

Tanzania Library Association Annual general meeting held from 23rd - 25th March 2022 in Morogoro

On giving more skills and experience in digital library revolution which currently facing academic libraries around the world, Sokoine National Agricultural Library - SNAL send fifteen (15) of its staff to digital workshop as for them to be updated and be strong on digital service provision to its clients.

In this year Tanzania Library Association – TLA annual general meeting and workshop scheduled from 23rd - 25th March 2022 in Morogoro with the theme of the “Digital revolution and the challenges of the new information environment: transforming library services, collections, and communities” SNAL staff able to gain a lot from their participation and presentations.

The occasion was opened by Prof. Carolyn Ignatius Nombo, Deputy Secretary of Education, Science and Technology representing Prof. Adolf Fausitine Mkenda, Minister of Education, Science and Technology where she emphasized on the importance of library and information services staff in having basic skills and capability in the current technology advancement.

Prof. Nombo noted that currently in library services provision environment most users are not coming to the existing library buildings but they should be given the services and resources from where they are using their own gadgets.

During the first day of the workshop topic presented was on “Design and Development of an Open Access Institutional Repository” which was presented by Dr. Evans Wema from University of Dar Es Salaam – UDSM library and participants learn on various aspects of Open Access Repositories.

On second day The topic was “Big Data and Artificial Intelligence in Library Services” presented by Dr. Deogratius Mzurikwao from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences- MUHAS library where participants learn on how to use Artificial intelligence in library services provision such as answering question and answers.

Another topic was on “The Role of Librarians in Fighting Disinformation and Fake Information” The session was presented by Dr. Evans Wema. The workshop had a hands on activities and discussion on groups where participants share and learn from each other.

