

# 22<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE ESARBICA

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## RESOLUTIONS

### PREAMBLE

We the participants of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the Biennial conference of the ESARBICA wish to thank the government and the people of Kenya for the warmth, hospitality and all arrangements made prior to and during the conference on the theme Archives in 21<sup>st</sup> century and Beyond: historical and paradigm shift .

### NOTES

We took special note of the following issues:

1. The great turnout of participants at the conference.
2. Challenges and opportunities ushered by developments in IT requiring a paradigm shift from the ARMs.
3. ARMs are required to reposition themselves in order to remain relevant in their societies

The archival legislation and policies in the region require amendment and review to align themselves with developments related to ARM.

5. Other challenges and possible solution have been identified
6. Insufficient resources, especially financially were emphasized.
7. It was also noted that the regional members engaged in insufficient and ineffective marketing strategies resulting in poor visibility of institutions and their offerings.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The participants urge the ESARBICA member states to undertake and implement the following:

- a) Review the legislative and policy frameworks to harmonize with other legislations that impact on the profession and its practice
- b) Develop strategic plans ensuring their alignment to other government initiatives such as e-Govt and open data initiatives
- c) Embrace ICT and utilize them effectively for promoting access and use of archives.

- d) Develop aggressive and creative marketing strategies.
- e) Develop Integrated Records Management Strategies/programmes to ensure implementation of policies and other guidelines
- f) Develop clear guidelines relating to collaborative digitization projects which ensure copyrights interest remain in their local or countries of origin.
- g) Explore other public and/or private partnerships for collaborating in fundraising activities
- h) Organise training initiatives aimed at equipping staff with ICT related skills and competencies to reduce as there is currently a glaring profile of staff with inadequate ICT skills. To this end, partnerships with ICT industry is encouraged.
- i) LIS schools to develop specific programmes aiming at capacity building in the preservation and conservation, based on the JICPA curriculum/ model to alleviate the lack of expertise in the aspect.
- j) Digital preservation and electronic records to be give focused attention.
- k) Capture IK and related IKS in their archives

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