

## I. Details of event

- **topics**

International IFLA ENSULIB Satellite Meeting Berlin, Germany, 16–17 August, 2017

The Conference focussed on Collaborative Strategies for Successful Green Libraries: Buildings, Management, Programs and Services

- **audience / target groups**

Librarians, Students in Library Schools and Researchers

- **speakers**

Petra Hauke (DEU)  
Katharina Leyrer (DEU)  
Harri Saharvirta (FIN)  
Tim Schumann (DEU)  
Arnold Mwanzu (KEN)

- **formats**

Presentations by speakers. Powerpoint presentations and full papers submitted to Conference Website

- **internet address of event and/or**

<http://ensulib.fh-potsdam.de/program/>

- **links to event documentation (if applicable)**

<http://ensulib.fh-potsdam.de/program/going-green/>

## II. Information on your contribution(s)

- **Please describe briefly the contents of your poster, paper or presentation**

The paper that i presented looked at the concepts of going green to embrace aesthetic reflections and sustainable library buildings in Kenyan Libraries. It had a case study of USIU Library as a benchmark of Kenyan libraries. The paper answered the following questions; how far Kenyan libraries are in embracing environment friendly buildings? What the impact of artistic modern library designs is to users and going green for user satisfaction; and what the effects of natural environments on libraries are. In addressing this and other related questions, the design of new libraries in Kenya over the past eight years was traced.

## III. Highlights of the event

- **From your professional point of view, please indicate the most interesting contents discussed, statements made and/or insights gained during the event**

What came out from the paper presentations and discussions is that Green libraries are gaining momentum across the globe and libraries are involved in a major way in advocating for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)

## IV. Best practice

- **Please tell us about any best practice examples presented at the event that may be relevant to the professional community in your home country**

"Biblioboxx – The sustainable street library" Project - This was a paper that was presented by Konrad Kutt. He shared insights of how successful the project is in Germany and i learnt that if this is applied in my home country Kenya, a reading culture will be embraced by the society.

I also loved the Building (Philological Library of the free University of Berlin) design and green concept. I will recommend the building concept to Libraries in Kenya who wish to construct new buildings with the green and sustainable concept.

## V. Post production: implementation and dissemination

- **Finally, please tell us what you will take with you from the event i.e. what you may follow up and implement in your own work / in your own library**

I will most definitely implement many learnt sustainable concepts that are being practiced by libraries in Germany.. In my own library for instance i have developed policies and rules to ensure sustainable practices such as economic reprographic services, recycling of paper, planting trees and flowers around the library, Contemplative Pedagogy: Building Resilience in Libraries by sharing

- **Let us know briefly how you will share the information gained through participation in the event with your professional community**

I will present a paper in a local workshop that will be organized by our Library association.