

**ZAMBIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
ZAMBIA COUNTRY REPORT FOR SCECSAL XVIII – LUSAKA ZAMBIA**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report gives a brief state of libraries in Zambia and outlines some of the activities the Association has been engaged in during the period under review.

**2. THE STATE OF LIBRARIES IN ZAMBIA**

The state of Libraries especially public libraries continue to worry the Zambia library Association. The Association strongly believes that this is as a result of lack of legislation in the Country. This has been a long battle for us and we will never give up.

**3. TRAINING OF LIBRARIANS**

The association has undertaken a number of workshops during the period under review. These have mostly been on database management using WINISIS

**4. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Association had held two workshops, one in the  
Another in the Copperbelt to recruit new members and ensure that as many people as possible participated in organizing SCECSAL XVIII

**5. XVIII STANDING CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS**

The Association spent most of its time planning the SCESAL XVIII conference which is ending today. In the process of organizing this conference, The Ministry of Education have been brought along and a lot of interactions have been achieved.

Members of ZLA gave in their best in terms of sacrificing their time, money etc to ensure that the conference is hosted.

Zambia Library Association last hosted this conference in 1976.

We would like therefore to appeal to all the delegates present here to bear with us for whatever shortcomings we displayed in handling them.

**6. CONCLUSION**

On behalf of the ZLA I wish to thank all of you for considering coming to Zambia for this years Conference. As Zambia Library Association we are ready to share the experience we have had in organizing this conference so that whichever country will host next will build on our experience.