NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES (NCLIS)

Since its inauguration in 2004 in Cape Town, the National Council for Library and Information Services (NCLIS) has played a crucial role in the creation, development, promotion, support and continuity of library and information services in South Africa. The Council broadly represents all sectors of library and information services and advises the Minister of Arts and Culture and the Ministers of Basic and Higher Education.

VISION: To position South Africa as the best informed nation.

MISSION: To provide strategic leadership and advocacy for literacy, a culture of reading and writing, innovation and open access to information.

MEMBERSHIP: NCLIS members are nominated by their respective constituencies and are appointed by the Minister of Arts and Culture to serve a three year term of office, which can be extended for a second term through its democratic nomination and election processes.


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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-2017

On 1 and 2 March 2016, NCLIS members met in Pretoria for a 2-day Strategic Planning Workshop to map out short-, medium-, and long-term goals for NCLIS and an action plan for 2016 and 2017. The following themes were discussed:

1. Re-commitment to, implementation and ongoing monitoring of the Library Transformation Charter (Final Version 2014)
2. Promoting ratification of the Marrakesh VIP Treaty
3. Revised White Paper on Arts, Culture and Heritage 2013 (2nd)
4. Revision of the NCLIS Act 6 of 2001
5. Commitment to the principles of the IFLA Cape Town Declaration 2015
6. Review of LIS academic programmes through Council for Higher Education
7. Training of Teacher Librarians through Department of Basic Education
8. Improving NCLIS ‘s visibility and communication to the LIS sector
9. Statutory body for the LIS sector
10. National Policy for the LIS Sector
11. Remuneration of LIS Professionals

COMMUNICATION

As a strategy to reach the broader LIS community, NCLIS information, documents, photographs, etc. can be accessed at: http://libguides.wits.ac.za/LegalDeposit/NCLIS.

Information about the Marrakesh VIP Treaty can be found at: http://libguides.wits.ac.za/Resources_for_Blind_and_Visually-Impaired/Marrakesh.

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