



**UGANDA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION
COUNTRY REPORT FOR 2016-2018
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INTRODUCTION

I would like to present to you the Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA) country report from 2016 – 2018. During these years the association made tremendous achievements.

Throughout the years, ULIA has grown with a desire to express collective aspirations in regard to the development of the profession. However, it has also continued to face challenges namely Membership, Governance and Advocacy issues.

ACHIEVEMENTS

A: Professional Growth

- i. PHDs: Dr. Fredrick Lugya Kiuwa – Head Digitization, Makerere University Library
- ii. Dr. Namale Kawuma Lwanga, Institute Librarian, Uganda Management Institute.

B. Training and capacity Building.

- I. Training workshops in Northern, Eastern, Western region and central on the role of libraries in promoting the SDGs and UN2030 Agenda. The funding for these workshops was obtained from IFLA-International Advocacy Programme for which we are grateful.
- II. Various Continuous Professional Development (CDPs) training programmes conducted by the Consortium of Uganda University Libraries for the Librarians in Universities and Research Institutions.
- III. Makerere University Library has conducted various CPDs for Librarians and training of researchers and academics in the CUUL institutions and on request by non-CUUL institutions.
- IV. The Publicity Secretary also participated in the IFLA IAP in Pretoria.

C. Advocacy Programmes.

1. Website

The association re designed its website www.ulia.org.ug to make it more attractive and also improve on accessibility of information by the profession and association can be accessed.

2. Professional Dinners

In order to provide a platform for networking, the association organized and hosted a professional dinner which was graced by the former Prime Minister of Uganda, Hon. Apollo Nsibambi

3. ULIA Bulletin

ULIA has continued with its regular production and circulation of the ULIA Bulletin (e-version).

D. Membership Mobilization

Mobilization of members is still on-going in order to create a professional register. Institutional members have been mobilized too where a number of institutions have already paid their membership.

E. IFLA International Advocacy problem

ULIA was selected to participate in IFLA IAP. Two proposals for funding were selected for funding one for East Africa regional workshops in 2017 and Train the Trainer workshop focusing on training the National Library Directors and Top officials of Library Association in selected countries in the sub-saharan region in 2018. One Executive Committee Member participated in the IFLA IAP training in November, 2016 in Pretoria, South Africa.

F. World Library and Information Congress

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress held in August, 2017 in Poland, attracted a number of LIS professionals from Uganda, three were selected as Volunteers. Some professionals also made presentations and participated in various professionally enriching events. Four Ugandan Librarians are members of the IFLA standing committees, namely: Africa, Government libraries, Health and Biosciences and Parliament sections.

I take this opportunity to thank the library leaders from the participating institutions who actively participated and also the Institutions that gave permissions and funding for their members to participate in this Congress.

G. Infrastructure Development

- Construction of the National Archives was completed and the building official opened by the Prime Minister of Uganda, Rtd Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda
- Busitema University Library under construction

H. The New Executive Committee

ULIA held an Annual General Assembly (AGM) during which new office bearers were elected, namely:

1. **President :** Dr. Sarah Kaddu
2. **Vice President :** Nabongo Godfrey
3. **General Secretary:** Charles Batambuze
4. **Treasurer:** Timu Godfrey
5. **Publicity Secretary:** Winny Akullo Nekesa

Regional Coordinators

6. **Central :** -
7. **Western :** Agnes Ninsiima
8. **Eastern :** Emmy Muhumuza
9. **Northern :** Omara Julius

Ex- Officials:

10. Prof Constant Okello-Obura - **Former President**
11. Mr. Simon Engitu - **Former General Secretary**

Dr. Sarah Kaddu
President