudan, east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and north of Rwanda and Tanzania. It is in the heart of the Great Lakes region, and is surrounded by three of them, Lake Edward, Lake Albert, and Lake Victoria. Uganda is landlocked.
- Uganda's Total population in 2014 is 34.6 million with females constituting 51% of the Population and the Population density at 173 persons per square kilometer.
- Library Services in Uganda are not centrally managed. 32 Public Libraries are under the management of the National Library of Uganda (NLU); an entity under the Ministry of gender. These libraries face a number of challenges including; limited space for users' comfort, inadequate funding and lack of technology.





Uganda and ULIA profile Cont'd

- University Libraries serving 11 public universities, and 30 private universities all of which are under the control of the Ministry of Education, Sports, Science and Technology.
- Other Libraries serve the interests of the organizations which established them.
- In 2014 before the BSLA meeting in Kumasi, we did not have a membership register. The previous members of the Executive had not presented us any. Soon after the meeting of 2014, membership rose to 48 fully subscribed members.
- To date in 2016 we had 110 fully subscribed members by 15th April 2016
- ULIA was founded initially as EALA in 1943 but with the break up of EAC in 1972, ULA was formed and now ULIA; a national association serving the interests of All the LIS fraternity in Uganda.
- There are principally two categories of membership to ULIA; Individual & Institutional. Any membership other than those who hold LIS Qualification can be honorary members.



ULIA's Objectives and Priorities

The strategic objectives of ULIA are:

- To build a strong financial capacity;
- To develop and maintain sustainable governance systems;
- To develop human resource capacity;
- To enhance the physical capacity of ULIA and its members;
- To secure local and international strategic partnerships;
- Engage in research and development;
- Support LIS research and development; and
- Position ULIA to effectively participate on national and global agenda.





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ULIA Constitutional Review and Byelaws development Project

The current project ULIA is working on has two objectives namely;

- To amend and launch a new ULIA Constitution
- To design and come up with the ULIA byelaws

The outcomes so far and to be of this current project are;

- Increased Awareness and knowledge about ULIA
- Increased benefits to ULIA members
- Decentralized decision making to regional chapters
- Improved member enthusiasm about ULIA
- Legislation on Library Services introduced





ULIA Success Stories

- The ULIA Strategic Plan is in place
- The new Consitution has been approved on 15 April 2016 pending legal advise
- Membership is growing now more that 100 fully subscribed members
- Eastern Regional CDP Workshop helped market ULIA and register members
- The project provided the opportunity to establish the feelings of both members and none members regarding the association.
- Constitutional Review and Dev't of Byelaws project process about to end





Forthcoming activities – 2016/2017

- Develop and implement sustainable membership recruitment services
 - Organize recruitment drives in LIS schools and all levels;
 - Develop and implement mechanism for retention of members
- Develop and implement an advocacy plan
 - Develop and implement advocacy plan to sensitize potential members and policy makers on the role of ULIA in the development of the country;
- Implement a comprehensive training programme;
 - Conduct training workshops;





Challenges: and how we are addressing them

- Lack of funds to implement activities. The General Assembly approved a new fees structure in which we hope to save funds for the purpose
- Re-organisation attempts for ULIA. Registration status, Personal interests, and lack of plans.
- Expectations of the members on benefits.
- Limited Advocacy strategies to drum support for, backing of, promotion of, championing of; argument for, push for ULIA and its policies





The future of ULIA and libraries in Uganda

ULIA wishes to be “To be a leading advocate for public’s rights to access and use of information for national development and global engagement”

To achieve that we intend to carry the following in the near and mid-term period;

- To advocate for Access to information to enable the promotion of reading and Literacy in Uganda
- Promoting the preservation and conservation of documentary and cultural heritage in Uganda
- Strengthening ULIA capacity and participation in Uganda by enhancing regional chapters
- The dream for ULIA for libraries in Uganda in 10 years
 - Well run and managed library system in Uganda
 - Favorable legal framework and policy for Libraries
 - Promoting the preservation and conservation of documentary and cultural heritage in Uganda
 - Strengthening ULIA capacity and participation in Uganda by enhancing regional chapters





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Any questions?

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