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RESOLUTIONS
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Cognizant of the global trends in the provision of access to information resources through open access initiatives and institutional repositories, <u>it is resolved that</u>:

1. *Governments* should create a conducive policy environment to facilitate sharing and provision of access to public information resources in digital formats;
2. *Library parent institutions* should adopt policies and strategies that support open access initiatives and development of institutional repositories based on international standards for information sharing and exchange;
3. *Library and information professionals* should endeavour to acquire skills relevant to management and dissemination of information in digital formats.

Noting the potential positive impact of social media on engaging in conversations with various library and information stakeholders in the SCECSAL region, <u>it is resolved that</u>:

1. *SCECSAL, member associations,* and *libraries* in the SCECSAL region should develop social media strategies and adopt the use of appropriate social media applications in their activities;
2. *SCECSAL member associations* should develop and implement capacity development programmes to include training on the application of social media to library and information work, among others.

Emphasizing the importance of up-to-date curriculum in library and information science schools in the SCECSAL region, <u>it is resolved that</u>:

1. *Library and Information Science Schools* in the SCECSAL region should review their curriculum to ensure that they respond to the emerging needs of the library and information profession in the region.