



**SCESAL XXIII**  
**Entebbe, Uganda**  
**Imperial Resort Beach Hotel**  
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## **Resolutions**

*Adopted by the SCECSAL General Assembly on 27 April 2018*

*The SCECSAL General Council,*

**Recalling** the resolution of the 2014 SCECSAL General Assembly by which it called upon SCECSAL member Associations to align their activities to the national and global development agendas and develop post-2015 strategies;

**Reaffirming** the important role libraries play in contributing to the Global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; Africa Agenda 2063, and national development agendas;

**Emphasizing** the importance of SCECSAL member Associations to actively engage and support global and African wide development agendas within the framework of their national development process.

**Resolves:**

- To include a session at all future SCECSAL conferences during which SCECSAL member Associations shall report on activities carried out in their respective countries, to support implementation of the global or Africa-wide or national development agendas.

**Noting with deep concern** the absence of consultations between LIS schools and LIS practitioners during the process of curriculum design resulting in LIS curriculum that may not be addressing the real needs of the LIS employers;

**Noting further** the need for skill based in-service training programmes to enhance the skills of library and information practitioners.

**Requests:**

- SCECSAL member Associations to establish partnerships with LIS schools and agree on modalities for multi-stakeholder processes for all future LIS curriculum design or revisions.

**Guided by** our commitment to ensure that everyone in the SCECSAL region has easy access to information and knowledge they need;

**Deeply concerned** by the restrictive traditional “all rights reserved” copyright legal frameworks existing in SCECSAL member countries;

**Noting with satisfaction** the adopting of the Marrakesh Treaty which establishes a set of international rules which ensure that there are limitations or exceptions to copyright rules for the benefit of people who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled.

**Calls upon:**

- SCECSAL member Associations to work with organisations for the people with disabilities and organisations for the visually impaired people and advocate for the ratification and domestication of the Marrakesh Treaty in their respective countries.

**Cognisant** with the member Associations' lack of active participation in and follow-up on SCECSAL activities in between the biennial SCECSAL conferences;

**Bearing in mind** that changes in leadership of member Associations result in lack of continuity and involvement in SCECSAL activities and the meetings of the SCECSAL General Council, among others.

**Resolves:**

- To establish a SCECSAL Committee of Focal Points (CFP), as part of the new SCECSAL Management structure to be defined in the revised SCECSAL Constitution, whose main function shall be to manage day to day SCECSAL activities with the support of the SCECSAL Secretariat.
- To request SCECSAL member Associations to identify suitable individuals to represent them on the SCECSAL Committee of Focal Points (CFP) and the individuals to be allowed to serve for a minimum renewable term of four years (two SCECSAL biennials) to ensure continuity in the work of the Committee.

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