

2014-2016

**Libraries for Development: Action,
Collaboration and Integration**

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Implementation of the LIS Transformation charter

- Managed to prioritize the LIS Charter- 2014 recommendations for easy implementation
 - Embedded the priorities in the LIASA strategy and raised awareness at all possible platforms

- **Raised awareness of library's role in the National development plan (NDP)- vision 2030 and**
- **to the UN Global Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs)**

Acquired LIASA professional body status

- LIASA received from the SAQA Directorate: Recognition as a professional body, Registration **of the professional designation, Professional Librarian** and confirming the approval by the SAQA Board, as per the requirements of the NQF Act, Act 67 of 2008, on the **17 December 2014**.
- Professional Body Advisory Committee formed, Guidelines developed

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- PB Committee with reps from various LIS subsectors

Hosted IFLA conference- 2015

- Compiled the state of Libraries in South Africa magazine with the NLSA and all LIS sub-sectors.
- Received a good report from IFLA showing how well we compete globally
- Used the IFLA conference platform to have the Cape Town Declaration signed

Capacity Development

- The Next Generation Public Librarian Scholarship Programme culminated with 20 enrolled students

Explored new modes of skills development

- Leadership training of all portfolio holders
- Continued Professional Development (CPD)- Workshops hosted for critical areas

Access to information

- LIASA was honored to launch SPARC Africa on 15 Aug 2015 with relevant stakeholders (SPARC is championed by Dr Reggie Raju)
- Raised awareness of open access across the sector and compiled list of OA-databases
- All the four editions of South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS) issues were published

Kept pace with the trends

- The New LIASA Website <http://www.liasa-new.org.za> was launched in 2015.
- LIASA launched the Webinar on the 21st February 2016 using Big Blue Button software
- LIASA enjoyed extensive media coverage since IFLA 2015 networks
- Increased social media platform use

Collaborations

- Acquired membership of AfLIA (African Federation of Library and Information Associations and Institutions)- to ensure maximum participation in the continental issues on Libraries and Information services.

Awards

- Launched the SALI Trust/LIASA- Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Prof J Willemse was the first recipient in 2016

- It has been a joyful, challenging and enriching journey! Contributing to LIASA



- *Thank you LIASA for the opportunity*