Global BSLA Meeting
Manila Philippines
30 May – 2 June, 2016
Geographic location
Country and association profile

• Zambia is a landlocked country in Southern Africa
• Population – 14,983,315
• Library Association founded in 1961
• Changed its name to LIAZ in 2014
• National association covering 10 provinces
Country and association profile

- Membership categories
  - Full members
  - Associate members
  - Institutional members
  - Affiliate Associations
  - Honorary members
  - Student members

- Number of members:
  - 2013 - 52
  - 2014 - 76
  - 2015 - 110
Association Vision and Mission

- **Vision** “A professional association promoting excellence and innovation in library and information services”.

- **Mission** “To be an association that will promote professional development and excellence in library and information services through advocacy, training, research and networking”.
Strategic goals

1. Enhance Membership Portfolio of the Association

2. Improve Administrative and Management structures

3. Develop and Implement a communications strategy
Strategic goals .... cont.

4. Champion the Library and Information Services Act Process

5. Develop Capacity Building Strategies for Innovative library services

6. Improve financial base for LIAZ
Objectives:

• To develop a 5 year Strategic Plan for LIAZ

• To discuss Zambia’s National Library and Information Service Policy and draft a legislative bill
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Outcomes:

1. Review of the association vision, mission and emphasis on values.
2. Development of association goals, objectives and operational plans.
Success Stories

- Membership growth
- Collaborations
  - CPDs
  - Zambia Library Service
  - publishers
- Improved financial base
- Communication and Visibility
- Independence of the association
Challenges: and how we are addressing them

- Inadequate commitment by members
- Reshuffle of senior government leaders and placement of libraries
The future of the association and libraries in our country

- Operationalize provincial chapters
- Review the succession clause in the constitution to ensure smooth transition
- Increase partnerships
  – other associations
Interview with BSLA Facilitator
Partner exhibiting at 2015 AGC
National Symposium Delegates
Thank you!

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