

Equitable partnerships for an equitable world of knowledge

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Our context

Partnerships are **everywhere**. However, not all partnerships are developed equally and allow equitable participation.

Partnerships of identities, concentrations of **culture** and **power**; easily leaning to neglect and prejudice; hardly compromising.

We tend to approach partnerships from the organizational perspective; **initiate** based on a need, an idea or an opportunity; **calibrate** the intensity; **maximize** the effects; **demonstrate** success.

The expected outcome of this session is to understand the **principles**, **attitudes** and **practices** that are required to build the context of respectful interaction, to enable balanced participation and to develop the means of constructive knowledge exchange.

Our speakers



**Equitable partnerships:
a cultural relations perspective**

Sharon Memis

International Federation of
Library Associations and
Institutions



**“Let us go together to reach
unchartered territories”:
academic library partnerships
and collaboration with
stakeholders in South Africa**

Mpho Ngoepe

Library and Information Services,
University of South Africa, South
Africa



**The tender trap:
perceptions of collaborations
and partnerships in the context
of library technology**

Heli J. Kautonen

Library, University of Turku,
Finland

A message from the past to inform the future

It is one of the manifestations of our belief in **equality**, that belief which could perhaps be described as a **commitment** to unparalleled **diversity** and **unevenness** in the distribution of attainments, knowledge, talent and power.

J. Robert Oppenheimer