

# 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'accès 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