



UGANDA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION

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Introduction:

Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA) is an Association that brings together all Library and Information Sciences (LIS) Professionals and Practitioners in Uganda to advocate for better LIS Services, Professionalism, Standards, Ethics and better working conditions.

I would like to present to you the Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA) country report from 2022 – 2024. 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 coupled with Covid-19 lockdowns.

ACHIEVEMENTS

A: Professional Growth

PHDs:

- i. Dr. Robert Buwule, Kyambogo University Library now at Mbarara University Library
- ii. Dr. Namujuzi Sylvia, EASLIS – Makerere University
- iii. Dr. David Walugembe
- iv. Dr. Dianah Kacunguzi, EASLIS – Makerere University
- v. Dr. Ongaya Kizito, Gulu University Library now at Makerere University Library
- vi. Dr. Mary Acanit, Kyambogo University Library
- vii. Dr. Sarah Nakaziba, Agakhan University Library
- viii. Dr. Caroline Illako, Makerere University Library
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Masters Degrees

Each year, over 10 graduate with masters degrees

For and by professionals



Promotions

A number of our members have been promoted notably

Prof. Nalumaga – University Librarian, Makerere University

Dr. Robert Buwule – University Librarian, Mbarara University for Science and Technology

Dr. Sarah Kaddu – Dean East African School of Library and Information Science (EASLIS)

Ms. Winny Akullo- Manager Records, National Social Security Fund

Dr. Ongaya Kizito – Deputy Librarian, Makerere University Library

B. Training and capacity Building.

- I. Various Continuous Professional Development (CDPs) training programmes, webinars, conferences conducted by the Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA), Consortium of Uganda University Libraries for the Librarians in Universities and Research Institutions, Agakhan University, Kyambogo University, EASLIS – Makerere University, Makerere University Library and all academic institutions.
- II. Curriculum Reviews- ULIA executive and members Participated in the LIS curriculum reviews for BLIS of Kyambogo University, BLIS of Makerere University, MScRAM, MSc IS, PhD LIS, PhD Archives.
- III. Career Talks and Apprenticeships -ULIA has organized career talks for BLIS 3, BRAM 3 finalists for Makerere University and Kyambogo University. Apprenticeship opportunities. ULIA has been able to offer and connect members to internship linkages between employers and LIS students



ULIA Hands on CPD 2023



ULIA AGM 2023



ULIA Dinner 2023

C. Advocacy Programmes.

ULIA has continued to push for better wages and salaries, harmonization of salaries and funding for LIS sector. We however hit a setback due to rationalization of Government Agencies.

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 Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs Kyambogo University, Prof Maria G.N Musoke. Over 100 LIS Professionals Attended

3. Membership Mobilization and Professional Register

Mobilization of members is still on-going in order to create a professional register. ULIA currently boasts of over 150 members both Institutional and individual members.

D. THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ULIA held an Annual General Assembly (AGM) during which new office bearers were elected in 2021 -2024, namely:

President :	Francis Ekwaro
Vice President :	Econyu Stephen
General Secretary:	Patrick Odong
Ass. General Secretary:	Akiteng Alice Okure
Treasurer:	Drake Tamale
Assistant Treasurer:	Claire Nantege Magala

Publicity Secretary: Bonny Olobo

Regional Coordinators

Central :	Dennis Kakande
Western:	Emmanuel Twinamasiko
Eastern :	Barbara Apolot

Northern :

Bosco A. Buruga

Committee Members

Esther Kyazike

Judith Nabukenya

Ex- Officials:

10. Dr. Sarah Kaddu - **Former President**

11. Mr. Charles Batambuze - **Former General Secretary**

Francis Ekwaro

PRESIDENT

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