

# BHL Africa Implementation Plan -

Content scanning model, infrastructure, collaboration, governance

*If you're going to change your situation for the better, it requires action. If you're going to take action, it requires that you have a plan. If you have a plan, it'd better be a strategic plan. Each strategic plan should have goals and achievable objectives that have a mission. Usually a mission (plan of action) is defined by the vision (goal for the future).*

## Vision Statement

African Biodiversity Literature accessible to all.

## Mission Statement (for African participation)

BHL-Africa is a consortium of natural history, botanical, research and other biodiversity-related organizations that aim to improve access to biodiversity literature through digitization and open access principles as part of a global biodiversity commons.

<p><b><u>STRENGTHS</u></b> <b><u>What are our greatest strengths?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional support to the project</li> <li>• Diverse capacity among participants</li> <li>• Existing expertise in the topic of the project</li> <li>• Strong Environmental Education Program and Graphic Designers in SANBI</li> <li>• List of Publications scanned and potential available</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>OPPORTUNITIES</u></b> <b><u>What are our best opportunities?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding possibilities and collaborations available (JRS, IA, Ghana National Services, Jobs Fund in SA) interested in multi-country collaboration</li> <li>• Improved visibility of institutions</li> <li>• Capacity building with partners</li> <li>• Reach new audiences</li> <li>• BHL Africa wikispace</li> <li>• Berlin 10</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>ASPIRATIONS</u></b> <b><u>What is our preferred future?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of more BHL Nodes in each Region, a representative from each Node in the Steering Committee</li> <li>• BHL-Africa will provide a body of digital biodiversity information openly available</li> <li>• Launch by Berlin 10</li> <li>• Receive funding by leveraging strengths of gBHL and BHLAfrica</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>RESULTS</u></b> <b><u>What are the measurable results that'll tell us we've achieved that preferred result?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Concept Paper</li> <li>• Develop an MOU (Gracian combines observations)</li> <li>• Generic MOU developed in 3 months by the interim regional leadership</li> <li>• MOU signed by the time of Berlin10</li> <li>• Launch of BHL-Africa at Berlin10</li> <li>• List of existing African Libraries Consortium and Associations in the countries</li> <li>• List of African Literature in the Libraries Catalog</li> <li>• BHL available for mobiles in Africa</li> <li>• BHL-in-a-box available for Africa</li> </ul>