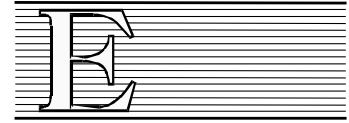




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Workshop on the Technical Aspects of Building Digital Libraries and Electronic Information Networks.

Date: 10 -11 May 2003.

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Objectives

The main objective of workshop is to provide prospective participating institutions of the African Virtual Library and Information Network (AVLIN) with a clear understanding of the technical issues related to the development of digital libraries and associated virtual library and knowledge services, [and to contribute to African institutional capacity building in the new development information area.](#) The specific objectives include:

- To stimulate and the development of projects focusing on digital libraries and associated virtual library services in Africa;
- To highlight the need for Africa-relevant research and development on digital information delivery for national development; and
- To provide [general framework, models and opportunity for the acquisition of concrete technical knowledge for effective development](#) and management of digital libraries and electronic information networks.

Programme of Work

Saturday, 10 May 2003

08h00 – 14h30: Inaugural Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the African Virtual Libraries and Information Network (AVLIN).

14h30 – 16h30: Opening of workshop.

- (i) Opening remarks by representatives of ECA and workshop partners.
- (ii) Designation of workshop chairperson, introduction of resource persons, and adoption of programme of work.
- (iii) Digital libraries, virtual libraries and electronic information networks: concepts, operative definitions, and goals.
- (iv) Major national and international digital libraries initiatives.

16h30 – 16h45: Tea Break

16.45 – 18h00

- (i) Digital libraries and virtual information services: architectures and models.
- (ii) Technologies and infrastructure for digital libraries and virtual services: equipment, software and networking considerations.

Sunday, 11 May 2003

09h00 – 11h00:

- (i) Digital library project and operations management.
- (ii) Sustainability of digital libraries: developing and maintaining digital library documents and collections.

11h00 – 11h15: Tea Break

11h15 – 13h00

- (i) User-orientation: enhancing document quality and usability of network-based library information systems.
- (ii) Searching, navigating, and visualizing digital libraries.

13h00 – 14h30: Lunch Break

14h30 – 16h30

- (i) Best practice virtual library services and information networks.
- (ii) Starting national digitisation projects: providing government information on the Internet.
- (iii) Relevant economic, commercial and legal issues and imperatives.

Monday 12 – Thursday 15 May 2003

Three working groups will be constituted on Sunday to continue discussions on three different aspects of digital libraries on Wednesday 14 May, as part of the programme of the third session of the ECA Committee on Development Information (CODI-3). Workshop participants would also be expected to attend the meeting of CODI Sub-Committee on Information Technology, Libraries and Information Systems.