



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual LIASA Conference, 2016

**Date:** 10-14 October 2016

**Venue:** International Convention Centre Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa

**Theme:** Libraries in Action: Transformation and development towards 2030

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The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual LIASA aims to bring together practitioners, academics, stakeholders and partners to deliberate on and discuss critical issues pertaining to policy, best practices, technologies and innovations that ensure relevant and appropriate library and information services to meet the developmental needs of South Africa. This is also an opportunity for practitioners and library leaders to showcase and demonstrate the value of libraries in meeting national and continental priorities.

The South African National Development Plan (NDP) 2030, launched on 15 August 2012 aims to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality within the next fifteen years by uniting South Africans, unleashing the energies of its citizens, growing an inclusive economy, building skills, enhancing the capability of the state and leaders to work together to solve complex problems. Key success factors for the NDP rests on the contribution of each South African to the realization of this vision and the mobilization of communities to take charge of their future. However developing countries are challenged by a large part of the citizenry, which finds a lack of information a major impediment to their own development.

The NDP Vision 2030 provide library leadership with the opportunity to redefine their role within this context and for librarians to translate this into meaningful actions that demonstrate the value libraries add to eradicating poverty, illiteracy, unemployment and ignorance with special emphasis on educational, economic and social priorities which include early childhood development, youth services, women's health and local economic development. This resonates with the developmental role of libraries articulated in the 2014 IFLA Lyons Declaration and the 2015 Cape Town Declaration.

Therefore you are invited to submit proposals for papers that address **policy, best practices, technologies and innovations** in relation to the conference theme.

**Sub-themes:**

- Information, civil society and partnerships
- Libraries for social cohesion and equality
- Libraries and the community: transformation and development
- National legislation and policy
- Library policy and strategies for access and development
- Library standards
- Libraries as desired spaces: design, facilities and services
- Librarians: new roles, new competencies, new solutions
- Librarians and service delivery
- Economics of library management
- Technologies and Use: Access, copyright, ethics and cyber-security
- Libraries and social media: pros and cons
- Academic Libraries: towards realising academic and research priorities
- School libraries and basic education
- Public libraries and digital citizenship
- Solutions and collaborations for developing a reading culture
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Library innovations and innovative thinking: a solutions-driven mindset
- User-centric services: success stories

The deadline for receipt of abstracts for paper presentations is **04 MARCH 2016**. Successful submissions will be notified by **15 APRIL 2016**.

[Create a profile](#) and [login](#) to submit your abstract to the [abstract submission page](#). The abstract must be accompanied by a brief CV (max. 300 words).

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

1. Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts for short papers based on practical experience, case studies and best practice.
2. Priority will be given to papers on the main theme, although papers on related topics will also be considered.
3. Papers must be presented in English.
4. Abstract submissions must include:
  - Full title of the paper
  - Name(s) of author(s)
  - Institutional affiliation (s)
  - Full contact details of author(s)



- An abstract of the paper of 300 - 500 words
- Each abstract file should be named with the surname of the presenting author, e.g.: smith\_abstract1.doc
- Submit a brief CV of the authors (max. 300 words each) as a separate file together with the abstract. The file should be named with the surname of the presenting author, e.g.: smith\_cv.doc
- Submit both the abstract and CV in Word document format (MSWord).

5. The abstracts of the accepted papers will be published in the conference programme and on the LIASA website.

6. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by **15 APRIL 2016**

7. No correspondence will be entered into about acceptance or non-acceptance of papers.

8. The final version of the presentation (PowerPoint) must be submitted in electronic format for publication on the website on the day prior to presentation.

9. There will be a selection of papers, presented at the LIASA Conference that will be published in a special conference edition of the South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science.

10. This call for papers is for the parallel sessions of the Conference.

11. Please note that all presenters are responsible for their own expenses to attend the Conference.