



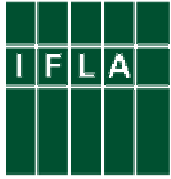
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BSLA GLOBAL MEETING IN MANILA



ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHECAIRES,
ARCHIVISTES, DOCUMENTALISTES ET
MUSEOGRAPHES DU CAMEROUN





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GREAT PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU TODAY IN MANILA



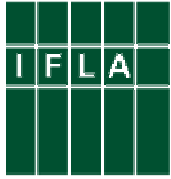


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Thank you for inviting me to participate to
BSLA GLOBAL Meeting in Manila.

My presentation will focus on
association's achievements and I will say
few words on what we want together with
others during the meeting





COUNTRY BRIEFING

Cameroon is situated in Central Africa, at juncture of the Gulf of Guinea.

It is bounded on the North by Chad, on the East by the Central Africa Republic, on the South by Congo, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea and on the West by Nigeria.

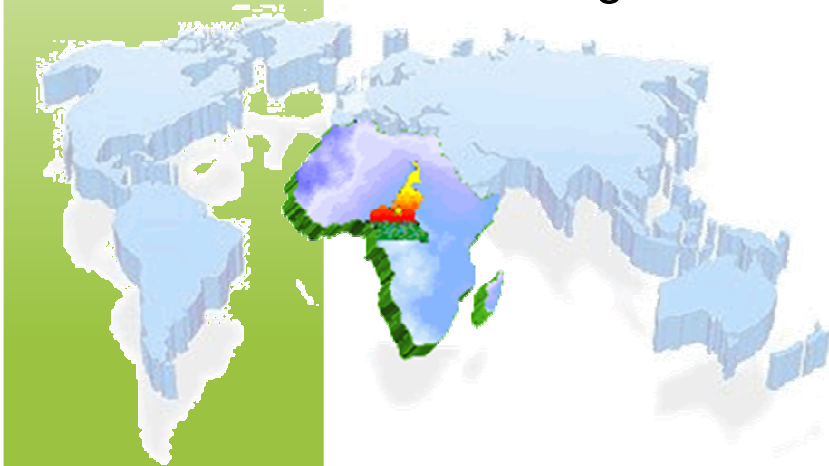
Cameroon is a country with several major towns, amongst which are YAOUNDE, the political capital of the country with about one million inhabitants. DOUALA, which is the major economic city, has more than two million inhabitants.

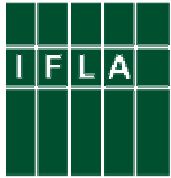
POPULATION

Cameroon has more than 22 millions population.

LANGUAGES

French and English are the official languages.





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RESTARTING THE ASSOCIATION

ABADCAM is acronym of Cameroon Library Association created in 1973 and revitalized in 2010 – 2012 thanks to IFLA BSLA project, to serve as example to francophone countries



Cameroon Ministry of art and culture,
Fiona Bradley and Yacinta Were



BSLA Project presented at the National
Assembly of Cameroon





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Yacinta Were, Cameroon BSLA
Project





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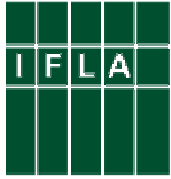
MISSION

ABADCAM is a community of people whose mission is to develop and to be useful to its members in relation with their professional practices in the field of library and information sciences, archivist and museography; and to engage in the management of relation between the strategic partners, communities and the association.

VISION

ABADCAM is poised to bring together all professional of library and information sciences and techniques who are determined to build strong and sustainable leading association, oriented towards a true information society, pledge to the development of Cameroon and the sub region.





Collaboration, Partnership and Networking

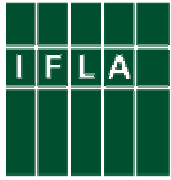
Strategic directive 1:

Service to members in support to their professional practice This strategy directive aim at enhance the association internally and also beneficiaries. A leading and sustainable association that we are hoping ABADCAM to be has to rely on members well equipped in the practice of their profession.

Strategic directive 2:


Management of the relation between ABADCAM, strategic partners and communities This strategic directive aim at positioning the association in the society (in the local, national and international context) and generate financial resources for its development. The take off and smooth operation of ABADCAM will depend on the status of its relationship with other professionals, communities and partners; as well as its financial status.







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BSLA Project for francophone countries in Africa












**Atelier Régional BSLA pour les
Pays Francophones d'Afrique**

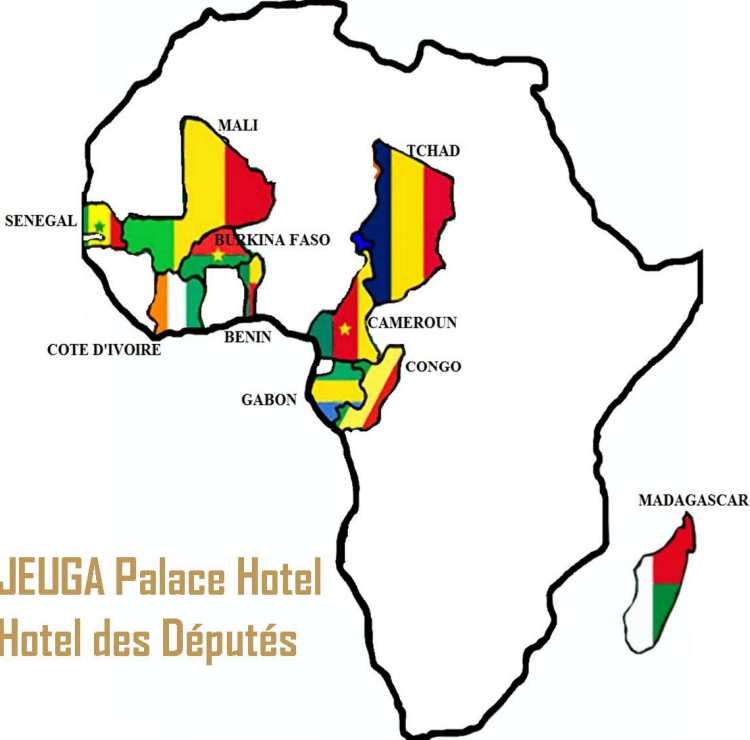



**Yaoundé, Hôtel DJEUGA Palace/Hôtel des
Députés du 02 au 04 décembre 2015**

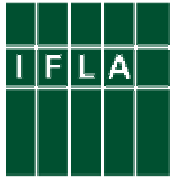
Avec le soutien de :

**BSLA Regional Workshop for French Speaking
Countries in Africa**
Yaounde Cameroon, 23, 24, 25 may 2016



**DJEUGA Palace Hotel
Hotel des Députés**



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Pr *Ismail ABDULLAHI (USA), Guest speaker*

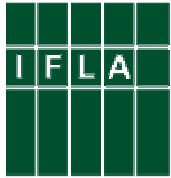


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Since 2010, IFLA/BSLA has worked on building a powerful network of committed association leaders.

The program started with six countries among them Cameroon Library Association. The purpose was to serve as an example to others francophone countries in Central and West Africa. Today we can say that we moved from dream to reality with the Organization by IFLA of Regional workshop for French speaking countries including Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso ,cote d'ivoire ,Benin ,Tchad, Congo, Gabon and Cameroun





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Success Stories

**ABADCAM ACTIVITIES:
promotion training,
advocacy**

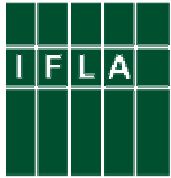


In collaboration with Goethe Institut



In collaboration with US embassy Yaounde





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Advocacy



With the Ministry of Art and Culture



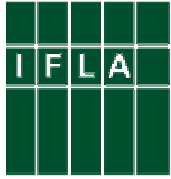
ABADCAM stand Yaounde Book fair, 1st edition



With united Nations



Visiting Public Affairs Officer Roberto Quiroz II



Forthcoming activities – 2016/2017

- Yes we planned activities like workshops conferences according to calendar made by our activity committee ,
- Yes the recent one was with UN regional office in Yaoundé on sustainable development goals. We also have advocacy on how to increase perception of libraries and library associations

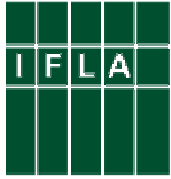




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Challenges: and how we are addressing them

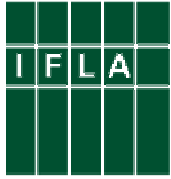
- There is high demand for places to take part in workshop, ABADCAM is planning activities to sustain this interest
- There is a need to empower library leaders with innovative skills and practices
- There is a need to establish a network of library associations in french speaking countries
- We address by training leaders and prospective leaders and we looked for financial support



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The future of the association and libraries in our country

- Some answers you might include:
 - Association will continue to promote leadership in networking and advocacy (value of good library and information services)
 - Vision that you want libraries to be 10 years from now in Cameroun is to meet expectation of citizens , communities for a knowledge society



Any questions?

- Allow 2 minutes for 1-2 questions
- How to increase visibility of African French speaking countries within the continent and the world?
 - Great challenge for us is to bring together all francophone countries in Africa and to create a strong network. We are now 10 and expecting others countries to join us in BSLA. There is a need to strengthen library associations .
 - Is there advice you would give other associations?
Yes ,keep working hard with stakeholders.
 - Do you have ideas about how to work with other associations? collaboration, networking, partnership to learn from each other.

