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Dear Sir/Madam,

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CREATING STATE-OF-THE-ARTS DIGITAL LIBRARIES WITH GREENSTONE SOFTWARE

In response to the contemporary challenges of digitization and the need for a robust digital Library services delivery by Nigerian Libraries, we are pleased to invite you to participate in a National Workshop on creating state-of-the-arts Digital Libraries using the Greenstone Digital Library Software. The objective is to empower participants to build their own digital Libraries using the Greenstone Digital Library Software.

The hallmark of the workshop is its packages of practical sessions tailored for those **with or without the preliminary knowledge of the Greenstone**. Participants are however expected to possess the basic computer skills. The pedagogy will be a mix of lectures, demos, discussions and extensive hands-on on content development, digitization, document conversion, installation, configuration, building digital collections, creation of standard metadata, customization, export of collections to CDs and other related workflows.

We believe the workshop will go a long way to enhance the ICT capacity and digital Library development in your organization. We encourage the participation of your staff. In view of the limited slots and for ease of plans, we advise that you commence early processing for the workshop and do please send us an advanced email/SMS text OR return the completed Workshop Booking Form (attached) to indicate your interest.

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The details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th April 2008

Venue: Computer Centre, University of Jos, Plateau State

Objective: To empower participants to build their own Digital Libraries using the Greenstone Digital Library Software (GSDL).

Registration fee: Thirty Thousand Naira (N30, 000.00) only, per participant. This covers Resource Materials, Demos, Lab Sessions, Internet Access, Workshop bags, a pair of Greenstone Installation & Resource CDs, Refreshment and Lunch.

Mode of payment: Certified cheque/bank draft in favour of the **Nigerian Library Association FCT Chapter** OR direct payment into Afribank Account No: 0440052454514 Area 3, Garki, Abuja
Cash payment is also acceptable at the venue.

Target participants: Those with or without the preliminary knowledge of the Greenstone, but with basic computer skills. The specific target participants are Heads of Libraries, Librarians, Library Officers, Archivists, Documentalists, Information Scientists, IT personnel, etc.

For further inquiries, please contact the undersigned.

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INTRODUCTION TO GREENSTONE DIGITAL LIBRARY SOFTWARE (GSDL)

- Greenstone is an open source software distributed freely among UNESCO member nations for development of Digital Libraries.
- Due to its wider popularity across the world, the use of Greenstone is internationally growing rapidly in China, Germany, UK, USA, Russia, and Africa etc.
- Variety of Digital Libraries have been developed (historical, educational, cultural and research).
- The software is supported by UNESCO and NGOs.
- Availability/accessibility on CD-ROM (Compact Disc Read Only Memory), Internet, Intranet, LAN (Local Area Network) and stand-alone Computers.
- Easy for Digital Collection Building and development of Digital Libraries.
- Powerful Searching possibilities: full text, titles, Boolean, sectional and ranking.
- Powerful indexing, i.e. full-text, document and sectional indexing.
- Metadata based include field based and automatic indexing.
- Cross-collection search with easy retrieval system.
- Support for Dublin Core and other international Metadata.
- Support for several document formats such as text, html, word, pdf, email, etc. enabled by plug-ins
- It can be accessed and distributed through the Web and CD-ROMs.
- Homepage customization.
- Configurability, multi-lingual, metadata and classifiers.
- Advanced compression for texts and indexes.
- ***Potentials of the Greenstone to Nigerian Libraries are:***
Digitization of books, journals, pamphlets, newspapers, Management/Committee reports, administrative files, reports, theses, dissertations, music, pictures, tourist records, local contents and Indigenous Knowledge for accessibility over networks.
- For more information about the Greenstone Digital Library Software, visit:
www.greenstone.org



WORKSHOP BOOKING FOR



I/we hereby confirm our intention to participate in the National Workshop on Creating State-of-the-arts Digital Libraries using Greenstone which is been organized by the Nigerian Library Association FCT Chapter.

Name:

Position:

Organization:

Address:

Number of Slots/Participants:

Amount:

Mode of Payment:

- 1. Cash
- 2. Cheque
- 3. Bank draft
- 4. Direct payment into Account

Participant(s): Tel No.....

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Completed Form to be returned to:

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