



**Botswana Library Association (Information is Power)**  
**P.O. Box 1310**  
**Gaborone**

1 March 2010

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Dear Colleague,

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND SECSAL XIX**

The Botswana Organizing Committee of the XIX Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations, has the pleasure of inviting you to the SCECSAL XIX to be hosted by the Botswana Library Association at Ditshupo Hall, in Gaborone Botswana, from the 6 to 9 December 2010. Pre-conference meetings and workshops will be held on 3 to 5 December 2010.

Botswana Library Association last hosted the conference in 1986, since then a lot of developments in the profession have occurred as such librarians and other information workers in the country are more than prepared and excited to receive you with warmth. Please note that the draft and the final programmes for the conference will be circulated in due course, and will also be available on the conference website. <http://www.scecsal.org/conferences/2010/2010.html>

SECSAL was established in 1974 as a biannual regional conference for librarians and information professionals in the Eastern, Central and Southern Africa region. Currently it has a potential membership of over 20 African countries. The conference has a reputation of being an outstanding Library and Information event on the African professional calendar.

The main theme of SCECSAL XIX is – **Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance through Effective Information and Knowledge Services**

Sub-Themes:

- Libraries, democratization process and promotion of sustainable good governance in Africa
- Freedom of access to information, censorship to information, Internet monitoring, and good governance
- Information privacy and confidentiality
- Libraries, human rights and democracy
- Advocacy and smart partnerships between libraries and government in national development
- Information for poverty alleviation and social justice



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- Libraries, social equality and economic growth
- Social inclusion/exclusion, democracy and good governance
- Digital divide and achievement of democracy
- E-governance/e-government and libraries in Africa
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and good governance
- Universal access to information and disadvantaged groups
- Information literacy and democracy
- Local content, knowledge management/services, and good governance
- Intellectual property rights and democracy
- Information services and community/national development
- Learning organizations, democracy and good governance

### **Important Deadlines (Dates)**

#### ***Submission of Abstracts***

Abstract proposals are due on 31 August 2009, and should be sent to:

Dr Priti Jain ([jainp@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:jainp@mopipi.ub.bw))

or to:

Reason Baathuli Nfila ([nfilar@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:nfilar@mopipi.ub.bw))

Authors will be notified about acceptance of their abstracts by Wednesday 30th September 2009.

Accepted full papers are due on **Friday 30 April 2010**.

Completed papers, including abstracts, must be sent to the above addresses. Papers should be sent as e-mail attachment (electronic). Papers and abstracts must include the following:

- Names of speaker(s), institution, city and country
- Title of paper
- Abstract of not more than 150 words
- Full-text as electronic attachment

Papers to be presented must be written in English



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**Registration and Exhibition details can be obtained from [pntokwan@yahoo.com](mailto:pntokwan@yahoo.com) or [pntokwan@bca.bw](mailto:pntokwan@bca.bw), Tel. +267- 365 -0112; Mobile: +267-7417-3465, Special Collections, Botswana College of Agriculture.**

You are encouraged to register early, preferably before 30 June 2010, to enable the organizers to plan early. Below is the fee structure that covers conference bag, conference papers, lunch, tea/coffee breaks, opening reception, cultural dinner and attendance of sessions. The fee does not include costs associated with pre-conference meetings and workshops. In addition, all other expenses - travel, accommodation, subsistence, etc. are to be borne by participants.

	<b>SCECSAL members</b>	<b>Non members</b>
<b>Early registration</b> <b>(Before 30 June 2010)</b>	<b>US \$ 220</b>	<b>US\$ 250</b>
<b>Late registration</b> <b>(After 30 June 2010)</b>	<b>US\$250</b>	<b>US\$270</b>
<b>Single day registration</b>	<b>US\$120</b>	<b>US\$ 150</b>

All payments should be made directly into the BLA bank account (details below);

**Account Name : Botswana Library Association**

**Name of the Bank: Standard Chartered Bank**

**Branch : Mall**

**Account Number : 0100150415101**

**Swift Code : SCHBBWGXAXXX**

Please note the following:

i. The date and the same name you used on your registration form must appear on the proof of payment.



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- ii. Retain all documents relating to your bank transfer as they will be required as proof of the transaction in case we are unable to trace your transfer during registration.
- iii. All bank charges/commissions (overseas delegates) will be for the delegates on own account. In the event that the Botswana Library Association SCECSAL Account is credited with an amount less than the registration fee, we will ask the delegate to pay the difference during registration.
- iv. SCECSAL XIX does not have credit card facilities.
- v. Original invoices will be available during the meeting at the registration desk.
- vi. The Treasurer of the Local Organizing Committee must be notified of all wire transfers to enable him to keep track of the transactions (see Local Organizing Committee on the website for his contact details).
- vii. All registrations with payments received by 30 June 2010 will be acknowledged via email.
- viii. No money transfers should be made after 30 June 2010. All payments after 30 June will be CASH at the Registration Desk.

The Registration Form can be downloaded from the SCECSAL Conference website at <http://www.scecsal.org/conferences/2010/2010.html>. Please complete the form and send a scanned or faxed copy to us as soon as you make payments to:

**Ms Poloko Ntokwane**  
**SCECSAL XIX, Botswana Organizing Committee**  
**Private Bag 0027, Gaborone**  
**Botswana**  
**Tel: + 267 365-0112/ 393-8041**  
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We look forward to meeting you in Gaborone, Botswana.

Yours sincerely,

Kgomotso Radijeng

**CHAIRPERSON**  
**SCECSAL XIX (2010) Botswana Organizing Committee**