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**Invitation to the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) annual conference**

Dear Sir/ Madam

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of LIASA to be held at the Durban International Conference Centre (ICC), KwaZulu Natal from 10 to 14 October 2016. The theme of the conference is **“Libraries in Action: Transformation and Development towards 2030”**.

South Africa’s transition to a democratic state has resulted in success in various areas of societal development. Yet, despite these successes, too many people remain trapped in poverty pointing out that we remain a highly unequal society. Our collective successes and failures as a nation is a clear call for all citizens to do more to improve our future. The National Development Plan 2030 (NDP) is such a device, outlining a roadmap to advancement. It brings together citizens, researchers, and strong leadership from various stakeholders to work together to find interventions and solutions that will correct our historic inequalities and fast track economic growth.

The NDP 2030 vision provides library leadership with the opportunity to redefine their role within this context and (re)consider the strategic directions of the library and information services sector. Librarians and information workers have the space to translate this plan into meaningful actions that demonstrate the value libraries add to eradicating poverty, illiteracy and unemployment with special emphasis on the educational, economic and social priorities that include early childhood development, youth services, women’s health and local economic development.

The LIASA conference will provide a platform for exchanging information; sharing innovative ideas; and, stimulating debates on policy, technologies, and many relevant topics to the theme.

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Conference attendees have the opportunity to network, to engage in fruitful collaboration and to benchmark with best practice in our industry.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Kind regards

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