



SCESAL XXII
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Resolutions

Adopted by the SCECSAL General Assembly on 29 April 2016

Cognisant of the urgent need to strengthen SCECSAL to ensure continuity and efficient operation of the forum, we resolve:

- To work towards establishing a Permanent Secretariat for SCECSAL to coordinate, monitor and regularly report on the implementation of SCECSAL decisions, resolutions and activities by the member Associations and Institutions.
- To assign the Swaziland Library and Information Association (SWALA) the role of temporary SCECSAL Secretariat until such time as a permanent secretariat is established and becomes operational.
- To review and amend the SCECSAL constitution to include terms of reference for the proposed Permanent Secretariat and other appropriate provisions to strengthen SCECSAL operations and monitoring mechanisms, and simplify the bidding process for hosting SCECSAL.

Reaffirming the decisions of the SCECSAL General Assembly meetings of 2002 (Johannesburg, South Africa) and 2004 (Kampala, Uganda) to establish the SCECSAL Archives at UNISA, we request:

- Member Associations and Institutions to abide by the decisions and submit to the Archives all SCECSAL records and related documents including agendas, minutes, financial statements, other agenda documents such as country reports, proceedings, other relevant documents of an historical nature, and informal documents of historical value such as photographs, videos, etc.

Stressing the importance and the urgent need to develop capacities of Library and Information Service professionals in the SCECSAL region, especially of the young professionals, we resolve that:

- All SCECSAL member Associations and Institutions hosting future conferences should make provisions for continuous capacity development events (i.e. seminars, workshops, training, etc., either as pre-, post or during the conference) on areas/themes identified in consultations with other SCECSAL members.
- All SCECSAL member Association and Institutions should continually implement appropriate continuous capacity development initiatives, including training in research methods, targeting their members and especially the young professionals, and report on these during the SCECSAL General Assembly meetings as part of their country reports.

Recognizing the role of libraries in contributing to the *Global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and *Africa Agenda 2063: the Future We Want*; the and the implementation of the *Access to Information Agenda* as encompassed in the Cape Town Declaration adopted on 14 August 2015, we urge:

- Presidents/Chairpersons of SCECSAL member Library and Information Associations to support the initiative to adopt the Cape Town Declaration by all member states of the African Union.
