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SUMMARY

Universities in the new millennium find themselves in a knowledge-driven economy that is challenging them to produce a qualified and adaptable work force if they are to contribute to societal development. Owing to the structural change in the economy, entrepreneurs require high level scientists, professionals and technicians who not only have the capability to create and support innovations by adapting knowledge to local use but also people with managerial and lifelong learning skills. Such are they who can accelerate changes and make organizations more productive and efficient in the services they render. Consequently, universities in Sub-Saharan Africa are challenged to transform learning so as to produce graduates who have both knowledge and competencies. Such a system will create a balance between university education and the changing labour market. Satisfying these new educational demands are only possible through research and unhindered access to global information resources. Paradoxically, some private university libraries, because of limited funding, find themselves fiscally constrained in the provision of unhindered access to global stores of information particularly at a time of exponential growth both in number and cost of information resources. This had led libraries to re-examine resource sharing as a viable option to meeting the new demands placed on universities.

It is for the reasons above that this study examines the practice, problems and prospects of resource-
sharing in selected Seventh-day Adventist university libraries in Sub-Saharan Africa. It examines scientifically the causes of poor sharing practices that are unique to each library, the situational and environmental factors that can enhance resource sharing. It provides also research-based information that will help to determine the best ways by which each library can have greater access to information resources. There are proposals for resolving the problems, and there are recommendations for dealing with the matter on a more permanent basis. The study advances resource-sharing model called Consortium of Adventist University Libraries in Africa (CAULA) as a resource sharing network for Seventh-day Adventist libraries in Africa. The organizational structure for CAULA are outlined and discussed. The proposed cooperation is not only sustainable but also structured to provide efficiency and greater regional cooperation of SDA libraries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AACR-II  Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules Two
AIIAS  Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies
AJCS  Adventist Joint Catalogue Scheme (AJCS)
ALICE  Adventist Libraries Information Cooperation
AKNF  African Knowledge Networks Forum
ASDAL  Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians.
BA  Babcock University

BLDSC  British Library Document Supply Centre

BU  Bugema University

CALICO  Cape Libraries Cooperative

CAULA  Consortium of Adventist University Libraries in Africa.

CCU  Central Coordinating Unit

CUUL  Consortium of Ugandan University Libraries

DLS  Digital Subscriber Lines

ECA  Economic Community for Africa.

FRELICO  Free State Library and Information Consortium

GNP  Gross National Product

ICTs  Information Communications Technologies.

ILL  Interlibrary Loan

IT  Information Technology

LEO  Low Earth Orbits

LCSH  Library of Congress Subject Headings

MARC  Machine Readable Catalogue

MEOs  Medium Earth Orbits

OCLC  Online Cooperative Library Catalogue

SABINET  South African Bibliographic Information Network

SDA  Seventh-day Adventists
SEALS South Eastern Academic Library System.

Sol Solusi University

UEAB University of Eastern Africa Baraton

UNDP United Nations Development Programme


VSAT Very Small Aperture Terminal

VVU Valley View University.
A map of Africa showing the location of the libraries selected for this study.