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Good Practice Session I: Creating a more literate environment

Chairs: Eufimia Tafa, University of Crete, Greece & Renate Valtin, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Tuesday, July 24, at 10.00–11.00

Location: Seminar Building / Room S 23

LITERACY CHANGES LIVES.

The time table lesson that is never observed

Presenter:

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Abstract:

In Uganda, the school regulation about libraries is clear with an instruction for a library as a must have. The National Curriculum Centre in Uganda has always catered for a library lesson for primary schools. The schools in response reserve rooms for this function. Despite the preparation, their use leaves a lot to be desired. This is why every year UWEZO, an organization that evaluates our educational progress, releases disappointing reports of children in the upper primary failing to read a script from the lower. In this presentation, a description of the libraries, their operations, challenges and a possible way forward will be explored. In conclusion, we shall gauge if with both their inclusion plus children and the community's participation, will enable us achieve the eventual milestone in the boost of the literacy levels.

Bio Note:

Annette Kiberu Mpuga is a trained librarian who has worked, mentored and trained school librarians. She is the chairperson of the Reading Association of Uganda and next year she will start her tenure as the chairperson of IDC-Africa (International Development of Africa – an affiliate of International Literacy Association). She is a chairperson of a school board and a member of other school boards, of the organizing committee of the Uganda Multilingual Education Network (UMLN), Uganda Children Writers and Illustrators Association (UCWIA) and Peace Corps Education Committee Uganda. She has organized literacy conferences and librarian workshops in Uganda including; the only annual literacy conference and several primary school literacy activities.