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Dear Madam President,

On behalf of UNISA Library, and the IFLA Africa Regional Office for Africa, I would like to bring this message of good-will as we celebrate the launch of the Library Week 2016.

Library week is an important event on SA LIS calendar and an opportunity to promote libraries and librarianship. As we celebrate and launch library week 2016 we are reminded about the value of libraries. As we take the opportunity to intentionally re-connect and re-energize the library communities we are reminded about the role of libraries in development of humanity. National Library week offers libraries and their users an excellent opportunity to celebrate libraries.

With the theme “#libraries4lifelonglearning” this year ‘s theme aligns itself perfectly with both the “UN-2030 Agenda for Transformation” and the African Union 2063 theme – “The Africa we want” .

Both agendas speak about life long education as being central to the development of humanity. Both focus on an inclusive development agenda that builds a future that humanity desires. We congratulate LIASA for selecting such an excellent theme, and commit our self to rallying behind the call, not just this week but always.

At the UNISA Library, we are aware that learning happens in libraries. Libraries are the “classrooms” of the majority of our students. This week we want to send a message of appreciation to the South African Library community for putting our students first. We take this opportunity to thank you for assisting Unisa to “shape futures” in the service of humanity.

From all of us at UNISA, and the IFLA **Regional** Office for Africa please receive our good wishes for a dynamic launch, a successful week, and lifelong commitment to lifelong learning.

Warm regards

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