

# Libraries in Senegal advocate

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MATTER OF **LAW**  
AND **EQUITY**."

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SENEGAL AND LIBRARIAN.



## Objectives

- Review the copyright law with legal support, and draft proposals for amendments in support of libraries.
- Interest our library community in copyright issues, and the interconnection with library services, access to knowledge and development.
- Organize a campaign so that the library community can adopt a position on copyright, prepare an advocacy plan for policy-makers.
- Present the library proposals to policy-makers, legislators, and local authorities to improve their understanding of library needs.

## Achievements

- ✓ Launch of a joint Declaration of Principles on Exceptions and Limitations to Copyright for Libraries and Archives by COBESS (Consortium of Higher Educational Libraries of Senegal) and ASBAD (Senegalese library association);
- ✓ A new partnership was established with the Senegalese Copyright Office (BSDA), and a commitment from the Ministry of Higher Education and Research was obtained to cooperate with the library community on copyright issues;
- ✓ The copyright law was reviewed by a specialist lawyer - suggestions for amendments were drafted especially for libraries, persons with disabilities, and education and research;
- ✓ The School for Librarians, Archivists and Documentalists (EBAD) will consider adding a specific course on copyright and libraries to its curriculum.

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Read the case study: <http://www.eifl.net/case-study-copyright-advocacy-senegal>



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