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TLA 2018 WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21ST – 23RD FEBRUARY, 2018, SONGEA

THEME:

"The role of library and information services in promoting industrialization in Tanzania"

Brief about the Theme of the Year

Industrialization passes several stages to develop in most countries with first class economy. Tanzania is no exception for the same. Tanzania Vision 2025 aims at propelling Tanzania from a least developed country to a middle income economy with a high level of human development and whose economy is diversified and semi-industrialized. This vision focuses on six sub-sectors: agro-processing, textiles, leather, fertilizer and chemicals, light machinery and iron and steel. In achieving this, there are policies that have been formulated to make the vision 2025 a reality. Right information for both formulation and implementation of these policies and strategies is important. Packaging and re-packaging of information for all stakeholders to participate in the realization of this vision is inevitable. Information management experts play a great role in bringing all key stakeholders in the proper implementation of the vision. The roles played by these experts; librarians, documentalists, records managers, archivists, museum experts, information scientists and analysts, media, and many others need to be anchored. In order to attain the set goals in the industrial sector as stated in the policy and other associated strategies, management of right information; dissemination of the same to right players in the right time is important. Therefore, the contribution of these experts in this race cannot be underrated.

Libraries and information centers in collaboration with the government have had in many years' important roles to nurture and protect existing industries and other associated sectors through provision of necessary information and managing the sources of information.

Information experts play a vital and significant role in provision and dissemination of information worldwide. It should be noted that, this is one of the key profession that fosters the driving factors of the economy in any country. It is regarded as one of the fastest growing profession within the country and globally. Unlike other professions, information science is regarded as a crosscutting profession that supports other professions in attaining their desired objectives. Knowledge has become a backbone

of education and service delivery point to all levels of human interaction in the world.

The development of industrial sector in any country depends greatly on how much information its citizens and investors possess. Right information is crucial to development, and it has been recognized as the fifth factor of production. Information has no substitute when it comes to the national development because it has been identified as the driver of economic growth and productivity. The forthcoming event will discuss the roles of libraries and information centers in supporting industrialization in Tanzania. Libraries, documentation and information centers should take charge and spearhead the process of economic development in the country.

It is documented that, librarians, information specialists, documentalists and other information experts are more exposed to unlimited resources of information, modern and up-to-date technologies that drive the economy of any country than any other group of professionals. This adds value of librarians/information specialists in supporting all sectors including industries.

The theme for 2018 TLA AGM & Workshop is designed to showcase the contributions of libraries and information in the implementation of National Five Year Development Plan 2016/17 – 2020/21. FYDP II outlines new interventions to enable Tanzania industrialize in a way that will transform its economy and society. It also implements aspects of Tanzania's Development Vision (TDV) 2025 which aspires to have Tanzania transformed into a middle income and semi industrialized nation by 2025, characterized by: - (i) high quality and sustainable livelihoods; (ii) peace, stability and unity; (iii) good governance and the rule of law; (iv) an educated and learning society; and (v) a strong and competitive economy.

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