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## TLA Facilitates Workshop on Fundable Research Proposal Writing Skills

The Tanzania Library Association (TLA) facilitated a five days' hands-on workshop on "Systematic Review and Writing Fundable Library Project Proposals from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in Bagamoyo."

The TLA Chairperson, Prof. Ali Mcharazo said, this tailor-made training was mainly designed to step up skills among library staff, in conducting systematic reviews and meta-analysis on the one hand and writing credible research proposals on the other hand.



Prof Mcharazo further noted that, researchers, library students, government and CSO staff members who work in the information management sections were key target group for this workshop.

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## THUMBS UP FOR TLA

Workshop participants who completed a three days' advanced training on management of KOHA Library Management system (KLMS) have commended workshop organizers for exposing them to ways and means of overcoming KLMS challenges.

The workshop participants noted in their vote of thanks, that, this training would not have come at a more opportune time than this, when most libraries in the country are opting to use KLMS as their knowledge management tool.

They noted that, despite the popularity which KLMS enjoys in

Tanzanian libraries, still, there are very few librarians who are able to wrestle competitively with its operational challenges. They said, such training programs will help to expand the number of KLMS experts.

They also appealed other libraries to use this system, saying, it enables likeminded libraries to link and share resources, management expertise, and thereby enhance efficiency in service provision and professionalism.

The training was held in Morogoro from 3rd to 6th September 2022 and brought together over 30 participants from various libraries in the country

## TLA ELECTS OFFICE BEARERS



*The newly appointed TLA leadership in a group photo*

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Tanzania Library and Information Association (TLA) which was held in Morogoro on September 25<sup>th</sup> 2022, elected new office bearers for the next 3 years' term. The meeting also created a new position of an Administrative Officer to enhance staff accountability.

As for the new office bearers, the meeting elected Prof. Alli Mcharazo, as its new Chairperson and Chief Executive. Mcharazo takes over from Dr Juliana Manyerere who has retired.

Dr. Leontine Nkebukwa was elected as Deputy Chairperson. He takes over from Saudi Danda. Nkebukwa has made a come-back after having served in the outgoing TLA secretariat as Secretary General. The meeting elected Abbas M. Omari to the position of Deputy Secretary General taking over from Seif Hickman.

Seif Hickman was elected secretary in the Planning, Finance and Administration portfolio. He takes over from Celina Casella. Kardo Mwalongo on the other hand was voted in as Secretary in Education, Professionalism and Ethics Department. Kardo takes over from Aristarick Maro.

Others are Barnabas Bwango who was elected to head the Publications, Research and Development department. He takes over from George Nkoba.

Suzan Kingalu on the other hand was elected to lead the Regional Librarians department which was hitherto under Irene Saria. Hermenegild Haule will now head a newly created post of Administrative Officer

## TLA URGED TO SPEARHEAD CPD

TLSB Director General Ms Mboni Ruzegea has urged Tanzania Library and Information Association (TLA) to double efforts in spearheading Continuous Professional development in areas of librarianship and Information Technology as a way to steer up improved management of knowledge and service delivery schemes in Tanzania.

Delivering a speech to the TLA Annual General Meeting in Morogoro, Ms Ruzegea said that, since TLA are mandated by law to champion the growth and expansion of library professionalism in the country, it therefore has a moral obligation of organizing continuous professional development training programmes to librarians, Archivists, documentation officers as well as Library Researchers.

She said that, in order for TLA to partake this role effectively, it must ensure that it maintains a data base of trained and non-trained staff and ensure that affairs of all these staff members are well taken care of. This will motivate the service providers to enhance their performance. She said, TLSB is readily available to support TLA this endeavor.

## ANNUAL BOOK FESTIVAL HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY

The Secretary of the Annual Book Festival Organizing Committee, Abdul Saiwaad has said the 31<sup>st</sup> edition of this grand festival was held simultaneously in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma, from 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Saiwaad said over 30 local and international publishing firms participated in this mammoth festival.

Saiwaad further said, the Minister for Education, Science and Technology Hon. Prof. Adolf Mkenda and the Pri-

ncipal Secretary of the Regional Administration and Local Governments, presided as guest of honour in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma respectively.

He said, the key objective of this annual event is to promote readership in the country. Other activities held during the week long event includes book exhibition and marketing, promotional activities in book reading, presentation of professional papers in areas of publishing, authorship and even librarianship.

# COMPLETE NEW FACE FOR IAE RESOURCE CENTER

The Institute of Adult Education (IAE) has refurbished its Resource center and equipped it with ultra-modern equipment, including 8 new shelves and over 30 newly acquired computers which are full time fitted to the net.

The head of IAE resource center, Barnabas Bwango says, apart from serving as a port for accessing the e-resources and Internet, the lab also serve as a computer training facility for library users who lack basics in computer skills.

He further says, his center is now fully automated, and is using KOHA library management tool, which makes it easier to link up with other like-minded libraries in the country and share resources.

Bwango says, internet broadband at his library has been stepped up to enable fast Internet connectivity. Library users can now access as many e-resources as possible within a brief period of time

He further says, the reading area has also been improvised to cater for more people. Bwango says his library can now accommodate over 120 people at a go and is one of the most modern libraries in the country.

Without divulging the actual figure, Bwango says these renovations and the upbeat has cost the institute hundreds of millions of shillings.



*Mr. Huruma Mageni (centre) representing the commissioner for education, Ministry of Education Science and Technology and Dr. Michael Ng'umbi, Director ( to the left ) Institute of Adult Education (IAE) Listening to the IAE Librarian Mr. Barnabas Bwango (to the right ) during the official opening of the IPOSA STEM HUB at the IAE HQ to be used by the out of school youth in learning applied computer skills as well as library users in accessing digital information materials.*

## TLA EXCOM MEMBERS INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE LIBRARIANSHIP

In a bid to step up knowledge on the importance of libraries for development and corporate growth, leadership of Tanzania Library and Information Association (TLA) has embarked on a new project of building synergy with both academic and non-academic institutions with a view to strengthen library service provision.

The TLA Chairman for the Publications, Research and Development department Barnabas Bwango said TLA leaders will partake visits to various institutions aimed at exposing the Chief Executives on the need for strengthening library

services provision with a view to step up staff knowledge as well as learners and non learners expertise on various fronts.

Below are some of members of the executive committee of TLA when they met with the principal of VETA College -Dodoma Campus.



*TLA EXCOM Members, Barnabas Bwango and Miss Susan Kingalu, chatting with the Principal of VETA College -Dodoma Campus Mr. Stanislaus Ntibara (seated right) at his office in Dodoma.*

## COTUL-AGM WAS A BIG SUCCESS

The Chairperson of the Consortium of Tanzania Universities and Research Libraries (COTUL), Dr. Sydney Msonde has said COTUL Annual General Meeting which was held from November 7 to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was a big success.

Msonde said the AGM was preceded by a series of scientific thematic workshops which were held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at different rooms. He said during these mini workshops local and international scholars presented papers which were focused on the theme: “utilizing digital technologies for enhancing information services opportunities and challenges”

Msonde further noted that,

through hand-on exercises that were held simultaneously during the workshop, further enabled the participants to gain practical skills in retrieving subscribed e-resources, databases and trouble shoot problems related to information search and exploration of alternative methods of discovering e-resources,

He said on the last day, ie 11<sup>th</sup> November, all participants converged with COTUL members and stakeholders, to partake the Annual General Meeting, where COTUL operations were deliberated and evaluated and new operational guidelines for the COTUL Secretariat were set in.



*COTUL members attending the scientific thematic workshops*

## NEW VISION FOR CBEASA

The College of Business Education Academic Staff Assembly

(CBEASA) has stated initiatives to link and collaborate with other Participatory Organs from other Institutions. The CBEASA chairperson, Dr. Leontine Nkebukwa has already made visitations to four institutions of higher learning to establish linkage and collaborations in strengthening the academic activities, as well as to learning on how other institutions successfully run their academic associations, specifically in paper presentations, public lectures, and other publication processes. The CBEASA under new leadership is planning to have the paper presentations and the academic discussion forums. The CBEASA chairperson has started motivating academicians publication spirit through doing research as part of their criteria for promotions.

Among other thing the CBEASA has planned to have the social gatherings events that will be done in every semester aiming at bringing academicians together and promoting their interrelationship as well as sharing teaching and learning issues.

The chairperson has seriously representing the academicians by ensuring timely reporting and resolving challenges regarding teaching and learning issue, in facilitating this the chairperson appointed representatives from every department who will responsible for collecting, reporting challenges need the intervantion from the CBEASA.

Furthermore the role of CBEASA is to promote academic standards in teaching and learning. Finally the CBEASA chairperson is congaturating prof Tandi Lwoga for being appoited to be acting Rector of the college of Business Education who is also a librarian.