Resolutions

Adopted by the SCECSAL General Assembly on 26 April 2024

The SCECSAL General Assembly,

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;

Further recalling the resolution of the 2022 Virtual SCECSAL General Assembly requesting SCECSAL member Associations to report on SDG-library and information services oriented activities or projects as part of their biennial SCECSAL country reports;

Noting with deep concern the poor response to the call for stories on SDGs and libraries from library and information professionals and institutions in the SCECSAL region;

Deeply concerned with the continued lack of reporting by SCECSAL member Associations on contributions of libraries and library and information professionals towards achieving the SDGs;

- *Requests* SCECSAL member Associations to map the activities of libraries related to each SDG in their respective countries and contribute to the IFLA Library Map of the World with SDG stories.

- R*equests* the host for SCECSAL 2026 and the SCECSAL Secretariat to organize a poster session for member Associations to showcase their work on SDGs and libraries from their countries during the 2026 SCECSAL conference.

Noting the number of young professionals and library and information science students attending SCECSAL conferences and presenting papers based on their research work;

Noting also the need to provide them with a platform where they can receive constructive contributions on their work;

Recognizing the importance of good paper presentation practices and skills;

- **Resolves** to have a session for academic research papers for students in library and information science schools;

- **Urges** the SCECSAL Secretariat to develop guidelines for PPT and hosts for SCECSAL conferences and the SCECSAL Secretariat to organise webinars on presentation skills and good PPT practices for interested paper presenters before the conference.

- **Recommends** SCECSAL member Associations and the SCECSAL Secretariat to develop mentorship programmes for young library and information science professionals.

Fully aware of the need for library and information professionals and library and information science schools to keep up to date with emerging trends and developments in the library and information science field;

- **Strongly encourages** library and information professionals and library and information science schools to embrace the application of bibliometric analysis.