

SCECSAL XX CONFERENCE

The XXth Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and South Africa Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL) 2012 conference will take place at Intercontinental Hotel, in Nairobi, Kenya from 4th – 8th June 2012 to address the theme: ***Information for Sustainable Development in a Digital Environment.***

CONFERENCE THEME

Information for Sustainable Development in a Digital Environment

In recent years libraries and information centres in Africa have witnessed transformation from print to digital information. This has heralded both opportunities and challenges in creation, processing, storage, dissemination and managing digital information. The digital environment has provided information professionals in Africa an opportunity to reposition and take advantage of the enormous information being generated. Digital information can be repackaged according to users' needs and disseminated in a more timely and efficient way.

However, the knowledge creators, intermediaries and end users equally encounter challenges in handling and managing digital information. The challenges include but not limited to: inadequate ICT infrastructure, lack of skills and knowledge, inadequate legal framework, adoption of new technologies, funding and sustainability, ethical issues among others.

Papers and discussions at the conference will specifically cover the following subthemes:

Sub-themes

- Managing Information in Digital Environment for Poverty Eradication
- Education and Training in Digital Environment
- Legal issues in digital environment
- Adoption of open source and open standards
- Re-position of libraries in information society

- Potential of library 2.0 in provision of information
- Open access and Institutional Repositories
- Information Standards in digital environment
- Digital preservation and archiving
- Digital Records Management
- Publishing and Web 2.0
- Social networking and information sharing
- Informetrics, Scientometrics and Webometrics
- Knowledge and Content Management
- Information Ethics in Digital Environment

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

- An abstract of approximately 500 words should be submitted electronically to Prof. Joseph Kiplang'at email: jkngetich@yahoo.co.uk; Copy to: Prof. Japheth Otike Email: jnotike@yahoo.com, not later than 31st July 2011
- The abstract should have author(s) details (name, institution, position).
- Selected papers will be notified by 30th August 2011

FULL PAPERS

- Presenters will be expected to submit final versions of their papers by 30th November 2011.
- Full papers of the conference will be published in the conference proceedings which will be availed to the participants at the conference

HOW TO REGISTER

- Conference fee is 360 US dollars for early registration by 30th December 2011
- For those who will register later than December 2011 will pay 400 US dollars.
- For those who will register during the conference will pay 450 US dollars
- For further information please contact the Conference Chairperson Mr. David Muswii on david.muswii@knls.ac.ke