LAUNCH: CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBRARIES (CANL)

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DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBRARIES

We, National Librarians / Directors / CEOs of national libraries in Africa, gathered on the occasion of the African Library Summit, July 2-5 2013, in Pretoria, declare that:

• We recognize the need for a strong organization to represent National Libraries, and equivalent institutions performing the same roles in Africa.
• We emphasize the urgency of creating a credible body with regard to each National Government, and international professional, inter-governmental and other organizations.
• We unanimously support the formation of such a body, to be known as the Conference of African National Libraries (CANL), with equivalent translations of this name in French and Portuguese.
• We are committed to obtain agreement and to mobilize National Library Executives who are not undersigned so that each African country is represented.
Signed Declaration

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What is CANL?

It is an independent organization of chief executives of national libraries, established to:

• Facilitate discussion and promote understanding and cooperation on matters of common interest continentally
• Facilitate exchange of information, training opportunities, sharing resources, experiences and expertise, promoting research
• Improve regional cooperation and visibility
• Set standards against which performance can be measured
• To be a representative body, recognised at national, regional, continental and international levels
• Provide guidelines whenever needed
• Enable and promote communication
• Reach out to countries without national libraries
WAY FORWARD

• Mobilize the ‘concept’, i.e. the National library
  – Action: open a dialogue with regional bodies, sensitize authorities and all relevant stakeholders

• Increased visibility
  – Action: continue/enhance database and Directory, Portal (to materials, to research), advocacy

• Sustained Communication
  – Action: Listserv and meetings, including virtual ones

• Research
  – Action: Collation of (Success Stories) case studies and Knowledge Management approach in National Libraries

• Amend the Draft Constitution and pass the Constitution for adoption
• Encourage participation by all African countries and discuss in each country
• Exposure to regional and continental bodies and institutions, e.g., SADC, ECOWAS, AU, UNESCO, UNECA, EAC, OIF (Francophone), PALOP and CPLP (Lusophone).

• Update the draft directory and the database
RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBRARIES (CANL)

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Establish a Conference of African National Libraries (CANL)

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Congratulations to organisers and delegates for a successful and productive African Library Summit 2013!

MERCI, MERCI BEAUCOUPE!

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Thank you very much!