



AFRICA SECTION

Invitation to the IFLA Africa Section Pre-conference Seminar- 16-17 August 2007

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On behalf of the IFLA Africa Section, I have pleasure in inviting you to the IFLA Africa Section Pre-conference Seminar to be held in Durban on 16-17 August, 2007, Durban. The meeting brings together leading African Librarians to discourse on the theme **“African libraries for the future: interfacing with the Millennium Development Goals”**

Please find attached background information on the pre-conference and registration information.

The World Library and Information Congress 2007, IFLA annual conference, follows soon after the Seminar from 18-24 August. We hope you will join us for the Congress too.

Sincerely

Helena Asamoah-Hassan
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PRE- CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

“AFRICAN LIBRARIES OF THE FUTURE: INTERFACING WITH MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS”, DURBAN 16-17 AUGUST 2007

INTRODUCTION

The Africa Section, of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, (IFLA) will host pre-conference seminar at the IFLA, World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in Durban in 2007. The aim of the meeting is to chart a way forward for African Libraries in the post World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) era and in the context of the Millennium Development Goals.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

- 1) To bring together African Library leaders to deliberate on the future of libraries.
- 2) To map out strategies for creating libraries relevant to the information society.
- 3) To design contexts for engagements in order to make libraries relevant to the Millennium Development Goals, in particular, poverty alleviation.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting will be attended by Presidents of Library Associations, National Librarians, University Librarians, leading African Librarians, and other registered participants. It is anticipated that the meeting will be attended by 100 participants.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

There are two anticipated outcomes:

- 1) A statement on the position of African libraries in the context of the information society, and in relation to poverty alleviation.
- 2) A set of proposals on corrective strategies and capacity enhancement for sustainable African libraries that will be relevant to the millennium goals and in particular, poverty alleviation.

TIME

The two-day seminar will be held on the 16-17 August 2007, at Riverside Hotel, in Durban

REGISTRATION.

It is essential to register your interest in the pre-conference as space is limited. Please send the registration form to Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata, UNISA Library Services, P. O. Box 392, Pretoria 0003, or fax it to 0027 12 429 2925, or send it by email to mbambtb@unisa.ac.za. You can also reach us by phone on 0027 12 429 3131

DIRECTIONS

Directions to the venue will be sent to registered participants



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