

**ICADLA-2 CLOSING PLENARY:
WAY FORWARD, ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE
AND BRIEF MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE
Friday 18 November 2011**

The closing plenary session was facilitated by Felix Ubogu and Abraham Azubuike. The plenary commenced with the presentation of suggestions and nominations for the ICADLA Conveners, the ICADLA Standing Committee Members, the International Advisory Committee and the Supporting Partners.

Before moving to confirm the suggestions and nominations, Felix Ubogu invited participants to raise any comments and suggestions. These were as follows:

1. Nafissatou Bakhom took the opportunity to thank the meeting for having been invited to join the Standing Committee; this gave the Francophone countries representation. She also extended her gratitude to the Goethe Institute for having sponsored her attendance at the conference.
2. A concern was raised by Chedza Molefe regarding balance in the representation of all African countries/regions, particularly with regard to the Standing Committee, as there seemed to be over-representation by South Africa. Abraham Azubuike replied that ICADLA still depends on a high level of capacity building, which happens to be concentrated in the Southern African region, where South Africa was a leader, and that there needed to be a realistic approach. For future outreach and inclusion, equitable representation of all African regions will be crucial.

Lindi Nhlapo clarified that even in cases where certain individuals originated from a particular country, their representation within ICADLA related to their organizational capacity, as, for example, the IFLA Africa section.

3. Dr Abdelhamid Lotfi thanked Felix Ubogu and his entire team for having made the ICADLA-2 conference a success. He was pleased to announce an invitation by the President of the Al Akhawayn University, Mr Driss Ouaouicha, to host the next ICADLA conference at the Al Akhawayn University in Morocco. He again referred to the great work done by Felix and his team, without which the conference might not have happened at the high level that it did, and expressed his wish that this level of support, funding and expertise would be available from South Africa to ensure an equally successful conference in Morocco.
4. Professor Lenrie Aina then asked the meeting to agree that Morocco would host the next ICADLA conference, and that Dr Abdelhamid Lotfi should be the Chair of the ICADLA-3 conference, which all conference participants confirmed. Felix Ubogu appreciated the consensus, and it was suggested that the ICADLA-3 conference should be held in May 2013. Dr Abdelhamid Lotfi would forward the recommendations to the President of the Al Akhawayn University, Mr Driss Ouaouicha.
5. Felix Ubogu then received consensus for the ICADLA Conveners, the ICADLA Standing Committee Members and the International Advisory Committee. All Conference participants endorsed the nominations.
6. It was suggested, and supported by Abraham Azubuike, that Felix Ubogu should be the Chair of the ICADLA Standing Committee. The meeting endorsed the suggestion.

7. The following were put forward as additional Supporting Partners:
- Qatar Foundation, suggested by Dr Abdelhamid Lotfi;
 - African Digital Library Support Network, suggested by Paiki Muswazi;
 - Association of African Universities, suggested by Chedza Molefe;
 - It was felt that UNESCO should be included as a Supporting Partner; this was appreciated as they had expressed an interest in partnerships with ICADLA;
 - Internet Archive, suggested by Kristine Hanna.
8. The Standing Committee was asked to look into an intermediate workshop, before ICADLA-3 in May 2013. It was suggested that the University of the Witwatersrand might host a mid-term workshop in June 2012. Simon Tanner has already been approached to hold workshops in Senegal and Kenya, and will be able to arrange for workshops to be held in French as well.

After discussion the following were therefore agreed:

ICADLA CONVENORS	
Felix Ubogu (Chair)	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
Abraham Azubuike	Dag Hammarskjold Library, United Nation, New York
Michele Pickover	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
Paiki Muswazi	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
ICADLA STANDING COMMITTEE	
Adly, Noha Dr	Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt
Aina, Lenrie Professor	University of Ilorin, Nigeria
Azubuike, Abraham	Dag Hammarskjold Library, United Nations, New York
Bakhoun, Nafissatou	Institut Fondamental d’Afrique Noire, Senegal
Benbouida, Mohamed Dr	Ministry of Scientific Research, Morocco
Hillebrecht, Werner	National Archives of Namibia
Kalule, Ezra	National Library of Uganda
Lotfi, Abdelhamid Professor	Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
Morgos, Rafea Dr	Ministry of Science and Technology, Sudan
Motsi, Alexio	National Archives of South Africa
Nhlapo, Lindy	IFLA Regional Manager for Africa
Okojie, Victoria	IFLA Africa Section Chair
Pickover, Michele	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
Salanje, Geoffrey	Bunda College of Agriculture, University of Malawi
Selematsela, Daisy Dr	National Research Foundation, South Africa
Ubogu, Felix (Chair)	University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa
Wordofa, Teklemichael	Addis Ababa University Library, Ethiopia
INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Cousins, Jill Dr	Europeana Foundation
Hanna, Kristine	Internet Archive
Howard, Eric	Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology

Kalfatovic, Martin	Smithsonian Libraries, USA
Skarstein, Vigdis Moe	National Librarian, Norway
Tanner, Simon	King's College London, UK
SUPPORTING PARTNERS	
African Digital Library Support Network	
African Union Commission	
Association of African Universities	
Internet Archive	
Open Access Initiative	
Qatar Foundation	
Regional Economic Communities (5)	
Royal Tropical Institute	
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Abraham Azubuikwe closed the Plenary by thanking Felix Ubogu, Michele Pickover and Charl Roberts for all their efforts in preparation of ICADLA-2. A vote of thanks was extended once more to all sponsors of the conference and conference participants. Special thanks was also extended to Simon Tanner for a successful workshop, to Brewster Kahle and his colleagues from the Internet Archive, to members of the Interim committee of ICADLA and for the support of the Africa section of IFLA and the African Union representation at the conference.

FIRST MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Felix Ubogu welcomed and congratulated all members of the ICADLA Standing Committee present.

1. A comprehensive report and draft recommendations of ICADLA-2 will be circulated to all Committee members.
2. A meeting between all Committee members should be arranged as soon as possible via Skype. Michele asked all Committee members to send her contact details.
3. Dr Abdelhamid Lotfi suggested that ICADLA now needed to move further and meet beyond conferences. There should now be a dedicated person, possibly based at the University of the Witwatersrand, to maintain consistency in the work of ICADLA.
4. Prof Lenrie Aina recommended that an ICADLA position/policy paper should be drafted to be tabled at the upcoming AU Summit in June 2012. The Committee should formulate its policy not only for the AU to support and endorse the work of IDACLA on the continent, but also to complement the work of the AU with regard to AU digitization policy for Africa, from an expert point of view. It was clarified that agenda items for the AU summit could indeed be forwarded by external submission. It was stressed that ICADLA needs to work through the AU.

Post-meeting note:

The Economic Commission for Africa (UN) and the African Union Commission, as Supporting Partners, expressed their wish to be part of the Standing Committee. It was decided to defer this matter for discussion after the ICADLA Conference Report has been circulated.