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Colleague,

## **2021 INELI SSAF HOMECOMING**

The importance of having responsive, growing networks as 21st century information professionals is most critical. We are exploring different avenues to assist participants of AfLIA-enabled trainings to maintain and grow their networks within the library sector in Africa and beyond the continent.

In order to achieve this, AfLIA is organising a Homecoming for INELI SSAf (Cohort 1 and 2) participants (including mentors). You have been nominated as a **Member** of the **Steering Committee** that will organise the virtual event. Neemat Abdulraheem is the Chairperson, Steering Committee.

Other members of the Steering committee are:

- Shanitha Bhim
- Hellen Muyomba
- Mary Kinyanjui

You are expected to meet as a group and decide on:

- **Theme** for the Homecoming

- Date(s) for the virtual homecoming which should be within the **last week in November.** 

- Activities you wish to hold to make the Homecoming memorable and exciting. These activities will help you decide on the number of days for the event.

- Composition of Sub-Committees that will help you achieve the purpose of the event. Do note that it is suggested that you have these committees-

## 1. Program/presentation Committee

- To liaise with other participants, mentors and others for their presentations bearing the chosen theme in mind.

- To come up with ideas or activities that will make the Homecoming lively and exciting.

- To draw up a draft programme of events for the Homecoming including time allocation for every presentation and other activities.

## 2. Publicity/Contacts Committee (Could be split into two Committees if need be)

- To contact everyone that participated in INELI SSAf 1 & 2 and let them know about the Homecoming and their expected roles including presentations. They may invite members of INELI in other continents too.

- To create massive awareness of the Homecoming so as to have other Librarians who were not in INELI SSAf community to join the sessions and learn as well as network.

- To create publicity materials for the event and disseminate such widely

## 3. Recognition/Awards Committee

- To set up **criteria, standards and guidelines** for recognition of participants in INELI SSAf 1 and 2 who deserve recognition, commendation and award(s) for what they have been able to achieve through the training received.

-To call for participants in INELI SSAf 1 and 2 to send in applications for Recognition/Awards

-To recommend names to the Steering Committee of those that they see fit to be recognized and to receive awards.

The AfLIA secretariat can assist you with names for the subcommittee members as there are composite lists of all INELI SSAf participants.

\*Do note that every subcommittee should be headed by a member of the Steering Committee.

\* Also, the Steering Committee should liaise effectively with the Program Officer, AfLIA to ensure seamless synchronization and planning for this event

Thank you

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