



2026 CDiA Conference programme

The full preliminary agenda will be available in early September, but the general itinerary is listed below for travel planning purposes:

Tuesday, September 8 -Leadership summit

- 7:30 – 8:00 am Registration Check-in Desk Open
- 8:00 – 9:00 am Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 – 9:15 am Official Welcome and Introduction, Dr. Gracian Chimwaza, CDiA IPC Co-Chair and ITOCA Executive Director.
- 9:15 – 10:00 am Keynote:
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Break: Coffee & Refreshments
- 10:30 – 11: 30am: Session 1: Developing & Implementing Library Strategy & Policy
- 11:30 – 12:30pm Session 2: Library Leadership
- 12:30 – 1.00pm Discussion Session
- 2:00 - 3:30pm Session 3: Funding and Partnerships
- 3:30 - 4:00pm Break: Coffee & Refreshments
- 4:00 - 5:30pm Session 4: Digital Transformation and AI

- 8:00am - 4: 00 pm

Wednesday, September 9

- 7:30 – 8:00 am Registration Check-in Desk Open
- 8:00 – 9:00 am Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 – 9:15 am Official Welcome and Introduction, Dr. Gracian Chimwaza, CDiA IPC Co-Chair and ITOCA Executive Director.
- 9:15 – 10:00 am Keynote:
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Break: Coffee & Refreshments
- 10:30 – 11: 30am: Session 1: Data and AI Driven collection Development
- T. Mahlatse and N. Matlawe “**Marginal Human Intervention, Quality Audit: AI Acquisitions perspectives**”
- Phethani Budeli, Tahleho Tseole “**Application of Artificial intelligence technologies for improving collection development: TSIBA and the National, University of Lesotho Libraries**”

- Boitumelo Masilo, Puleng Khampepe, Molly Ncalo, Devind Peter, **“Precision Over Volume: A Data-Driven Model for Collection Reduction in a South African Health Sciences Library”**
- 11:30 – 12:00 pm Discussions
- 12:00 – 1: 00 pm Session 2: Scholarly communication
- Joy Nasaka Barasa **“Beyond paywalls: rethinking scholarly access for African postgraduate researchers”**
- Kandiwe, N and Madziwo,E **“Exploring the role of academic libraries in research transfer and crisis resilience: a survey of the Zimbabwe university libraries consortium (ZULC)”**
- H. Nzambu,(etl) **“Building LIRE: A DSpace-Based Institutional Repository for Knowledge Equity at an Online University in the Democratic Republic of Congo”**
- **1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Lunch & Vendor Showcase Exhibition Open**
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm Session 3: Open science and Transformational Agreements, digital Libraries
- M. Ntetha **“Transformative Agreement as a driver of Open Access publishing: the journey of an Open and distance e-Learning University in South Africa”**
- M. M. Nabuyanda **“Repositioning NIPA library’s knowledge hub and e-learning platform for inclusive public sector learning in Zambia”**(Authors: Mutinta M Nabuyanda, Eleonah Kapapa, Robert Musendo)
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm Discussion for Session 2 & 3
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm Break : Coffee & Refreshments
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Session 4: Open discussion and Closure for the day
- -----*End of Day 1 Break* -----
- **6:00- 9:00pm Exhibitor Networking Event & Cocktail**

Thursday, September 10

- 7:30 – 8:00 am Registration Check-in Desk Open
- 8:00 – 9:00 am Welcome Coffee
- 9:00 – 9:15 am
- 9:15 – 10:00 am Keynote:
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Break: Coffee & Refreshments
- 10:30 – 11: 30am: Session 6: Decolonisation of collections
- P. Fasola **“Decolonizing Knowledge Infrastructures: Archival Diplomacy and the Politics of Collection Building between Ghana and the United States (1957–1966)”**
- N.Maseko **“Decolonizing the North-West University’s Archival Collections through the Sharpeville Community’s Digitization Initiative”**

- M. Sepaela “**Reimagining Collection Development in the Digital Age: Emerging Trends in Scholarly Communication, Open Science, and Technology-Driven Knowledge Access in African Libraries**”
- 11:30 – 12:30pm Session 7: Decolonisation of collection, Equity and Inclusion
- N. Matalawe and M.T. Tema “**Collections Evolved: User Centred Collections, Equity & Resilience in the Scholarly Landscape**”
- Chebet, Patricia “**Leveraging affordable internet, open-source platforms and solar-powered solutions for inclusive access**” (Nakuru UGANDA)
- 12:30 – 1:00pm Discussion for Sessions 6 & 7
- **1:00 – 2:30 pm Lunch & Vendor Showcase Exhibition Open**
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm Session 8: Decolonisation of Collection
Propose a panel discussion
- 3:30- 4:30pm Session 9: The future of Collection Development
Open discussion
- 4:30 – 5:00pm Session 10: Vote of thanks and Wrap-up
- -----*End of Day 2 Break* -----

Thursday, September 11

- 9:00 – 12:00 pm Post Conference Side Meetings