## Governing Board Elections 2009-2011

## **Statement of Candidacy**

For the postition of Governing Board Member 2009-2011

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Serving with colleagues on the IFLA Governing Board from 2007- 2009, has been a very rewarding experience. I have gained great understanding of the workings, capabilities and challenges that face our great Association. This understanding can be better used for the benefit of our Association and its members, if I am elected for another two year term.

Within the period that I have been on the IFLA Governing Board, with my colleagues, we have began implementing the IFLA strategic plan; improved upon advocacy activities; enhanced professional training activities with partners; contributed to the upgrading of the IFLA website and several other activities to make the importance of our association more felt world wide. The forging of new partnerships and strengthening of existing ones, promise expanded developmental avenues for our libraries, associations and library professionals globally. One can look into the very near future and predict that activities of IFLA are going to be more beneficial to the library community especially in the developing countries where we are trying to bridge the information gap between us and the developed world.

It will be a great honour and privilege, to be re-elected to serve on the IFLA Governing Board for the next two years, 2009 - 2011. This will enable me to be a part of the activities of the Board that promise great improvement in access to knowledge globally as well as advocacy for improved library services, strong library associations and well equipped library professionals.

I will contribute my energy, time, knowledge and passion for libraries to the work of the Governing Board and along with my colleagues on the Board, the staff and members of IFLA, bring to fruition the activities, on-going and planned, so that the objectives of IFLA will be realised.

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