



REPORT TO CDNL ON LAUNCH: CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBRARIES (CANL)

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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 vis-a-vis 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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DECLARATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
Conference of
National Libraries in Africa (CANL)

Representatives of National Library Executives of national libraries in Africa, gathered on the occasion of the
African Library Summit in Pretoria, declare that:

1. We recognize the need for a strong organization to represent National Libraries, and equivalent institutions performing the same roles in Africa.
2. We agree to the necessity of a body to coordinate and liaise vis-a-vis each National Government, and international organizations, in order to ensure the best possible representation of national libraries in Africa.
3. 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.
4. We are committed to the implementation of the recommendations of the African Library Summit, and to mobilize National Library Executives who are not undersigned to do so.

WE THEREFORE SIGN THIS DECLARATION ON THIS 8th DAY OF JULY 2013 AT PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA.

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African Library Summit 2013
Pretoria
8 July 2013

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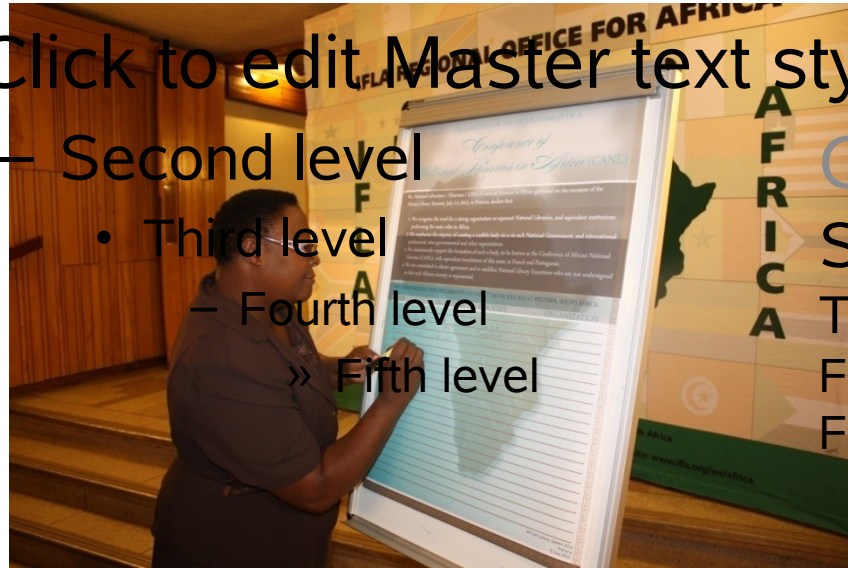
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What is CANL?

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

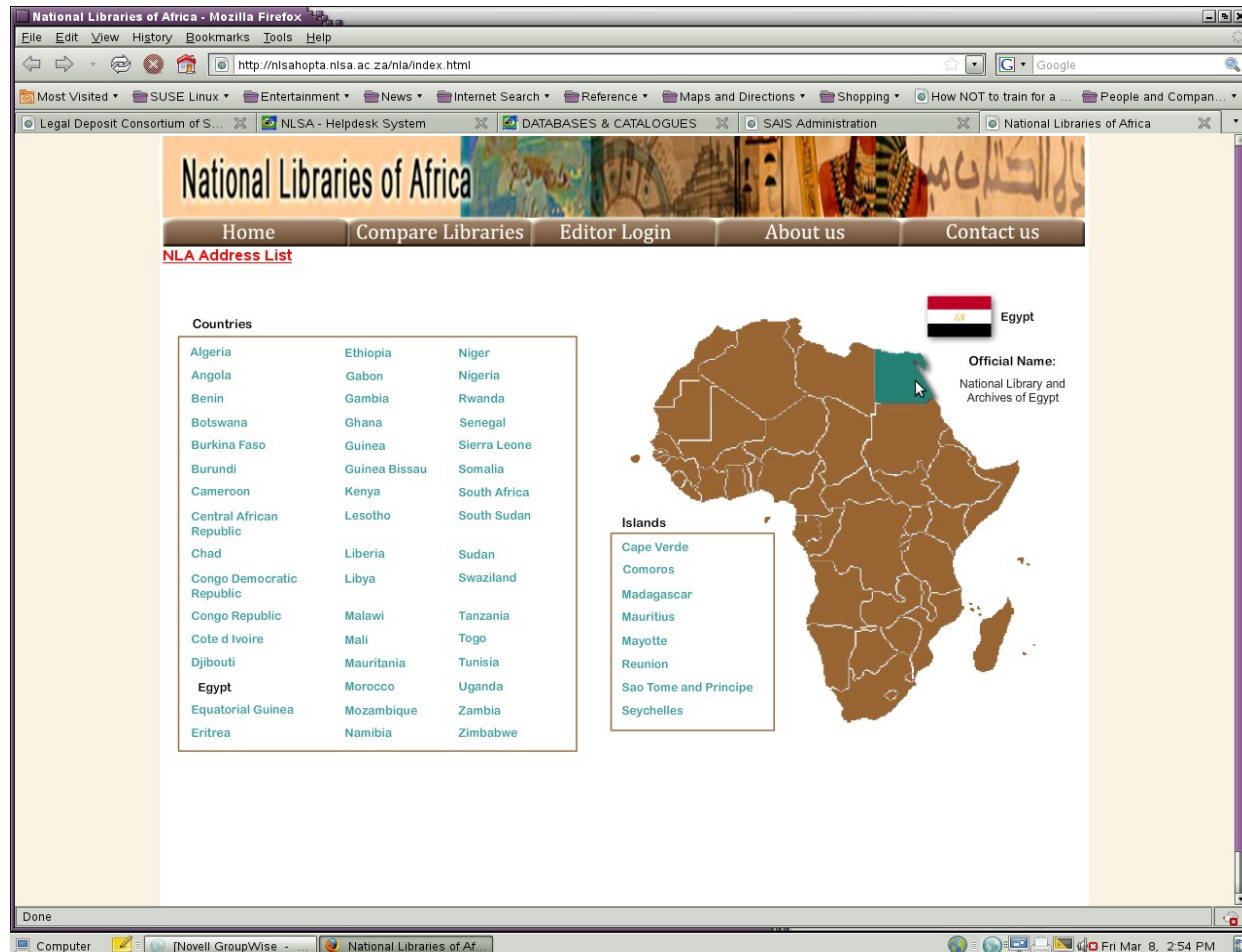
- Facilitate discussion and promote understanding and cooperation on matters of common interest continentally
- Facilitate exchange of information, training opportunities, sharing resources, experiences and expertise, promoting research
- Improve regional cooperation and visibility
- Set standards against 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***



Database



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