

Building a Strong LIS Sector in South Africa Recommendations in the Library and Information Services (LIS) Transformation Charter: Possible implementation of an Eco-System

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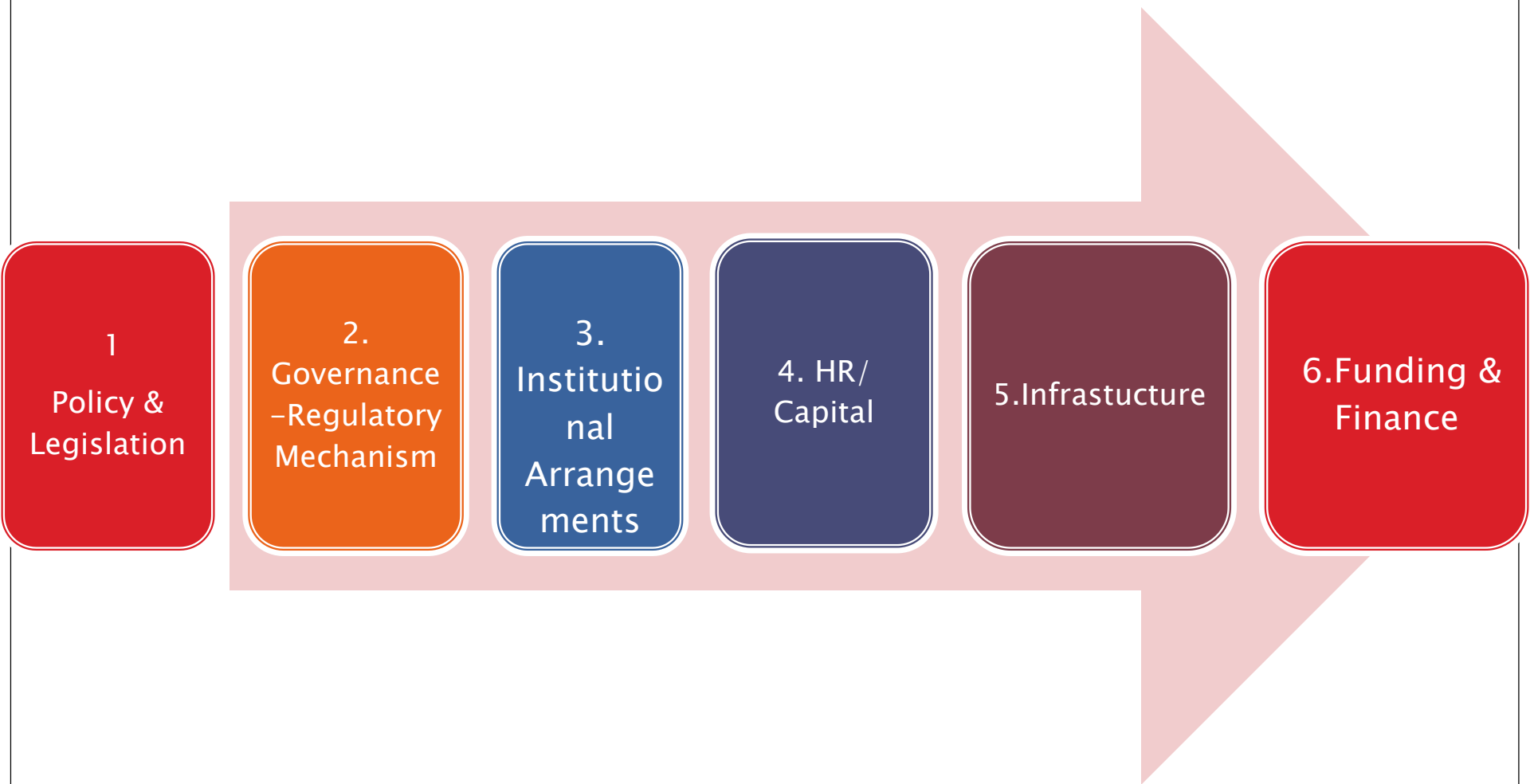
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Structure of the Charter

- Preamble
- Preface
- Executive Summary
- Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations
- Acknowledgements
- Rationale: Challenges and Opportunities
- Methodology
- Analysis of the LIS Sub-Structures in South Africa
- Access to LIS and Participation
- HR Development: Education, Training and CE
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Implementation Plan
- References

Implementation plan: thematic and strategic prioritisation of the recommendations



Implementation Plan

- Thematic and strategic prioritisation of the recommendations are as follows:

1. Policy
2. Legislation
3. Governance – Regulatory Mechanisms
4. Institutional Arrangements
5. Human Resources / Capital
6. Infrastructure and
7. Funding

All these could be classified under:

Short (1-3yrs), **Medium** (3-5yrs) and **Long Term** (5yrs and longer)

Monitoring and Evaluation

Please see also Chapter Six on the following

- Diagnostic
- Design confirmation
- To assess progress
- Impact Analysis
- Cost-Benefit Analysis to assess Value for Money

Transformation is...

- Drastic
- Fundamental
- Miraculous
- Radical
- Rigorous
- Thorough going and
- Vigorous
- CHANGE
- And not just Change
- But Change which is:

LIS Charter Recommends: A Paradigm Shift

- An Integrated LIS Framework whereby:
- Departments of
 1. Agriculture
 2. Arts and Culture
 3. Education
 4. Communication for ICT
 5. Correctional Services
 6. Health
 7. Science and Technology, etc

Should all (**including the Private Sector**) pool their resources together to support the sharing of LIS services.

LIS professionals need to be innovative for the establishment of a sustainable sector

Transforming our delivery mode into an Eco-System

- Academic Libraries
- Hospital and other Health Services LIS sub-sector
- Public Libraries
- School Libraries
- Parliamentary and Legislatures LIS
- LIS for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Correctional Services and other Government LIS sub-sector
- Publishers, Booksellers and ICT Vendors
- Private Libraries and Information Centres
- Heritage Institutions:
 1. Archives
 2. Museums
 3. Heritage Sites
 4. Records Centres
 5. Art Galleries, etc.



THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE POLICY FRAMEWORK

The legislative/policy framework empowers
YOU

to put the Library and Information Services
sector

on the Programme of Action
and Agenda of Government

AS WELL AS External Funders.

Working together

We can do more

**and better for LIS in South
Africa and for Africa's
development agenda**

LET US NOW LEAN INTO THE FUTURE

- What are the Future Challenges facing us nationally and globally ?
- What are the Creative, Dynamic and Innovative mechanisms to address these challenges ?
- How are we going to do things better to consolidate and sustain the Strategic Leadership Role of LIS in the world ?
- Any other Critical Questions.....?

Library and Information Services is Critical for Development

- Information is the building block of Knowledge and Wisdom
- It is a Strategic Resource for Human development and sustainable growth
- It is needed for:
 1. Agricultural development and food security to eradicate extreme hunger and reduce poverty
 2. Education, Health, Gender Equity, Youth Development
 3. Environmental Sustainability and Tourism
 4. Justice, Peace and Security-to stop **conflicts and wars !**
 5. All other human activities for Development and Sustainable Growth, nationally and globally.

BECAUSE.....:

Access to Information is a Fundamental Human Right

Access to Information as a Human Right is a global and continental constitutional matter

UN Declaration of Human Rights [article 19]

- “Everyone has the right:
- to freedom of opinion and expression;
- this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers” (8).

African Charter of Human and Peoples’ Right [Article 9]

- “Every individual shall:
 - have the right to receive information;
- (and shall also) have
- the right to express and disseminate his opinions within the law” (2)

South African Constitution

“Article 32: Access to information

Everyone has the right of access to:

1. any information held by the state; and
2. any information that is held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights”.

National legislation HAS been enacted to give effect to this right

- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 - Chapter 2: Bill of Rights

<http://www.gov.za/documents/constitution/chapter-2-bill-rights>

IN CONCLUSION

- LIS is a driver for access to Knowledge Dissemination providing.....
[Access to Information]

THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AGENDA IS WITH US ALL

And through effective LIS and dynamic strategic leadership we all can make a significant contribution towards achieving the:

- 1. National Development Plan-Vision 2030:The South Africa we want !**
- 2. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - Vision 2030:
The World we want !**
- 1. African Union Agenda 2063:The Future we want for Africa !**

The United Nations is calling us for Action





- Ms Dlamini- Zuma – Head of AU Commission



- Welcome

Join all Africans and Friends of Africa who are contributing to the AGENDA 2063.



African Agenda 2063

The Africa we want

Newsletter Issue No. 2: Jan - Jun 2014

"A global strategy to optimize the use of Africa's resources for the benefit of all Africans"

Africa is consulting on Agenda 2063...



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Our Aspirations for The Africa we want

1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development;
2. An integrated continent, politically united, based on the ideals of Pan Africanism;
3. An Africa of good governance, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law;
4. A peaceful and secure Africa;
5. An Africa with a strong cultural identity, values and ethics;
6. An Africa whose development is people-driven, especially relying on the potential offered by its women and youth; and
7. Africa as a strong, resilient and influential global player and partner.



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**In considering the implementation of the
LIS Transformation Charter**

**PLEASE TAKE THE INITIATIVE, BE
CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE.**