

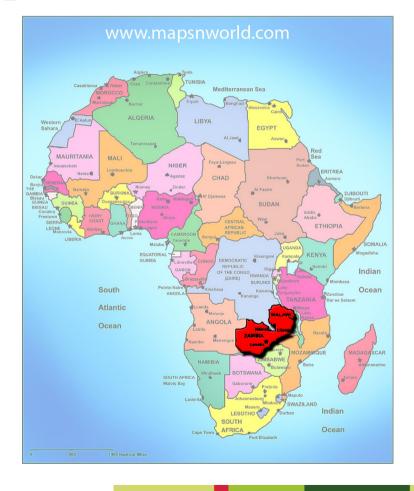
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### Geographic location



# 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

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## 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

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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



**BSLA Project** 

**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
- 3. Review of National Library Policy and Bill



Success Stories

- Membership growth
- Collaborations
  - CPDs
  - Zambia Library Service
  - publishers
- Improved financial base
- Communication and Visibility
- Independence of the association

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# 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

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#### Interview with BSLA Facilitator



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### National Symposium Delegates





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