



Adoption of the Amended SCECSAL Constitution

Report

SCECSAL Secretariat hosted by SWALA

1. On **29th April 2016**, the SCECSAL General Assembly, among others, **resolved to 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.
2. Work on the amendments to the constitution started in **June 2016** and several virtual consultations were organized to discuss the proposed amendments. Member Associations actively participated in the process that saw **eight versions of the constitution document being reviewed by the end of 2017**.
3. On **23rd and 24th April 2018**, at a face-to-face SCECSAL Business Meeting in Entebbe, Uganda, the member Associations provided their inputs on the amendments and endorsed the document, subject to the proposed corrections and additions.
4. Following the Entebbe meeting, work on the constitution was finalised and on **4th May 2018** the SCECSAL Secretariat circulated the document to the member Associations for final review. Inputs were to be provided by **25th May 2018**.
5. Following the inputs and proposed amendments, on **28th May 2018**, the final SCECSAL constitution document was circulated to all Presidents/Chairperson of the member Association.
6. On **29th May 2018**, Dr. Sarah Kaddu, President for Uganda Library and Information Association and the Chair for the SCECSAL General Council, moved a motion to adopt the amended constitution.
7. By the close of business on **30th May 2018**, the motion was supported by the following **six paid up** member Associations out of nine that were eligible to participate in the process:
 - Lesotho Library Association (LLA)
 - Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)
 - Library and Information Association of Zambia (LIAZ)
 - Malawi Library Association (MALA)
 - Swaziland Library Association (SWALA)
 - Tanzania Library Association (TZA)
8. Since two thirds of eligible member Associations supported the motion, on **31st May 2018**, Dr. Sarah Kaddu, Chair of the SCECSAL General Council declared the amended SCECSAL Constitution as dully adopted.

31st May 2018