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AUSTRALIA

- The [Australian Library and Information Association \(ALIA\)](#) has attended several meetings with its Federal Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). At the first meeting, in May 2015, ALIA explained the potential of libraries to assist in delivering the draft agenda. Since then, the discussions have broadened to three roles: Libraries supporting the freedom of access to information outcomes, libraries providing examples of success, which can be used as part of Australia's reporting, and libraries helping to communicate the 2030 agenda to the general population.
- Towards the end of 2016, ALIA arranged for DFAT executives to attend a meeting of peak bodies representing galleries, libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and other collecting institutions, to explore the opportunity for a broader Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums (GLAM) approach to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- At the same time, the ALIA Board has reviewed its own Constitution and there will be an opportunity for Members to vote for a new Object of the Association related to the Sustainable Development Goals at its AGM in May.
- Australia has signed an agreement to join the IFLA IAP Programme in January 2017.



BHUTAN

- Participants met with the Director General, Librarians, Officers and Staff of the [National Library & Archives of Bhutan](#) on 22 November 2016 and updated them with what they learned at the IAP Workshop.





CAMBODIA

- After the workshop, participants started working with [Scholar Library](#) team to translate IFLA booklet and handout into Khmer language.
- Participants met with [Cambodian Library Association](#) President on 28 December 2016 to report about the workshop and discuss about libraries' role in supporting the SDGs.
- To run upcoming events and a campaign on Libraries and the UN 2030 Agenda, participants are working on conforming a team in Cambodian Library Association called Young Librarian Committee. The team aims to work closely with young librarians and further implement activities to promote the topic among other librarians and the general public.
- The Young Library Committee of Cambodian Library Association in cooperation with [CamEd Business School](#), Scholar Library and [Pannasastra University of Cambodia](#) Library organized a workshop "Library Role in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" on January 14th, 2017 at CamEd Business School, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The workshop involved 49 participants representing 33 organizations (31 libraries) from various libraries in Cambodia. After the event, two local media outlets featured the workshop and mentioned the important role of libraries in sustainable development: [Phnom Penh Post](#) (newspaper) and [Tosread](#) (Online news).
- Participants are planning to engage young librarians to work on awareness-raising activities. They will work with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and cooperate with librarians on a "Cambodia Blogger Award" on the topic of "Library Role in Sustainable Development Goals". Also, they are planning to start working with other libraries to run activities, and to start addressing the library data collection and capacity building of young librarians soon.



CHINA



- The participant reported on the IAP workshop to the Secretary General and the President of the [Library Society of China](#).
- By mid-November, the secretariat of the Library Society of China shared the English and Chinese versions of the document “[Transforming our world](#)” with leading members of the Library Society of China.
- The participant met with policy makers and prepared for advocacy of the Law of Public Culture Service Protection, invited by the Department of Public Culture within the Ministry of Culture of China. The participant attended a working meeting for advocacy of the Law of Public Culture Service Protection on 18 November 2016 in Beijing. About 20 leading officials of the Ministry of Culture and national well-known professors worked together on the plan for advocacy of the Law of Public Culture Service Protection in 2017. The participant reported the importance of the Law and the UN 2030 Agenda, as well as the IAP and IFLA’s advocacy work on this topic.
- The Law of Public Culture Service Protection was adopted by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China on 27 December 2016, being the first national law about public libraries in China. This law will ensure governments at all levels include the development of public library in their plans. The team is now working on an advocacy program to call on governments at all levels to take their responsibilities for promoting the development of public libraries in China.
- The participant was keynote speaker on the Law of Public Culture Service Protection and IFLA IAP in two occasions: On 8 December 2016 in Guangzhou, where a dozen provincial and local officials and over 800 library professionals attended a conference; and on December 23rd, 2016 in Nanchang, where five provincial officials and over 300 library professionals attended a conference.

INDONESIA



- Participants translated the IFLA handout to Bahasa Indonesia and presented it in the [Indonesian Library Association \(ILA\)](#) meeting on 29 November 2016.
- They had a socialization session for all librarians at the [National Library of Indonesia](#) on 12 January 2016 where they shared the handout with 160 librarians, who are very empowered to advocate for libraries and their support to the SDGs.





LAO PDR

- Participants reported back to the Vientiane Public Library staff and authorities about the workshop.
- The 10th Year Anniversary Ceremony of the Vientiane Public Library took place in November 2016 and participants reported on the IAP workshop and the important role libraries play in development.



MYANMAR

- Participants met with the Executive Committee of the [Myanmar Library Association \(MLA\)](#) on 4 November 2016 and reported about the IAP workshop.
- Participants worked in a translation to Myanmar language of the IFLA handout to be posted on Facebook, distributed to the library community and published in MLA's newsletter
- A train-the-trainer event was held on 5 December 2016 with 24 public librarians in Yangon attending. The MLA President talked about libraries and the SDGs in the opening remarks.
- A second train-the-trainer meeting took place on 19 December 2016 with 24 public librarians in upper Myanmar where the UN 2030 Agenda was also discussed.
- Moreover, an awareness-raising session was held on 15 December 2016.
- Participants provided a sharing session about Libraries and the SDGs on 14 January 2017 at the Myanmar Library Association's Annual Meeting.
- The Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) XVII Executive Board meeting will take place in the middle of March and participants will take the opportunity to discuss further about Libraries and the UN 2030 Agenda, and plan next steps.
- The Myanmar Library Association conducted two workshops on “Counter Human Trafficking for Public and Community Libraries” in December 2016, in collaboration with [The Asia Foundation](#).



NEPAL

- An Executive Meeting of [Nepal Library Association \(NLA\)](#) took place on 21 November 2016 where participants briefed about the IAP workshop and next steps.
- Participants had discussions with the chairs of [Tribhuvan Univesity Central Library \(TUCL\)](#) and Nepal National Library (NNL) on 22 November 2016 about the IAP and starting planning follow up actions.
- Participants had a meeting with the NLA including the Advisory Council on 21 January 2017 and they finalized the plan to hold an awareness event about the SDGs. A task force to work on the programme was conformed.
- An awareness-raising event will take place on 25 February 2017 with the title “Awareness on SDGs and Priorities of Library Sector of Nepal”. Participants will be key influential librarians who could reach out to policy makers and who can help improve advocacy in the library sector. The Secretary Ministry of Finance will be part of the event as a keynote speaker.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- The participant gave a presentation after the IAP workshop to the Senior members of the National Library and National Archives of Papua New Guinea, including the Director General on 10 November 2016.
- The National Library and National Archives of Papua New Guinea offered support to re-establish the National Library Association, a very important step to strengthen the library community in this country.
- The participant had meetings with the ICT Unit of the Department of Education and discussions with officers from the Department of the Prime Minister to start the advocacy work to promote libraries’ contribution to the SDGs.



PHILIPPINES



- The participant offered a presentation at the Plenary of the [Philippine Librarians Association, Inc \(PLAI\)](#) Annual Congress on 22-25 November 2016 in Davao City, about the UN SDGs and how libraries support the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda. The Conference was attended by more than 800 librarians, information professionals, LIS students, members of the faculty of LIS schools, officials of the professional regulatory board and representatives from the [National Commission for Culture and the Arts \(NCCA\)](#).
- The PLAI's 10 Point Agenda was also presented, which includes the promotion and involvement in the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda by and among librarians and libraries in the Philippines. The UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs will be part of the topics for upcoming continuing professional development programs and advocacy of the different regional councils of PLAI.
- The participant will be Keynote presenting Libraries and the UN 2030 Agenda in two upcoming events: 1) National Conference of Librarians organized by the [National Library of the Philippines](#) and [Davao City Library and Information Center](#) on 14-17 March 2017; 2) Advances in Libraries, Archives and Museum (ALAM) 2017 organized by the [University of the Philippines Library Science Alumni Association \(UPLSAA\)](#) on 21 April 2017 in General Santos City.
- A Strategic Planning meeting was held by the National Board of Trustees (NBOT) of the PLAI on 21-22 January 2017. Discussions included the PLAI Agenda Action 10 related to the SDGs.

SAMOA



- One of the participants gave the opening lecture and introduction for the School of Library Assistant Training Course, a foundation certificate course for those who want to pursue Librarianship as a Career. 60 students were enrolled. As part of the awareness-raising activities, the lecture mentioned the role of libraries and librarians in enhancing information literacy and numeracy in order to contribute with the UN 2030 SDGs.

SINGAPORE



- Participants reported back to the [Library Association of Singapore \(LAS\)](#) after the IAP workshop and discussed possible next steps.
- A discussion forum is planned to take place in March 2017 for local librarians in Singapore, as well as a sharing session in the [National Library of Singapore](#).
- Participants are working in awareness-raising materials about Libraries and the UN 2030 Agenda to be shared in the library association's bulletin, blog, Facebook, as well as the association's bi-monthly email communication to members.
- They are also identifying influential librarians in Singapore to conform a delegation and plan advocacy actions.
- Participants are working in a translation of the IFLA handout to Malay and Tamil, two of the four official languages in Singapore.





VIETNAM

- Participants have translated the IFLA handout into [Vietnamese](#). This document was delivered to 300 participants at the National Meeting of the [Vietnam Library Association \(VLA\)](#) on 25 November 2016. Also, a presentation was offered by participants at the same meeting about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries.
- Participants submitted a report and a proposal for next steps to the VLA, and after a face-to-face meeting, the VLA President agreed to include this topic in the VLA agenda. The VLA's Agenda for 2016-2021 and resolution of the 3rd VLA General Assembly. The VLA and its members through library programs and services, and advocacy activities will work towards being key partners of government in achieving the SDGs.
- Participants offered a short presentation at the 3rd VLA General Assembly and the translated IFLA handout was delivered to all participants.
- IFLA's news pieces about the IAP were translated and included in the Vietnamese library journal to be widely disseminated to the Vietnamese library community.
- Participants started to contact key policy-makers at the [Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism \(MoCST\)](#) and a meeting took place on 18 January 2017 with the Vice Director of the International Relations Department. They discussed about the IAP as well as the next steps and the desire of the Vietnamese library sector to participate in and contribute to the SDG action plan within the MoCST as well as to the national plan of Vietnam. The spirit of the VLA and [National Library of Vietnam \(NLV\)](#) was very appreciated, and participants were asked to send more materials about how libraries could actively participate in this work.
- A translation of the booklet to Vietnamese was also prepared, and they organizing a meeting in February with the VLA and NLV leaders to plan awareness-raising sessions and identify influential librarians to conform a national delegation.





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ARGENTINA



- Participants submitted a report to the Board of Directors of the [Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados de la República Argentina \(ABGRA\)](#) about the IAP workshop and next steps.
- The [Biblioteca del Congreso de la Argentina \(BCN\)](#) printed the Spanish version of IFLA handout and distributed it with readers to disseminate the role of libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda.
- In January 2017, a meeting between the Argentine Library of Congress Coordinator and the SDGs National Project Coordinator from the [Consejo Nacional de Coordinación de Políticas Sociales \(CNCPS\)](#) under the Presidency, was held to discuss collaboration among both institutions, and to ensure libraries are included in the discussion about SDGs in Argentina.
- On 29 December 2017, another meeting was held where it was agreed to organize an event on 16 March 2017 including two panels: 1) one coordinated by the CNCPS, making emphasis in the implementation to achieve the SDGs through the Federal Government; 2) the second one focusing in the role of libraries as key agents in the policies to achieve the UN 2030 Agenda. This initiative by BCN and CNCPS looks for the inclusion of many different stakeholders at a national level.
- ABGRA has decided to include the UN 2030 Agenda in the 49th Annual Meeting - RNB) on 25-27 April 2017 and to organize a post-meeting event specifically about the topic on 28 April 2017.
- Participants are creating a delegation, including key librarians from ABGRA, the BCN, the [Biblioteca Nacional Mariano Moreno \(BNMM\)](#), and the [Biblioteca Nacional de Maestros \(BNM\)](#) to work together in a national advocacy plan.
- Participants have identified the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Education and Culture as key policy makers for advocacy actions.
- Participants are planning to launch a survey to learn about the level of awareness of librarians on the SDGs and the role libraries play. They hope to be able to present the results in the RNB.
- Awareness-raising materials will be distributed to ABGRA's members and the library community through the website and mailing lists.



BRAZIL



- Participants worked in the [translation of the IFLA handout to Portuguese](#) done by [Federação Brasileira de Associações de Bibliotecários \(FEBAB\)](#) and shared it with Portuguese speaking library associations and community.
- FEBAB has chosen the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries as the topic for the Congresso Brasileiro de Biblioteconomia e Documentação (CBBDD) that will take place on 16-20 October 2017.



CHILE



- Participants had a meeting with the authorities of the [Colegio de Bibliotecarios de Chile \(CBC\)](#) to present a full report on the IAP workshop and plan next steps.
- A Facebook page "[Agenda 2030 para Bibliotecas y Bibliotecarios de Chile](#)" was created to share resources and examples libraries and the UN 2030 Agenda.
- On 24 November 2016 a delegation of the CBC, IAP trainer from Chile, a participant and member of the IFLA LAC Section delivered the IFLA handout and booklet to representatives from the *Observatorio Social of the [Ministerio de Desarrollo Social](#)* which conform the *Secretaría Técnica de la Agenda 2030* to inform about the importance of including libraries in the planning and implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda in Chile.
- On 3 December 2016 participants delivered a workshop at the CBC "Taller Bibliotecas y Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible de la Agenda 2030" to raise the awareness within the local library community about the role of libraries in the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
- On 14 December 2016, the CBC President, IAP trainer from Chile, and one of the participants met with the Regional Librarian of the US State Department and Chief Librarian of the US Embassy to discuss opportunities to join efforts in follow up activities.
- On December 28th, 2016 participants had a meeting the Director of the [Sistema Nacional de Bibliotecas Públicas \(SNBP\)](#). Some of the actions planned included creating a booklet with examples from Chile, creating print materials to be distributed in public libraries, and to organize a workshop for public libraries regional coordinators in Santiago de Chile.
- On 17 January 2017 participants and the CBC had a meeting with the Mayor of *Municipalidad de Macul (Región Metropolitana)*, to raise awareness about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries. It was agreed to work in promoting and giving more visibility to the *Biblioteca Comunitaria Lomas de Macul*.
- On 26 January 2017 a delegation of librarians including the participants and CBC President took part of a [meeting](#) organized by the *Secretaría Técnica of the Ministerio de Desarrollo Social*, along with other civil society, private sector and academic sector representatives. The meeting aimed to create Commissions and Working Groups to work in the UN 2030 Agenda.



COLOMBIA



- Participants shared a report with the Governing Board of the [Colegio Colombiano de Bibliotecología \(ASCOLBI\)](#) on the IAP workshop, the programme and follow up actions. The strategy for 2017 was discussed in meeting with the Governing Board on 21 January 2017.
- An awareness-raising session was organized in the [CRAI-BibliotecaUR](#) within the Universidad del Rosario about the workshop and the role libraries play in the UN 2030 Agenda.
- Participants are working in an inter-institutional project focused in giving visibility to the SDGs and libraries in Colombia, they are drafting dissemination materials to raise awareness and they are looking to have more participation in policy and social responsibility as part of the association. They have also started to identify key people and institutions that could be involved in the advocacy plan development.

COSTA RICA



- Participants offered an awareness-raising presentation to the community at the [Sistema Nacional de Bibliotecas de Costa Rica \(SINABI\)](#) including staff, administrative personnel, representatives from 58 public libraries and officers from the National Library, including in total 212 participants.
- In November 2016, participants supplied information on the SDGs to the Board of Directors of the [Colegio de Profesionales en Bibliotecología de Costa Rica \(COPROBI\)](#).
- In November 2016, a survey was launched to learn about the level of awareness regarding the UN 2030 Agenda. The results were presented on 5 December 2016 and an awareness-raising session was provided.
- Participants established different strategies as follow up actions including sharing images related to the UN 2030 Agenda in the Facebook accounts of the Dirección de Bibliotecas Públicas and "*Pura vida, jóvenes a leer*".
- On 24 January 2017, a meeting was organized with four universities where librarianship is taught, as well as four federal ministries including Presidency, Planning, Culture and Education.
- Participants are planning several awareness-raising activities, including: 1) News pieces called "Bibliotas informativas" sent to libraries to be shared in each library's Facebook account; 2) "Bibliotas informativas" shared in SINABI's Facebook account; and 3) A series of awareness-raising sessions will take place in the 8 provinces during February and March 2017.





CUBA

- Participants had a meeting with the *Buró Ejecutivo Nacional* from *Asociación Cubana de Bibliotecarios (ASCUBI)* on 26 November 2016 to report back about the workshop and plan next steps.
- In order to start creating a delegation, participants met with authorities of the *Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí*, as well as representatives from different library systems in Cuba on 29 November 2016.
- A second awareness-raising event took place on 13 December 2016 including members of ASCUBI (Branch belonging to *Provincia La Habana*). The meeting took place at the *Biblioteca Pública Provincial Rubén Martínez Villena* in Havana (under the *Dirección de Patrimonio Cultural de la Oficina del Historiador de La Habana*). In addition to the ASCUBI members, the Director participated as well. An introductory summary of the IAP workshop was offered, emphasizing the important role that the association, libraries and librarians can play in the achievement of the SDGs, as part of the Cuban National Development Plan.
- On 15 December 2016 participants had a meeting with the Buró Ejecutivo of the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí to raise awareness and request their support.
- A third awareness-raising workshop took place at the Cátedra María Villar Buceta of the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba involving librarians from public, school, special and academic libraries of La Havana with a total of 30 library professionals that actively participated in the presentation delivered by the IAP participants. The workshop included an introduction to the UN 2030 Agenda, the IAP and the role of libraries. Also, specific examples of how Cuban libraries further development were discussed, and an agreement was reached to collaborate with examples to be used by the Cuban delegation in advocacy activities.
- Participants are working with ASCUBI on an advocacy plan to approach the Ministerio de Cultura and start advocacy work to ensure the recognition of libraries' contribution to development.
- Participants plan to continue organizing awareness-raising activities, particularly at the *Encuentro Nacional Científico Bibliotecológico* organized by ASCUBI on February 2017 during the celebration of the *Feria Internacional del Libro de La Habana*.





EL SALVADOR

- Participants had meetings with the President of the [Asociación de Bibliotecarios de El Salvador \(ABES\)](#) on 16 November 2016 and with the Governing Board on 19 November 2016 to report back on the IAP workshop and plan next steps.
- The ABES General Assembly with the members took place in December 2016 where the IAP and the role of libraries was part of the Agenda.
- Participants are working in creating a delegation of librarians to develop and implement an advocacy plan for El Salvador.
- Participants and ABES will have a meeting the UNDP Representative in El Salvador, and with the Mayor of the El Salvador Capital to sign a Memorandum of Understanding.
- ABES will offer a professional update week in May 2017 and the theme will be "Bibliotecas, Agenda y Desarrollo Sostenible" to continue with the awareness-raising activities in the library community.
- As part of the awareness-raising activities, the ABES Governing Board 2016-2018 has designed colourful t-shirts with the UN SDGs and a message about the role of librarians, and these are being distributed to its members.



GUATEMALA



- Participants had a meeting at the beginning of January 2017 with the Director of the [Escuela de Bibliotecología](#) and invited the school to be involved in the work related to the UN 2030 Agenda and Libraries. It was agreed that they will join efforts towards advocacy to achieve the approval of the Ley Nacional de Bibliotecas. A series of discussions will take place at the University to raise awareness on the UN 2030 Agenda among academic librarians.
- A report about the IAP workshop was submitted in January 2017 to the [Asociación Bibliotecológica de Guatemala \(ABG\)](#), including next steps and plans for follow up actions. The ABG Governing Board has decided to dedicate 2017 to implementing the activities planned regarding the IAP, in coordination with other AGB activities, and to support the IAP participants in raising awareness of the members, public librarians and the library community at large.
- The ABG committed to advocate for the approval of the Ley Nacional de Bibliotecas and to request meetings with the *Asociación Nacional de Municipalidades* to promote the important role of municipal libraries, and the need to strengthen them as key partners for the achievement of the SDGs. They will also start planning advocacy activities with the *Ministerio de Cultura* and *Ministerio de Educación*, as key stakeholders regarding the work of libraries in Guatemala.
- Participants are researching contacts from organizations that support community libraries in Guatemala to organize meetings with them and request their collaboration, as well as contacts from municipal government to reach municipal libraries in the whole country.
- On January 26th, 2017 participants reached out to the [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights \(OHCHR\)](#) to inform about the activities and request their support. Since they are part of the education network that includes representatives from different libraries, they have also agreed to carry out awareness-raising actions in this network. A meeting with agencies supporting libraries in the country will be organized, to discuss with them the plans regarding the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in Guatemala.



MEXICO

- Participants are working in a revised proposal for the Advocacy Plan related to SDGs, creating a delegation with the Dirección General de Bibliotecas (DGB) under the Secretaría de Cultura, and the [Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios \(AMBAC\)](#).
- As part as the awareness-raising activities, an article will be published in the journal "[El Bibliotecario](#)" and an announcement on the journal cover. The issue will be out on February 2017.

PERU

- Participants and the IAP trainer from Perú reported on the IAP workshop during the Reunión del Consejo Directivo del [Colegio de Bibliotecólogos del Perú](#) on November 15th, 2017 where they presented the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries, as well as discussed next steps.
- Participants from the CBP took part of the [Taller de Políticas Públicas](#) of the *Ministerio de Cultura* on 23 November 2017, where the basis for the *Política Nacional del Libro, la Lectura y la Escritura* was being defined. The event included diverse stakeholders from the book industry, including authors, editors, teachers and librarians. The role of libraries in contributing to the UN 2030 Agenda was presented during the event.
- Participants attended the *Taller para Bibliotecas Públicas* organized by the *Biblioteca Nacional del Perú* on 24 November 2017 and the *IV Encuentro de Investigadores y Docentes del Perú en el Área de Bibliotecología y Ciencias de la Información: Perspectivas y Desafíos de la Investigación Bibliotecológica, Hoy*. In both meetings opportunity was taken to mention the IAP and the role of libraries in the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda.
- Participants and the IAP Trainer from Perú facilitated the *Taller para Bibliotecas Escolares*, organized by the *Consejo Municipal del Libro y la Lectura* of the San Borja District, Lima. The workshop involved 14 librarians and school library managers of the area and an introduction of the SDGs and the key role of libraries was provided, specifically related to SDG 4 (Education). The event had very good discussions and many new ideas were proposed to improve the contribution of school libraries to education.
- Participants gave a presentation to the Board of Directors of the [Colegio de Bibliotecólogos \(CBP\)](#) and worked in dissemination materials to be distributed among the CBP community.





AFRICA





CAMEROON

- Participants from [l'Association des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Muséographes du Cameroun \(ABADCAM\)](#) held a session for members of the association to share what they learned in the IAP workshop.
- The President of ABADCAM Library Association travelled to Antananarivo, Madagascar on 23-28 January 2017 for official visits and participation in a workshop for Malagasy Librarian professionals. He presented the IAP, AFLIA's work and libraries' contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda.
- ABADCAM held a meeting on 31 January 2017 to update members IAP workshop. Participants offered a presentation and members actively participated in the conversation. Members expressed their readiness to carry out awareness-raising activities throughout Cameroon.



EGYPT

- Participants held an event about advocacy for Sustainable Development and the UN 2030 Agenda for librarians on 12 January 2017.
- The [Egyptian Library Association \(ELA\)](#) is planning to replicate the IAP workshop in several locations in Egypt. They will hold an event in Luxor, Egypt on 28 February 2017 and in Bibliotheca Alexandrina on 8-9 November 2017.



GHANA

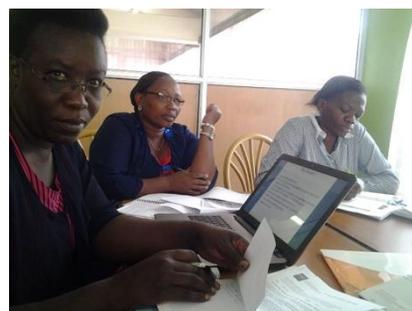
- Participants delivered a presentation on 21 December 2016 to the Management of the [Ghana Library Authority \(GhLA\)](#) in Accra. The meeting had the participation of the Executive Director of Library Services, the GhLA Head of the Office, and Regional Librarians. The management of the GhLA committed to support the IAP in Ghana and to work with the [Ghana Library Association \(GLA\)](#) on the tasks ahead. There was agreement about exploring new ideas, like calling for nominations for an advocacy group, and raising the awareness of GhLA staff and the general public.
- Participants sent a report of the IAP workshop and their plans for follow up actions to the Council Members of GLA. A meeting with the Council took place on January 20th to brief them on the IAP workshop and activities ahead. The Council has agreed to support Public Libraries to ensure the planned follow up actions are accomplished.





KENYA

- Participants met on 26 January 2017 to create a strategy and plan the meeting with the [Kenya Library Association \(KLA\)](#) Officials.
- Participants met with [Kenya National Library Service \(knls\)](#) head office and agreed on and developed a summarized presentation to use in the session with library association officials.
- Participants brainstormed on different strategies to sensitize other librarians and resolved to organize SDGs awareness sessions connected to the following known existing library events:
 - E-readers training workshop for 20 public librarians scheduled on 21 February 2017 in Mombasa
 - An Advocacy Workshop for librarians under the Kenya Library and Information Science Consortium (KLISC) scheduled on 22-24 February 2017 at Kenya University
 - The annual general meeting (AGM) for KLISC members to be held between 25-26 May 2017
 - Senior staff meetings for librarians at KNLS
 - Senior staff meetings at the United States International University (USIU)
 - Kenya Library Association regional meetings in the various chapters across the country as per KLA's calendar
- The librarians resolved to be on the lookout for any library gathering and to request a session to speak on the IAP in these meetings.
- Participants offered an awareness-raising presentation for the executive members of the KLA and staff from Kenya National Library service on 31 January 2016 at Technical University of Kenya, Nairobi.
- During the meeting, an initial steering committee was established including KLA executive members and participants.
- Participants and KLA members will create a one-pager to disseminate to influential librarians highlighting the role of libraries in the SDGs.
- A group of influential librarians will be called for a meeting by mid-March 2017 invited by the KLA.
- Participants and KLA members pondered the 17 SDGs and identified four goals that are most applicable in the Kenyan context in relation to libraries. It was agreed to assess the four goals against the indicators and prepare an initial draft paper on how the libraries are contributing to the goals. This paper will be prepared and shared with the influential librarians by Mid-March 2017. Each member agreed to research on libraries contribution to each goal with supporting evidence and share with the rest of the team by 10 February 2017.
- The KLA executive responded very positively to the awareness session and committed to join efforts to implement the programme in Kenya.





MADAGASCAR

- Participants from the Association des Professionnels des Bibliothèques et de l'Information documentaire (APBIM) with AFLIA representation had a meeting on 16 December 2016 and distributed the IFLA handout.
- Participants took part in a workshop organised by UNESCO at United Nations System's program "Peace Building Funds" for Madagascar on 25-27 January 2017. Participants and AFLIA member reported on the IAP and raised awareness among librarians on the SDGs, specially the libraries' contribution.
- Participants had meetings with Malagasy Authorities from the Parliaments (Congress and National Assembly) on 25 January 2017. The main objectives were to carry out advocacy activities for libraries and librarians' role in development and contribution to the SDGs.



MALAWI

- Participants held a meeting on 8 January 2017 with the Malawi Library Association Executive Members to update them on what they learned at the IAP workshop and next steps.



MOZAMBIQUE

- Participants organized a workshop on 26-27 January 2017 to raise awareness among librarians about the SDGs, particularly the libraries' contribution. They distributed the Portuguese version of the IFLA handout to attendees during the workshop. The event included representatives from UNESCO as participants. The workshop took place at the National Library.





NAMIBIA

- On 28 November-2 December 2016, participants organized an awareness-raising workshop about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries for the Namibian regions Erongo and Kunene.
- A new Strategic Plan for Namibia Information Workers Association (NIWA) was launched in December 2016 for the next five years. The plan includes "To develop strategies for NIWA to support National Development Plans and Sustainable Development Goals" as objective 5, that will be led by the participants from Namibia.
- The library sector in Namibia was invited to provide input in the Game Changers Strategies for Economic Growth and Sustainable Development for the National Development Plan 5 (2017-2022) of Namibia.
- On 25 January 2017, participants presented a report on the SDGs and the role of libraries to the Library Committee of the NIWA.
- During the meeting with NIWA, the proposal to establish an advocacy committee was discussed and accepted. The members of this committee are being defined.



NIGERIA

- Participants organized an awareness-raising workshop for librarians in Anambra State, Nigeria during the 2016 General Conference and Annual General Meeting in Awka, on 6-7 December 2016. The theme was "Equitable Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for Sustainable Development in Nigeria: The Role of Libraries". 69 participants registered for the conference that had as main objective to improve the knowledge of librarians in the Anambra State on the important role public libraries can play in achieving the SDGs.
- Participants are planning to request an audience with the Anambra State Special Advisor on SDGs as a first step towards advocacy for the inclusion of libraries in National Development Plans.
- Participants and IAP trainer from Nigeria have created a Facebook Group "[Nigerian Librarians SDGs Action Group \(NLSG\)](#)" as a platform for librarians to share resources and discuss about libraries and the SDGs. This is a closed group with currently more than 340 members, but librarians from other countries are welcome to join.
- A meeting with the [Nigerian Library Association \(NLA\)](#) will take place in February 2017 where participants will report on the IAP workshop. They intend to use the opportunity to do a train-the-trainer activity on the SDGs and the role of libraries with the Association Council members. The Council members are representatives of 36 states in Nigeria including the Federal Capital, Abuja, so this will be a very good opportunity for awareness-raising at a national level.
- Participants are planning to continue organizing awareness-raising activities in various states until the Annual National Conference in July 2017.
- Participants have agreed with NLA to have an awareness-raising activity as a plenary at the conference.





SWAZILAND

- Participants met with the executive members of [Swaziland Library Association \(SWALA\)](#) and discussed ideas for awareness-raising activities on the SDGs and the role to be played by the library association.
- At that meeting participants ensured that members are aware of the contributions libraries make towards implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda. Information was shared on the importance of libraries partnering with policy-makers to be involved in its implementation.
- IFLA handouts were distributed among executive members.
- Participants are planning to engage all SWALA members in a training about the SDGs and how librarians can get involved in the sustainable development activities in Swaziland.



TUNISIA

- The participant is organizing meetings with decision-makers in the public library sector, including key stakeholders from the following organizations: Direction de la lecture publique, Bibliothèque régionale de Ben Arous, L'association des amis du livre et de la bibliothèque de Ben Arous, Fédération nationale des amis du livre et de la bibliothèque, and Bibliothèques dans la délégation régionale de Mahdia.
- A Facebook Group "[Le développement des bibliothèques et l'agenda 2030 des UN](#)" was created and more than 100 representatives of public libraries were invited to allow for exchange of information and interaction.
- The participant is organizing a Seminar to take place in February/March 2017 about the role of libraries in sustainable development with the title: "Les bibliothèques peuvent stimuler le progrès à travers tout l'agenda 2030 de l'ONU". The invitees to this seminar will be decision makers in the library sector, 24 regional librarians, as well as representatives from other sectors like civil society, researchers and government officials. The seminar will be then replicated in regional events, focused on the most relevant SDG for each of the regions.
- The *Fédération des amis de la bibliothèque et du livre*, and *L'Association des amis du livre et de la bibliothèque de Ben Arous* have signed commitments to support awareness-raising and advocacy activities in Tunisia to ensure libraries are recognized as key development partners for the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda.





ZIMBABWE

- Participants had a meeting with the [Zimbabwe Library Association \(ZimLA\)](#) National Executive Council on 16-17 December 2016 where they gave a presentation reporting back on what they had learned at the IAP workshop.
- ZimLA has decided that participants will take the lead in an advocacy programme and the advocacy officer of the association will join the team.
- An agreement was reached that ZimLA will go out to communities and gather information to be prepared for meetings with the government, including consultations to obtain accurate figures that will be used for advocacy purposes.
- Participants will work in identifying influential librarians that could help with the advocacy and in this case the [National Library and Documentation Services \(NLDS\)](#) Acting Director was identified as the key librarian to reach out to the Government.
- Awareness-raising sessions will be organized for public librarians in Zimbabwe.
- A meeting was held between the authorities of ZimLA and the NLDS on 12 January 2017 where they agreed to work together and to advocate for the inclusion of libraries in the National Development Plan.
- Participants will develop an advocacy plan in cooperation with NLDS and ZimLA.
- They will also work in mobilising librarians, particularly in public libraries to get on board with this project and they will develop platforms in which they will provide information on the status of government initiatives regarding national development.



AFRICA-AfLIA

- Participants from the [African Library and Information Association and Institution \(AfLIA\)](#) met with the Governing Council to report about the workshop and make plans for the follow up actions. They also informed members on the importance and need to raise awareness in Africa to enable participation in the UN 2030 Agenda planning and implementation.
- The AfLIA Governing Council agreed to support the organisation of two major AfLIA activities and the IAP work in Africa: 1) A presentation on the UN 2030 Agenda during the 2nd convening of the 1st cohort of the [AfLIA International Network of Emerging Library Innovators - Sub-Saharan African \(INELI-SSAf\)](#) innovators is scheduled for Seychelles from 20-23 February 2017. There will be group discussions and presentations. The event will include 32 innovators and 8 mentors from 14 countries in Africa; 2) A presentation at the 2nd AfLIA Conference and 4th African Library Summit Conference “[Libraries in the Development Agenda: Repositioning African Libraries to deliver on the Future We Want](#)” (Yaoundé, Cameroon, 16-19 May 2017) to create awareness among the LIS community in Africa on the 2030 Agenda, to develop strategies as development partners, and to raise the awareness of LIS educators so that they organise training sessions for their students on this topic.





EUROPE





FRANCE

- Participants are working in creating a French version of the IFLA booklet “Access and Opportunity for all” including examples from French libraries to enable better advocacy work and awareness-raising.



GERMANY

- The German Government approved on 11 January 2017 the updated version of the [Deutsche Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie 2016](#), the national sustainability strategy, incorporating the UN 2030 Agenda goals. The [German Library Association \(dbv\)](#) contributed to the draft updated version in the Summer 2016 using IFLA’s booklet and handout. Although libraries are not directly mentioned in the different strategies for reaching the goals, they are mentioned once as an example of how they could contribute to meet the challenges of the demographic changes in rural areas (page 50, project “Trafo”). Also, a large federal government project for cultural education is included as an example, to which libraries contribute and have reached so far about 15.000 educational disadvantaged children and young people in Germany (page 85).
- On 11 January 2017, the Governing board of the [Bibliothek & Information Deutschland \(BID\)](#) met with representatives of all library associations in Germany. One of the participants and the IAP Trainer reported on the IAP workshop, the plans for Germany and further involvement of other associations was discussed.
- IAP Trainer (from Germany) has scheduled a three day international summer school at [University of Stuttgart](#) in June 2017 to replicate the IAP workshop (using the materials).
- The [UN will open a Global Campaign Center in Bonn, Germany](#). IAP Trainer (from Germany) will make contact and explore possibilities to get involved.





HUNGARY

- Participants briefed the leaders of the Association of Hungarian Librarians on the IAP workshop.
- A blog post on the IAP, the SDGs and the workshop was published by the participants “[Public libraries and the UN sustainability goals](#)”.



LATVIA

- Participants had a meeting with the management of Education, Culture and Sports Department of Riga City Council on 3 January 2017. The main goal of this meeting was to get approval and support from Riga City Council to organize the Workshop of Baltic library experts in Riga. One of the IAP Europe Trainers has agreed to participate in an awareness-raising workshop in the Baltics.
- On 10 January 2017, the presentation to the Board of the [Library Association of Latvia](#) was given. The main goal of this meeting was to inform the Board about The Hague IAP workshop and upcoming events and activities related to the IAP. The Board endorsed the development of a project idea for the IAP grant call. The Board also advised on possible project ideas.
- On 20 January 2017, the meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Culture was organized. The main goal of this meeting was to raise awareness among the policy makers about the contribution of public libraries to the National Development Plan goals (that, in fact, will undergo the mid-term evaluation in Summer/Autumn 2017 to understand if Latvia has to change something in their NDP to cover SDGs) and UN 2030 agenda. The representatives from the Cultural Policy Department, Strategic Planning Division as well as Libraries and Archives division were present at the meeting.



NORWAY



- Participants had a meeting with President of the [Norwegian Library Association](#) on 13 January 2017 to present a brief about the IAP workshop, and the advocacy and awareness-raising plans in Norway.

POLAND

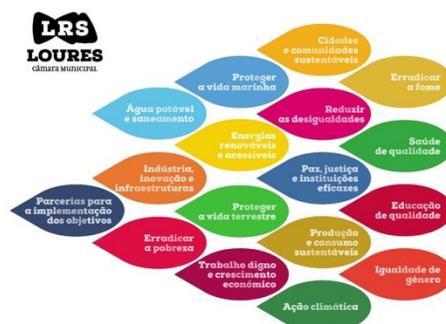


- Participants will present a report about the IAP workshop for the General Board of the Polish Library Association on 3 February 2017. The plans and activities regarding IAP will be discussed in this meeting. Participants are also developing a strategy on how to strengthen their position as partners with Polish government, especially with The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and The Ministry of Economic Development.

PORTUGAL



- Since IFLA published the [Access and Opportunity for All](#) booklet in June 2016 and called on the library community to take action, Portugal will hold the [First National Meeting of Public Libraries for Sustainable Development](#) – proposed by the Municipal Libraries Network of Loures. The meeting intends to create a space for debate and discussion within Portuguese public libraries bringing together representatives of the Portuguese National Association of Librarians, Archivists and Documentalists, libraries with ODS projects and other public entities. This meeting that will take place on 10 February at the Jos Saramago Municipal Library (Municipality of Loures - Portugal). More information can be found in the [Municipality site](#).



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SERBIA



- The training course "Who's talking over there?" aimed at building advocacy awareness and skills for librarians in Serbia got accredited by the National Library of Serbia for 2017. The participant will be in charge of developing and implementing the training course, on behalf of Serbian Library Association. Trainings are planned to start on early March 2017.
- The participant had a meeting with the Serbian Library Association Governing Board on 24 January 2017. The presentation included a brief report on IAP workshop and advocacy and UN 2030 Agenda, a discussion for a project proposal to request funding for regional or national awareness-raising and capacity building, and the beginning of a process of identifying the Serbian advocacy delegation. A proposal is in preparation for establishing a New Professionals group in Serbia.

SLOVENIA



- Participants had a meeting with the President of the Library Association of Slovenia on 28 December 2016 where they reported on the IAP workshop and discussed on next steps. Several follow up actions were planned: to organize a meeting with the Ministry of Culture (key policy-maker related to libraries), to publish an article about advocacy in the first issue of our [KNJIŽNICA Journal](#), to write a report about the IAP workshop in the library newsletter [KNJIŽNIČARSKE NOVICE](#) with an analysis of the field of advocacy in the Slovenian libraries, and to send continue exploring collaboration opportunities with the Ministry of Culture, as well as other ministries, associations, and libraries.



SPAIN



- On 16 January 2017, participants gave a presentation to the Governing Board of the [Federación Española de Sociedades de Archivística, Biblioteconomía, Documentación y Museística \(FESABID\)](#) about the IAP workshop and the follow up actions planned. FESABID agreed to support IAP activities in Spain.
- On 17 January 2017, participants, Manager of FESABID and IFLA President-Elect (Spain) had a meeting with the Deputy General Director of the [Coordinación Bibliotecaria](#) within the *Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte (MECD)* of Spain, as well as other representatives from the Coordination. Participants offered a presentation on a national proposal for a programme to promote the contribution that libraries can make to the National Development Plan. A national train-the-trainer workshop is planned with the support of MECD before April 2017. The MECD has committed to support IAP activities carried out by FESABID and the [Consejo de Cooperación Bibliotecaria \(CCB\)](#) will be involved to be inclusive to autonomous communities.
- On 18 January 2017 a meeting with the IFLA President-Elect, Secretary General, participants and the IFLA National Committee from Spain, co-chaired by FESABID and the Deputy Direction of the *Coordinación Bibliotecaria* (within the MECD) took place. A national platform for IAP activities was presented and discussed. The Deputy Director agreed to work towards making sure the Minister of Foreign Affairs supports these activities and includes libraries in the National Development Plan for Spain.
- The IFLA President-Elect and Secretary General had a meeting as well with the General Director of *Bibliotecas, Archivos y Museos*. The IAP was discussed with interest. It was agreed to invite representatives to the workshop. FESABID will also provide guidance to develop a local workshop in the future.
- Participants and IFLA Secretary General met with the General Director of *Deporte y Patrimonio Cultural de la Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid Regional Government (Autonomous Government of Madrid)* and the Deputy General Director of *Bibliotecas de la Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid* on 18 January 2017. The IAP was discussed and it was agreed that representatives will be part of the workshop.
- Participants are planning to develop an awareness-raising campaign about UN 2030 Agenda and libraries #libraries4ODGs.
- An advocacy plan is being developed and implemented by participants, working closely with FESABID.
- Several awareness-raising and capacity building activities are being organised, including a workshop for associations by FESABID and activities for library associations, institutions, librarians and civil society.





SWITZERLAND

- Participants and the President of the national association [Bibliothek Information Schweiz \(BIS\)](#), had a meeting with the director of the Federal Office of Culture and the director of the [Swiss National Library](#) on 22 December 2016. IAP was one topic of that meeting and it will be continued by negotiations for supporting the association and the IAP in Switzerland 2017.
- Participants had contacts with the responsible administration for the implementation of the Agenda 2030 within Switzerland. The feedback was very good and they were surprise about our potential with 20 million contacts per year within all libraries in Switzerland. They are planning a first meeting to present the idea of supporting the UN 2030 Agenda by the IAP.
- Participants attended the [Forum for Sustainable Development](#) on 31 January 2017 organized by the Federal Office of Culture and the Federal Office for Spatial Development. The goal is to network and contact the key policy-makers on the Federal level, as well as to contact other institutions in the field of culture in the context of sustainable development that are supporting the Agenda 2030.
- Participants met with the [Committee Swiss Association of Public Libraries \(SAB\)](#) on 27 January 2017 and presented the IAP and the plan to adapt IAP in Switzerland.
- On 1 February 2017, participants will present IAP to the SAB and BIS staff to raise their awareness of the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries.
- The BIS-Working group for international relations will have a meeting on 2 February 2017 to start working towards building a delegation/working group to support IAP and generate ideas for implementing.
- Participants will meet with the Committee Swiss Association Library Information Switzerland (BIS) on 7 February 2017 and present the IAP as well as the plan to adapt IAP in Switzerland.





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