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AFRICA





ALGERIA

- On 30 March 2017, a workshop on the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and libraries was organised at the public library of the state of Djelfa in cooperation with the Association of Algerian Libraries and Information. The workshop was supervised by children. Each child presented an SDG and placed it in different spaces in the library, the children then explained the SDGs to the attendees.



- An awareness-raising event to discuss the role of libraries in sustainable development and the UN 2030 agenda was held by IAP participants on 8 April 2017, in cooperation with the Association of Algerian Libraries and Information. The seminar was attended by representatives of public libraries in the state of Tébessa, representatives of local associations and decision-makers.



CAMEROON



- On 13 April 2017, the [Association des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Muséographes du Cameroun](#) (ABADCAM) joined efforts with the French group MOBILITAS. A meeting of the members of the Executive Board of ABADCAM and the General Manager of the MOBILITAS Group, took place at the Hotel des Deputes. During this meeting, they exchanged expertise, and discussed improving the status of the profession and training. At the end of the meeting, the two parties pledged to advocate for libraries and information services, through a partnership agreement that is to be signed.



- ABADCAM adopted an action plan for advocacy. After discussions between the ABADCAM board and his members, it was unanimously decided to organize a meeting with the Minister of Arts and Culture and an Appointment was taken for the month of May. The composition of the delegation of the members of ABADCAM will include a well-known personality to join effectively in the advocacy campaign.





DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- On 21 January 2017, L'Association des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Muséologues (ABADOM) organized a meeting, in collaboration with the [Bibliothèque Nationale du Congo \(National Library of Congo\)](#), to report on the IAP regional workshop. IAP participants emphasized how libraries and other related services should advocate to be recognized as partners to achieve the SDGs. The meeting had 91 attendees from libraries, documentation centres and archives, including 67 professionals, plus 15 representatives from the National Libraries, 6 from the National Archives, and 3 from the Institute of National Museums of Congo.
- On 6 February 2017, IAP participants contacted the Ministère du Plan et de la Reconstruction to research the current status of the National Development Plan. After getting in touch with a specialized department of this Ministry, the Service national de renforcement des capacités (National Capacity Building Service) SENAREC, they were able to have access to the development plan and they are planning to hold discussions with members of the administration and of civil society.
- On 29 January 2017, IAP participants met the Ministry of Culture and Arts, and the members of his cabinet, to discuss the IAP and the important role of libraries in development. IAP participants stressed the important role that the Ministry will have in accompanying this advocacy in favour of libraries with the national administration to ensure libraries have the support they need to continue performing this important mission.
- On 15-16 March 2017, the IAP participant visited the Association in the Province of Central Congo in Matadi to deposit a donation of books received from the Librarians and Cultural Action Collective ([Collectif de Bibliothécaires et Intervenants en Action Culturelle COBIAC](#)) and took this opportunity to give a presentation about the IAP, the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in local schools in the company of the members of the ABADOM Provincial Executive Committee.
- IAP participants are in the process of preparing a training where they plan to bring in ABADOM delegates from the 26 provinces as a train-the-trainer workshop by the end of July 2017.





EGYPT

- On 8-9 February 2017, the workshop "The role of libraries in development and the UN 2030 Agenda" was organized at the [Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#) (BA) Conference Center. The purpose was to raise the awareness of librarians about the UN 2030 Agenda and the library's role in the SDGs. 50 librarians from Sudan and a number of Egyptian governorates (Cairo, Alexandria, Monufia and Beheira) attended the event. Trainers were: both IAP participants and the president of the [Egyptian Library Association](#) (ELA), and the IAP trainer from Egypt and Director of IFLA Center for Arabic-speaking Libraries, Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The workshop included a session about the "Egyptian Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative National Plan in the Context of the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs".



- On 28 February and 1 March 2017, a workshop was organized at the Misr Public library system – Luxor branch: "The Role of Libraries in the SDGs of the United Nations Agenda 2030". The workshop aimed to raise the awareness of librarians about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in the SDGs. 300 librarians from South of Egypt attended the event. The speakers were: the IAP participant and President of the Egyptian Library Association (ELA), and three Board members of ELA, including the Deputy Director of Misr Public Library – Main branch, and the Director of Greater Cairo Public Library. The workshop featured two sessions about the "Greater Cairo Library goals and strategy and the SDGs and UN 2030 Agenda" and "Misr Public Library's activities towards UN SDGs and 2030 Agenda".





EGYPT



- On 2 April 2017, the workshop “The Role of Libraries in Sustainable Development and the UN 2030 Agenda” took place at [Menufia University](#), to raise the awareness of librarians about the SDGs and the library’s role in development. The event was attended by 20 university librarians, and the speaker was the and President of the Egyptian Library Association (also the Egyptian IAP participant).



- On 12 April 2017, IAP participant and president of the Egyptian Library Association gave a presentation about the “Role of Libraries in Sustainable Development and the UN 2030 Agenda” at the National Research Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics Conference Hall. The purpose was to raise the awareness of librarians about the UN 2030 agenda and the library’s role in the SDGs. The event was attended by 20 librarians working at government research institutions.
- Meanwhile, the Supreme Council of Culture – Publishing and Book Committee has organised a conference on "Books, libraries & publishing and their role in the implementation of sustainable development goals". The conference was held on 29-30 April 2017 and focused on two themes: 1) publishing and dissemination of information and their role in sustainable development; and 2) libraries and their role in sustainable development plans.
- At a regional level, the Arab Federation of Libraries and Information (AFLI) and the Higher Institute of Documentation in Tunisia organized the IFLA/AFLI Regional Conference on "The Role of Libraries, Information and Archives Institutions in Sustainable Development", in Tunis, Hammamet, 26-27 April 2017.





GHANA

- On 3 March 2017, the IAP participants met with the [Ghana Library Authority \(GhLA\)](#) staff at the Greater Accra Regional Library, Accra, as part of their awareness raising plan. The meeting was attended by the Management (Executive Director, Deputy Directors, Regional Librarian, Departmental/Sectional/Unit Heads) and general staff (senior and junior).
- On 17 March 2017, the IAP participants communicated via email to start the nomination and selection of influential librarians to conform a team to support advocacy work in Ghana. The group includes past presidents of [Ghana Library Association \(GLA\)](#), retirees, GhLA Executive Director
- On 27 March 2017, IAP participants visited [Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre \(KA IPTC\) Library](#) in Teshie, Greater Accra, to raise awareness with the Head of Library and 4 other staff members.



- On 6 April 2017, the IAP participants organized a webinar about the SDGs and the role of libraries, for the benefit of GLA members. Librarians from remote locations joined the discussion, asked questions, and made various contributions after the presentation. Relevant electronic resources were shared with participants after the webinar.



IAP participants in the live webinar





GHANA

- A visit to the Methodist University College Library took place on 12 April 2017 to continue awareness raising efforts and to gather stories of how libraries contribute to development. The IAP participants were resource persons for the University librarian and library staff.
- The IAP participants visited the [University of Ghana Balme Library](#) on 13 April 2017 to offer a presentation to the University librarian and selected staff members.



IAP participant presenting on the role of public libraries in the SDGs at Balme Library

- The IAP participant and President of the Ghana Library Association delivered the 8th Presidential Lecture on 4 May 2017. The lecture was on the theme: “National development through the SDGs: the role of libraries”. The event was attended by librarians, academia, other stakeholders and the media.





KENYA

- On 22 February 2017, the IAP participant delivered an awareness raising session about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role that public libraries are playing in achieving the goals. The session was part of a capacity building eReaders training workshop at the Mombasa Beach Hotel, Kenya and was attended by 20 librarians from 10 libraries in the coast region (Kithasyu, Kinyambu, Mutyambua, Wundanyi, Werugha, Dzitsoni, Kilifi, Malindi, Mombasa and Kwale). The [Kenya National Library Service \(knls\)](#) and World Reader are implementing an E-reader programme across the library network of 61 branches. The training aimed to build capacity among librarians to integrate digital devices in libraries, and conduct community outreach and e-reader activities. Librarians committed to document the activities carried out by their libraries that contribute to any of the 17 goals.



Presentation on the SDGs by IAP participant

- A workshop of 23 team leaders from different networks in the country attended the American Friends of Kenya Network leadership workshop in Nyeri Green Hills Hotel, Kenya on 25 February 2017. The leaders represented different networks which included; Nyeri, Meru, Isiolo, Thika, three networks in Kibera, Nambale, Kongoni, Mombasa, Ekalakala Mwingi, Nyandarua and Igamba in Gatundu. The leaders are heads of community and public libraries in their regions. The team leader for Thika Network is also the Secretary of the [Kenya Library Association \(KLA\)](#). She was among the executive members that benefitted from awareness raising activities about the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs by IAP participants on 31 January 2017 at the [Technical University of Kenya \(TUK\)](#). As secretary of KLA she gave a presentation to the leaders about the important role libraries play in the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The leaders could relate all the goals to what they do in the community since most of them are volunteers running community libraries in disadvantaged areas. They resolved to consciously collect data that relates to the achievement of specific SDGs.





KENYA

- IAP participants met with the Director, Library Services at the Ministry of Culture, Sports and the Arts at the Ministry offices on 6 April 2017. The aim of the meeting was to raise the Director's awareness about the IAP and design a plan for approaching policy makers, starting with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and the Arts. The first step will be to meet the Principal Secretary in the Ministry, who would then connect the participants to other relevant ministries.
- Following the meeting, IAP participants are preparing reports on youth and women programmes running in public libraries to help the advocacy work. The Director and IAP participants had another meeting on 20 April 2017 to review the report on youth and women programmes in connection to the SDGs and to plan for a meeting with the Principal Secretary. The meeting with the Principal Secretary will include other influential librarians already identified in collaboration with KLA.



IAP participants meet with the Director, Library services
Ministry of Culture, Sports and the Arts at the Ministry offices





MADAGASCAR

- IAP participant and president of the Association des Professionnels de Bibliothèques et de l'Information à Madagascar (TOROHAY Association-APBIM) decided to organize monthly sessions inviting experts to share good practices and raise awareness about libraries' contribution to the SDGs. The idea is to invite participants to host one workshop in each of their libraries. The topic of the next meeting is discussed and decided from one meeting to the next, and is chosen by the librarians according to their needs and expectations, in relation to the SDGs. The scheduled agenda includes workshops in April-June 2017 working with partners like the Ministry of Economy, the US Embassy, and UNESCO.
- IAP participants are planning to start contacting stakeholders to create a delegation including members of the association who work in Public Ministries. The objective is to identify government representatives who can advocate for the role of libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda, and the need for library community to be involved in the National Development Plan.



MALAWI

- On 10 March 2017, a full-day workshop was organised at Mzuzu University Library and Learning Resources Centre. It was facilitated by IAP participant and 24 librarians attended the event. The purpose of the workshop was to create awareness among academic librarians in Malawi in order to take a leading role in advocating for informed government policy decisions and the inclusion of libraries in implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
- The Malawi Library Association certificate course and the Department of Library and Information Science at Mzuzu University are working to introduce SDGs in their curriculum in order to ensure librarians have a leading role in contribute to achieve the SDGs in Malawi.
- The Malawi Library Association (MALA) and [Malawi Library and Information Consortium \(MALICO\)](#) are including SDG issues in the many conferences, seminars and continuous professional development programmes they organise.
- A workshop about planning for advocacy to promote libraries and the SDGs in Malawi is scheduled for May 2017.





NAMIBIA

- In March 2017, two meetings were held to finalise the Strategic Plan 2017-2022 for the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. Strategic Plans are game changers and ways to improve economic growth and sustainable development in the country. One was held in the Southern Region and the other in the Northern Region. The IAP participant attended the Northern Region Meeting held in Ondangwa on 22-23 March 2017. All Directors from the Northern Regions, Regional Education Forum, trade unions, inspectors from various schools, senior employees of the Ministry and consultants to the Ministry attended the meeting. The following indicators were included in the Matrix Strategic Plan 2017-2022: number of community members accessing ICT through libraries and percentage of libraries having access to broadband. Moreover, community libraries were taken up in the National Development Plan 5: “Current public access points through community libraries and community learning and development centres will be strengthened”. During this meetings the contribution of libraries to the SDGs and how libraries can contribute to Namibian development was presented.
- In May 2017, a meeting was held between the IAP Committee and Namibia Information Workers Association (NIWA) to share ideas and strategies for organising awareness sessions on how libraries contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda. The idea is to emphasize the role of community libraries in society and in achieving the SDGs.



The IAP team and the NIWA committee during a meeting in May 2017

- The Namibian IAP advocacy team is planning presentations to different stakeholders and decision makers to make sure the Namibian libraries are recognized as key partners in ensuring economic growth and sustainable development.





NIGERIA

- On 11 February 2017, IAP participants and IAP trainer from Nigeria organised a train-the-trainer workshop about the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the role of libraries for the members of the Council of the [Nigerian Library Association \(NLA\)](#) in Lagos, Nigeria. The event aimed to brief Council members about the topic, to foster the deployment of similar workshops in Nigerian states, and to prepare the Chairmen to advocate for the inclusion of libraries in the National Development Plan (NDP). The workshop was attended by 38 members, including the President of the NLA, members of the Executive Committee, the Chairmen of Chapters and the Special Interest Sections of the Association. Council members committed to cascade the workshop to librarians in their States and Sections.
- The Executive Committee agreed to identify influential librarians to meet with policy makers to advocate for the inclusion of libraries in the NDP. Chapter and Section Chairmen also agreed to advocate for the inclusion in their State/Local Government Councils Development Plans. In addition, all workshop participants agreed that the SDGs will be translated into various local dialects in order to get the message across the different communities. Reports on advocacy activities at the state level will be sent to the national secretariat and will be followed up by the NLA President and the IAP Nigeria team. The Secretariat will gather stories on how libraries are contributing to the SDGs in Nigeria.



The National President (NLA), the IAP trainer and IFLA Governing Board Member, and the National Librarian, during the SDGs workshop for NLA Council members in Lagos



The IAP trainer and IAP participants during the SDGs workshop for NLA Council members in Lagos





NIGERIA

- The National Library of Nigeria in collaboration with Library and You organised a Social Media Library Awareness and Sensitization Program to raise the awareness among Nigerians of the indispensable roles of libraries and librarians to national development. The Tweet Chat: “[LIBRARIES: INDISPENSABLE INSTITUTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SDGs IN NIGERIA](#)” was held on 22 April 2017 on Twitter. The event had the participation of National Librarian and CEO of the National Library of Nigeria, the Director of the Nigerian Book Foundation and IAP participant, and an SDGs Advocate from Nigeria. The hashtag for the event was #NationalLibraryNG

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SOUTH AFRICA

- The [Library and Information Association of South Africa \(LIASA\)](#) together with the [National Library of South Africa \(NLSA\)](#) have committed to a partnership through which they will assume a direct role in the development of an advocacy programme for Library & Information Services (LIS) Professionals to reach out to the South African political leadership to ensure libraries are included in the National Development Plan. This initiative aims to elevate the LIS profession. Libraries, especially public libraries, are central to the achievement of SDGs. Therefore, the role of libraries in this regard should be recognized and the library community should be involved in the planning and implementation process.
- On 9-10 February 2017, the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) Representative Council offered their support to the IAP, and decided that all seminars and workshops offered during May 2017 (called “May Seminars”) will concentrate on raising awareness about the IAP and the UN 2030 Agenda. All 10 Branches of LIASA in nine provinces will conduct these trainings as part of the IAP implementation in South Africa.
- The planning team met at the National Library of South Africa on 23 February 2017. Awareness raising among librarians and members in all provinces was carried out during the National Library and Information Science Policy consultations. More than 3000 librarians in different provinces have been informed about the upcoming seminars and workshops about the IAP during May 2017.





TUNISIA

- A study day was organized with the theme "Public libraries are key to sustainable development", with the cooperation of the Mnihla public library for the training of the heads of 10 public libraries of the Ariana governorate.



- In the context of the National Reading Days, an information workshop was organized "Libraries, Development and the 2030 Agenda" to train the 19 heads of public libraries of Ben Arous Governorate with the cooperation of the Association of Friends of the Book and the Library of Ben Arous.



- Discussions took place about the need to update the internal law of public libraries to give children in the preschool age right to access to information and libraries contributing to SDG 4 "Quality Education".
- The following associations are also involved in the Tunisian program: the Association of Friends of Books and Library of Beja, the Association of Friends of Books and the Library of Tozeur, the Association of Friends of Books and Library of Kasserine, and the Association of Friends of Books and Library of Ezzouhour.
- The IAP participant from Tunisia is planning to generalise awareness-raising sessions in all Tunisian governorates, to advocate for an update to the internal law of public libraries, and the organisation of a national seminar to evaluate the actions taken.





UGANDA

- The Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA) will host the [Twenty Third Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations \(SCECSAL XXIII\)](#) in Entebbe, Uganda. The theme of the conference will be “Positioning Library and Information services to achieve Sustainable development: Innovations and Partnerships”
- A meeting with the UN FAO Communication Officer was held in February 2017 to discuss possible collaboration with the Uganda Library and Information Association (ULIA) in promotion of the SDGs in the Agriculture Sector. The Officer appreciated the role information professionals play in providing agricultural information and in eradicating hunger in Uganda, and advised IAP participants to develop a proposal to be shared with other UN FAO colleagues.
- Another meeting was held in April 2017 with the UNDP National Economist to discuss the ULIA as well as the role libraries can play in the National Development and in achieving the SDGs. The Officer was interested to hear that libraries are playing a role in providing information to communities as well as focusing on the most relevant SDGs to Uganda. He referred the IAP participants to a colleague with whom they will start to work closely and who is part of the UN Communication group.





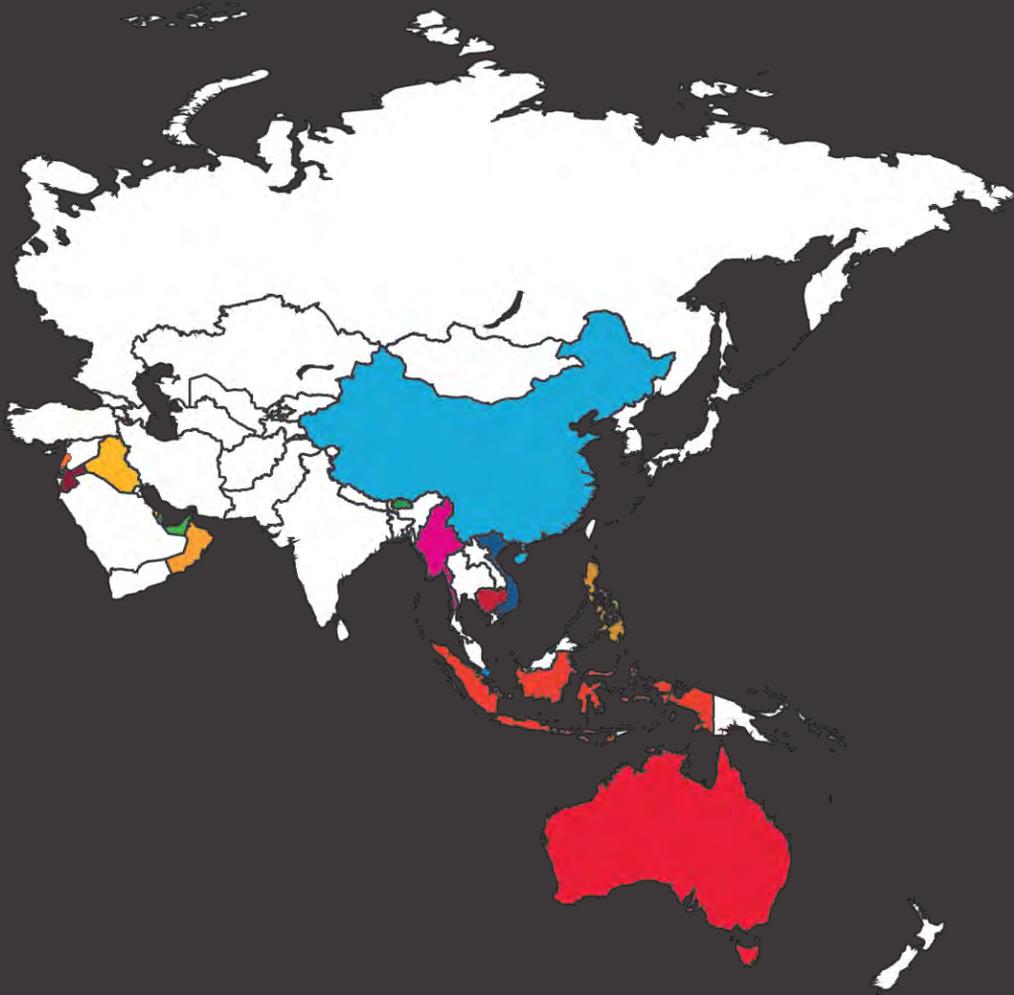
ZIMBABWE

- The [Zimbabwe Library Association \(ZimLA\)](#), through the [National Library and Documentation Service](#), has arranged a meeting with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education to discuss how libraries in Zimbabwe are contributing to the achievement of SDGs, and how they can be more involved.
- Awareness raising and advocacy meetings in all five ZimLA Branches are planned by the ZimLA Advocacy Office for May 2017, in order to raise awareness and encourage programmes in line with the UN 2030 Agenda, particularly those prioritised by the Zimbabwe Government. These meetings will be facilitated by the IAP participants.
- On 20 April 2017, ZimLA's Midlands Branch met with the Mayor of Gweru and other directors in the Municipality to raise awareness among these local authorities on the role of public libraries in improving people's lives and to identify where public libraries could be built in the city of Gweru.
- Consultations were done between Tinashe Kuzuwazuwa, representing ZimLA, and the United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) to develop partnerships to involve libraries in their programmes supporting gender equality, programmes for women and girls on rights and health, and ICT and literacy programmes to support women to build their entrepreneurial skills. ZimLA is developing a concept note for this partnership.



IAP participant and the UNFPA representative





ASIA OCEANIA



AUSTRALIA

- At the IFLA Public Libraries Standing Committee's STEAM into Sydney midterm meeting, held at the State Library of NSW, on 16-17 March 2017, the IAP participants and [the Australian Library and Information Association \(ALIA\)](#) representatives put a banner of the SDGs on the stage and invited delegates to take a selfie, which was posted to social media.



IFLA Treasurer and President Elect 2017-2019, and IFLA Governing Board Member with the ALIA-SDGs banner

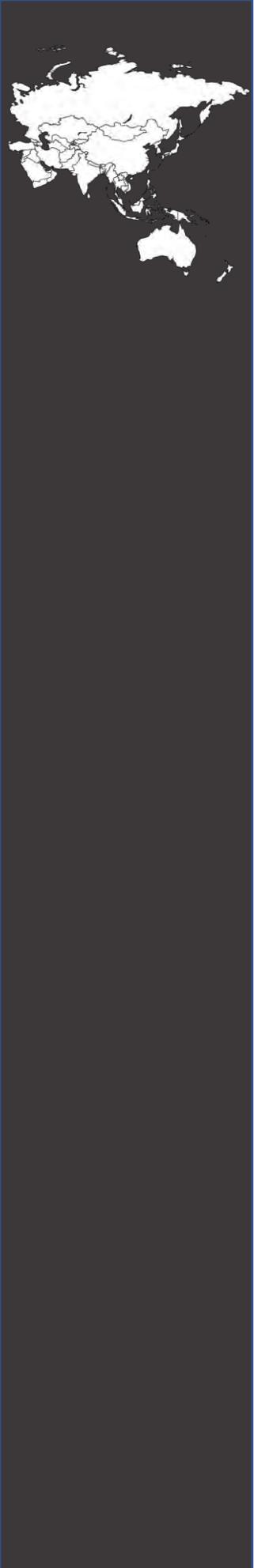
- IAP participants organized a [meeting at ALIA House on 21 March 2017](#), where they invited Professions Australia members to attend a briefing on the SDGs from the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and former Secretary General of IFLA. The event was attended by senior library leaders and colleagues from peak bodies involved in medicine, engineering, property, education and computing. The event positioned library and information professionals as a source of knowledge about the SDGs and as a best practice example of how to engage with them.



Left to right: ALIA President, CEO Professions Australia; former IFLA Secretary General; Director Global Development Policy, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and CEO Speech Pathology Australia.

- Both activities have been exercises in raising awareness of the SDGs: the first activity for the sector; the second activity for other professions. IFLA advocacy materials have been incredibly useful and IAP participants have been proud to share the story about how their international association negotiated public access to information as an important element within several of the goals.





BAHRAIN

- In April 2017, a workshop was held for the board members of the Bahraini Library Association (BLA) at the Bahrain National Library. The workshop tackled the UN 2030 Agenda, the role that libraries play in supporting SDGs and the 7 steps for developing an advocacy plan. An advocacy plan for the BLA was developed and they agreed to proceed with the plan and implement it.





BHUTAN

- [National Library and Archives of Bhutan \(NLAB\)](#) hosted the first library symposium at the national level with the Theme “Good Libraries for a Strong Society”, 20-24 March 2017. The symposium was held at the conference hall of the NLAB, Thimphu, Bhutan. Given the geographical landscape of the country and budget constraints, it is very difficult to get all the librarians across the country representing various agencies, libraries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) together at one time. Therefore, IAP participants took the opportunity of this symposium to provide a presentation about “The Role of Libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda” on 22 March 2017. 70 participants attended the event, including librarians and library assistants from college libraries, school libraries, NGOs, government agencies and institutions across the country.



Participants of the symposium: librarians and library assistants from colleges, schools, NGOs and government agencies in front of the National Library and Archives of Bhutan

- The main objective of the presentation on the Role of Libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda was to raise awareness about the UN 2030 Agenda, the IAP, the important role that libraries play in national and global development, and how libraries and librarians can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. IFLA’s brochure was distributed to all the participants.
- The presentation was followed by group discussion on the SDGs and the close relation to Gross National Happiness in the context of Bhutan to make participants aware of how librarians and librarians can contribute to the fulfilment of national goals and objectives. At the end of the presentation and discussion, the participants understood clearly how their organizations (libraries and librarians) can contribute to the realization of the goals in particular, and the UN 2030 Agenda at a wider context.
- The event was featured in the national newspaper Kuensel on 23 March 2017 mentioning how the libraries can also play a role in sustainable development.



Participants were divided in working groups to map their library activities with the SDGs





CAMBODIA

- IAP participants are working with the Young Librarian Committee of the [Cambodia Library Association \(CLA\)](#) on planning activities and campaigns about libraries' role in implementing the SDGs in Cambodia. The Young Librarian Committee is responsible for working with young librarians in Cambodia on capacity building, experience sharing and promoting the value of libraries, especially in the achievement of the SDGs and the UN 2030 Agenda. The group committee has now 10 members from various libraries.
- To build capacity among young librarians, the CLA's Young Librarian Committee in cooperation with University of Cambodia, Scholar Library, [Punnasastra University of Cambodia](#) Library and the Library at [American Intercon School](#) organized a training for librarians on 31 March 2017 at the University of Cambodia conducted by Mr. Greg Bem, Faculty Librarian at [Lake Washington Institute of Technology](#) (LWTech) in Kirkland, Washington. 34 librarians joined the training that included the following topics: Community Service and Leadership, Instruction and Teaching as a Librarian and Providing Excellent Service for Patrons.





CAMBODIA

- The IAP participant and members of the CLA's Young Librarian Committee had a meeting on 11 April 2017 at the Office of the United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator in Phnom Penh, Cambodia with two staff members from the Office to discuss about partnership between CLA and the UN on promoting library's role in SDGs. After the meeting, the UN Resident Coordinator agreed to offer support by providing training to 20 young librarians to understand more deeply about the SDGs in Cambodia, offering technical support, digital resources and resource persons, and invited the committee to submit a proposal on other ways they could help to promote their advocacy work.



- Among the upcoming activities of the Young Librarians Committee, 20 young librarians will be selected to join the training on the SDGs provided by staff at the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator. The Committee will work to create a “Cambodia Blogger Award” on the topic of “Library’s Role in Sustainable Development Goals”, and will work with other libraries to run activities related to library role in the SDGs. They will also reflect on better ways to improve library data collection.





CHINA

- On 19-20 April 2017, the 11th Nationwide Reading Forum, with the theme “Reading: The Basis of Cultural Confidence”, jointly sponsored by Changsha City Government and the [Library Society of China](#), was held in Changsha. IAP participant and Vice President of the Library Society of China, gave a speech on the IAP and reading promotion at the opening ceremony which is attended by more than 1000 experts, scholars and professionals from Korea, Japan and China.



- On 23 April 2017, World Book Day, the “Programme of Nationwide Reading Activities on the subject of Civilized China” was officially launched in Beijing, sponsored by the Chinese Government and CCTV, with the collaboration of the Library Society of China and the other NGOs in China. The programme aims to build an integrated system of book reading, online reading and mobile reading by making use of different platforms, projects and tools.





INDONESIA

- To discuss the role of libraries in supporting the SDGs, the [National Library of Indonesia](#), in cooperation with the [Indonesian Librarian Association](#), organized the following events:
- On 28 February 2017, the Seminar “[SDGs and the Indonesian Librarian](#)” was held at the National Library of Indonesia, Jakarta. The event was attended by 100 librarians from different types of libraries including public libraries, college, school, and special libraries. One of the conclusions of seminar was that: "Indonesian librarians have become one of the great instrumental proofs of how libraries address gaps in information access due to geographic factors, namely the ship bookmobile program that proved capable of reaching remote islands”.
- On 21 March 2017, the “National Coordination Library Meeting in Indonesia” was held at Discovery Hotel, Bali. The event was attended by 600 head of public library and librarians in Indonesia. During the meeting, it was agreed that for the implementation of SDG 4, the Ministry of Education and Culture agreed to support the important role libraries play, especially promoting the development of school libraries and library periphery (border) in Indonesia. Moreover, it was discussed that libraries should become one of the priorities for the national development agenda, "the library should be a concern of all parties".
- On 27 April 2017, the Workshop “Information Packaging” was held at Lumire Hotel, Jakarta for the preparation of packages of information on health, education and poverty to support the national programmes: Indonesia Smart, Healthy Indonesia, and Maintain Indonesian Culture Heritage. The program supports the program of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. The workshop was attended by 60 librarians from the National Library of Indonesia.



Seminar “SDGs and the Indonesian Librarian” in Jakarta





IRAQ

- A seminar was held on 24 March 2017, at the Indexing and Information Systems Centre of the Holy Abbasid Taba Library. The IAP participant presented the IAP, the UN 2030 Agenda and how libraries contribute to development. Participants discussed how to take advantage of the IAP materials to start the advocacy and awareness-raising work in Iraqi libraries.



JORDAN

- The IAP participant had a meeting with members of the [Jordan Library and Information Association \(JLIA\)](#) in late March to discuss the UN SDGs and the strong link with libraries. Examples were provided particularly of the [Abdul Hameed Shoman Public Library](#), the largest public library in Jordan, whose services for children and researchers greatly contribute to SDG 4.
- On 9 April 2017, the IAP participant and JLIA representative gave a presentation at the Scientific Week in the Irbid National University about the UN 2030 Agenda. During this event, a presentation was also offered by the Abdul Hameed Shoman Public Library team about its products and services, and how their work supports the achievement of the SDGs in Jordan.





LEBANON

- On 28 March 2017, the [Lebanese Library Association \(LLA\)](#) monthly Board Meeting took place at the [Riyad Nassar Library](#) in the Lebanese American University. The IAP participant and LLA president gave a presentation about the UN 2030 agenda and provided examples of libraries' contribution to the SDGs. The purpose was to follow up and share the experience on the IAP Regional Workshop. There was an open discussion at the end to propose possible projects the LLA could carry out at a national level.
- A next meeting with LLA members is scheduled where both the IAP MENA Trainer from Lebanon and the IAP Participant will provide awareness raising presentations about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries.



- On 4 May 2017, the LLA organized an event to introduce the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs to its members. The IAP participant and LLA president gave a presentation about the UN 2030 Agenda, and discussed the advocacy plan. He informed the attendees of future plans to draft a national plan and present it to the relative ministries. The IAP trainer from Lebanon gave a presentation on “The UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Creative Role of Librarians”, in which she discussed the creative roles that different types of libraries (academic, public, school and specialized), as well as library associations, have always played with regards to the SDGs. The meeting took place at the Van Dyke Building, American University of Beirut.





MYANMAR

- The IFLA SDGs handout was translated into Myanmar language and published in the [Myanmar Library Association](#) Newsletter January 2017 issue to raise the awareness of the library community in Myanmar. The document will be also published on the IFLA website.

OMAN

- On 29 March 2017, a meeting was held by the Oman Libraries Association at the Main Library of [Sultan Qaboos University](#) with the attendance of a notable number of Board of Directors and General Assembly members. The meeting objectives were: to explain the 2030 Agenda, to define the role of libraries, and to introduce the IAP. The Chairman of Oman Libraries Association reviewed the general principles and objectives of the IAP and highlighted the important role that libraries play.
- During this meeting, it was agreed that there will be a number of activities and training events aimed at raising awareness on the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs, and that librarians will implement a plan to raise awareness in their own geographical areas within Oman.



PHILIPPINES

- On 14 March 2017, the [National Conference of Librarians 2017](#) took place with the theme “The Emerging Libraries: Connect, Collaborate and Build Strong Communities” at Apo View Hotel, Davao City. The Conference was organized by the [National Library of the Philippines](#) in cooperation with the [National Commission for Culture and the Arts \(NCCA\)](#) and [the Davao City Library and Information Centre \(DCLIC\)](#). The IAP participant made a presentation in the Conference entitled “Libraries, Development and the UN 2030 Agenda” about the SDGs, the UN 2030 Agenda, the meaning for libraries and the implementation at the national level.



The IAP participant during presentation at the National Conference of Librarians 2017 on the topic Libraries, Development and the UN 2030 Agenda

- The 2017 [Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. \(PLAI\)](#) Congress is the annual gathering of librarians in the country and it includes the Annual Conference, the holding of the annual meeting of the PLAI House of Delegates and the PLAI Annual General Assembly. The Chair and members of the National Organizing Committee of the 2017 PLAI Congress met on 6 March 2017 to finalize the theme of the Conference and the details of the Call for Papers (CFP) to be presented during the Congress. The theme for this year’s Congress is “Libraries Take Action: Providing Access and Opportunity for All” and it will be held on 21-24 November 2017 in Bacolod City, Negros Oriental, Visayas, Philippines.



PHILIPPINES

- PLAI looks to lead the country's library community in echoing the collective call to action, and to solicit support from the government and all concerned sectors for our libraries to remain relevant and empowered in providing access and opportunity for all. The Objectives of the Conference are: to understand the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in the achievement of the SDGs; to recognize the role of libraries as agents of knowledge development through the implementation of various information literacy programs and provide open access to information and communication technologies (ICTs); to identify strategies on how libraries can be venues of community development through partnership and collaboration with the different stakeholders of society; To engage libraries, archives, and other heritage institutions in safeguarding cultural heritage in all its diverse forms; To advocate the roles of librarians and library associations as key players for social change through capacity building and professional agenda.



Libraries Take Action: Providing Access and Opportunity for All

Save the Date for the 2017 PLAI Congress

- The IAP participant was invited as a Resource Speaker to the [University of the Philippines \(UP\) Library Science Alumni Association \(UPLSAA\)](#) Advancing Libraries, Archives and Museum (ALAM) Seminar-Workshop “Empowering Libraries, Archives and Museums in Yielding Society Impacts” on 19-21 April 2017 in General Santos City, Mindanao, Philippines, with the presentation “What’s Next: The United Nations 2030 Agenda”.





QATAR

- The IAP participants organized a presentation about the IAP during the Second Association Forum for Library Professionals in Qatar. The Forum was organized by the Library and Information Association (LIA-Q) and sponsored by [Katara Cultural Village](#). The event held on 23 March 2017 in Katara Drama Theatre, was attended by 230 library and information professionals from Qatar. The IFLA handouts (in Arabic) were shared with the Forum participants. The session aimed to introduce the IAP program and raise awareness of the SDGs and the role libraries can play in achieving these goals.



SINGAPORE

- On 25 January 2017, a professional sharing session was organised by IAP participants to discuss the UN 2030 Agenda and how libraries and librarians play an important role. A total of 75 public librarians attended this session held at the [Geylang East Public Library](#).
- On 13 February 2017, IAP participants published a short blog post on the [Library Association of Singapore's](#) Bulletin/Blog "[What Every Librarian in Singapore Ought to Know About Saving the World](#)". The objective was to raise awareness about the SDGs to local librarians, as well as encourage them to sign up for the discussion forum in March 2017.
- The Discussion Forum on Librarians and the SDGs took place on 30 March 2017 at the [National Library of Singapore](#). The event aimed to raise awareness about the SDGs and libraries. The objective was to gather ideas from local librarians to advocate for the contribution of libraries to the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda. A total of 10 libraries from different backgrounds attended.
- On 10 April 2017, the IFLA handout, as translated into Malay and Tamil by IAP participants, was published on IFLA's webpage. Although English is the main language used in Singapore, the translations could assist regional librarians in their advocacy work.
- The IAP participant plans to continue engaging with SLA to:
 - Raise awareness by distributing the translated handouts at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 13 May 2017 with an expected attendance of more than 100 members.
 - Align and plan for future advocacy activities, including creating a team of influential librarians to meet with the Minister responsible for SDGs in Singapore.





UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- Participants have contacted key stakeholders to request a meeting and discuss about the IAP, the UN 2030 agenda and the important role libraries play specifically in achieving SDG 4. The stakeholders identified are: the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, [Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University](#), and the Knowledge and Human Development Authority. In addition, they are working to develop a plan to secure support from the Sharjah and Dubai government.



VIETNAM

- The [Viet Nam Library Association \(VLA\)](#), with a large and diverse membership across the country, and the [National Library of Viet Nam \(NLV\)](#), as leaders, are encouraging and motivating member libraries to join and contribute actively to the national plan for implementing the SDGs.
- The IAP participants arranged a meeting with the President of the VLA and General Secretary-Vice President of the VLA-director of the NLV in late February to once again discuss the IAP workshop in Singapore and persuade them to develop a VLA action plan for raising awareness about SDGs, the role and capacity of Vietnamese libraries in the national SDGs plan. The highest leaders of both the VLA and NLV support the implementation of the IAP in Vietnam.
- On 30 March at the first meeting of the VLA's Executive Board in Ho Chi Minh City, The VLA president gave a presentation about the VLA's actions in favour of involvement of Viet Nam's libraries in achieving the UN SDGs in Viet Nam. The presentation attracted strong interest from all Executive Board members.
- With the support of the VLA President, participants are working on preparatory arrangements to meet with policy makers to ensure participation of Vietnamese libraries in the national development plan.





VIETNAM

- For the following months, the team is planning many activities, some of which are:
 - Launching a movement in response to the call from the UN and IFLA for participation in the SDGs by all Vietnamese library types. This includes: developing materials, promotional programs on the SDGs and the involvement of libraries in achieving these objectives.
 - Organizing training workshops to guide libraries and librarians to develop activities and programs for their libraries to participate more deeply in contributing to the development of the economy, local and regional society, as well as improving people's knowledge and professional activities.
 - Coordinate with key stakeholders to work out a joint action plan on sustainable development. The tentative partners are: the Library Department, Vietnamese Library Association, the National Library of Viet Nam, the General Sciences Library of Ho Chi Minh City, Library consortiums of the Public/ Academic/ School, and Special library systems, Member libraries, the Faculty of Information and Library, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, and the Viet Nam National University, Hanoi.
 - Each member of the VLA Executive Board member (Term III) will promote the program among their members (April-June 2017)
 - Organize training workshops for librarians on sustainable development and develop the content of activities for every participating library (June-August 2017)
 - Develop specific activities and programs for libraries to participate directly in the sustainable development plan at the national / local / sectoral levels (August-September 2017)
 - Collect stories and data on how libraries are making positive contributions to the community and develop media products to promote them (June-October 2017)
 - A national workshop on the role of libraries in achieving the UN SDGs will be held on October 2017.





EUROPE





BULGARIA

- The [12th National Library Week](#), organized by the [Bulgarian Library and Information Association \(BLIA\)](#) took place in Sofia, Bulgaria from 9-13 May 2017. The IFLA President delivered a keynote speech on Libraries in Support of Sustainable Development at the 9 May 2017. Librarians were joined at this event by many distinguished officials and the Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Regional Development, addressed the audience. In a special address, the Bulgarian President congratulated the participants in the advocacy campaign, as well as all librarians, for their outstanding work and dedication to the profession.



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- BLIA has also translated the IFLA booklet, toolkit and handout to Bulgarian and all materials will be made available in IFLA website.
- Bulgaria, through the national association, has joined the IAP in May 2017.



CROATIA

- In January 2017, the IAP participants had a meeting with the president of the [Croatian Library Association \(CLA\)](#) about the IAP and the role of libraries in development. During the meeting, the president offered the association's support for follow up activities in Croatia.
- In January 2017, the IAP participants had a discussion with the National Centre for Permanent Education of Librarians about expanding the workshop offered currently about library advocacy to include the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The proposal was accepted and included in the regular program for 2017.
- In February 2017, one of the IAP participants provided several presentations at the [National and University Library in Zagreb](#) about the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the IAP.
- A presentation for members of the CLA Professional Committee about the UN 2030 Agenda and the IAP was given in February 2017. The IAP participants proposed to raise the awareness of members representing different types of libraries.
- In February 2017, one of the IAP participants and Chair of the Section for Special and Academic Libraries, suggested including a workshop about library advocacy related to the UN 2030 Agenda in the Special and Academic Libraries Conference. The proposal was accepted and the conference held in the Hotel Excelsior, Lovran, 17-20 May 2017.
- In February 2017, the IAP participant and Chair of the Committee of Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression suggested including a workshop about library advocacy related to the UN Agenda 2030 in the 17th Roundtable on Free Access to Information. The proposal was accepted and the roundtable will be held at the National and University Library in Zagreb, 8 December 2017.
- In March 2017, the IAP participants published an article about the IAP in the CLA journal: "[IFLA - Međunarodni program javnog zagovaranja \(IAP\)](#)" (HKD - Novosti, Broj 73, ožujak 2017 - Skupovi u zemlji i inozemstvu).
- In April 2017, the IAP participant from Serbia and IFLA International Leader Associate participated as trainer in a joint workshop about the library advocacy and the IAP at the [15th Special and University Libraries Conference: Connection and cooperation: opportunities and challenges](#), Lovran, 17-20 May 2017.





FINLAND

- The new [Finnish Library Act](#) came into effect in January 2017 which underlined the role of libraries in creating a democratic society. It states clearly that a core task of libraries is to advance dialogue and connections in society.
- The [Finnish Library Association](#) made contact with the National Commission on Sustainable Development and arranged a meeting. They were also actively involved in joint operations by Finnish NGO's. Together with other associations they made a statement about the UN 2030 Agenda and how it could be implemented in Finland.
- On 2 February 2017, Finland published its [National Development Plan](#) for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve the UN Agenda 2030. The implementation of Agenda 2030 in Finland builds on two themes: to achieve a carbon-neutral and resource-wise economy and to ensure non-discrimination, equality and a high level of skills in society. **The plan includes libraries.** Libraries are acknowledged in the context of the action plan to prevent hate speech and racism and to promote social inclusion (under focus area 2.5): *“The role of public libraries as promoters of active citizenship, cultural diversity and democracy shall be strengthened”*.
- On 22 February 2017, an article by the Executive Director of the Finnish Library Association was published to announce this achievement in the IFLA website: [“Libraries included in the recently published Finnish National Development Plan”](#).





FRANCE

- IAP participants are working with other stakeholders within France to carry out a national campaign producing content with three aims: inform, document, train.
- The information phase consists in raising the awareness of librarians about the UN 2030 Agenda, through articles in professional journals, presentations in regional events, advocacy studies, and the organization of a study day on libraries and sustainable development, among others. The documentation phase began in April 2017, with the launch of a survey by the [French Librarians Association \(ABF\)](#) to collect UN 2030 Agenda examples in the platform Bibliothèques dans la cité -Bpi-, and in the Enssib Project Platform. With these examples a brochure and a website will be created, making visible the contribution of libraries to local development in France. The training phase consists of organizing a training course for Agenda 2030 correspondents throughout France.
- The [French International Library and Documentation Committee](#) (Comité français international bibliothèques et documentation – Cfibd) is helping to disseminate information about IFLA and the IAP, as well as the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries. The Cfibd is working to organize a study day on libraries and sustainable development for the third quarter of 2017.
- The ABF has an advocacy committee within which a group working on the UN 2030 Agenda has been created. The group disseminates information through articles in the newsletter and journal of the association. This group also launched a survey of stories for a future brochure of examples in France. The group is also working on a set of specifications for setting up a UN 2030 Agenda and libraries website. The team plans to launch the website and the brochure during the ABF national conferences in June 2017.
- Within the [Ecole nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques \(Enssib\)](#), a workshop has been set up with professionals and students to work on selecting stories and examples from the three available sources (ABF survey, Enssib Project Platform, and the platform Bibliothèques dans la cité -Bpi-), to produce the brochure, to create infographics and to create a serious game: "libraries and 2030 Agenda".
- The Public Information Library (Bibliothèque publique d'information - Bpi), as part of its national mission, is taking over initiatives related to UN Agenda 2030 through its national network of regional and local libraries. In addition, the Bpi has made its Bibliothèques dans la Cité platform available in order to collect stories to feed the brochure and the website, and can participate in the search for new examples.
- IAP participants are also planning to get in contact with other stakeholders that could help in reaching the whole country, including overseas territories.





GERMANY

- The IAP participant met with the regional managers of the worldwide Goethe libraries on 30 January 2017 and reported on the IAP workshop, the plans for Germany, and their possible involvement in providing information for networking in the respective countries.
- On 22-24 February 2017, the IAP participant reported on the German activities concerning the SDGs at the EBLIDA Board meeting for information and networking.
- The IAP participants promoted the topic of the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and libraries at the General Assembly of the German Literature Conference at the Leipzig Book Fair (24 March 2017), at the Speaker's Committee of the German Council for Culture in Berlin (where a working group on the SDGs will be established) (29 March 2017) and at the Board Meeting of the [German Library Association](#) to discuss the advocacy approach and to raise awareness within the library community (30 March 2017).
- On 20 March 2017, the IAP participant reported on libraries activities contributing to the SDGs at a Regional Meeting in Bremen about the implementation of the SDGs on a local level.
- On March 2017, the IAP participant encouraged the leading library provider in Germany, ekz service for libraries, to include a SDGs literature package into their offers and promote it with the libraries.
- The German Library Association is will take the opportunity to present a poster during the [Bibliothekartag 2017](#), a German national conference for librarians with about 4000 attendees. The conference will take place in Frankfurt, starting 30 May 2017.



HUNGARY

- The IAP participant and president of the [Association of Hungarian Librarians \(AHL\)](#) met the Head of Department of the Ministry of Human Resources (responsible for culture) and briefed her on the IAP, as well as the planned dissemination activities of the Association.
- The IAP participant got in contact with the President of the [Alliance of Libraries and Information Institutes](#) and informed her about the IAP, the IFLA workshop and the advocacy activities the Association plans to run in 2017-2018.
- To strengthen the financial basis for the national advocacy activities and a workshop, the Association applied to the National Cooperation Fund. The Hungary country factsheet prepared by Public Libraries 2020 has been translated into Hungarian by the Library Association.
- The IAP participant, a LIS professor at ELTE University, Budapest included the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, as well as IFLA's IAP programme, into the curriculum of LIS students - both Hungarians and those studying in Budapest with ERASMUS fund (mainly Greek and Turkish students).
- On 9 February 2017, the IAP participant gave a presentation on IFLA Trend Reports and the IAP at the Annual Conference of Csongrád County Librarians, in Szeged.





HUNGARY

- The Head of Department of the Ministry of Human Resources was very pleased with the Association of Hungarian Librarians plan and engaged in this topic. She offered her support for participants and gave some ideas about financial sources. She promised to integrate possibilities for libraries related to the SDGs into the strategic thinking of the ministry.



- On 24 March 2017, the IAP participant provided a welcome speech and presentation about libraries and the UN 2030 Agenda at the International Workshop for Agricultural Librarians and Information Scientists (IWALIS-2017), organized by AHL and the IFLA Agricultural Libraries, held in the Hungarian Museum and Library of Agriculture, Budapest.



- On 27 April 2017, the IAP participant reported to Library and Information Science Master students at the ELTE University in Budapest, on ideas and research works related with SDGs and Hungarian libraries.





NETHERLANDS

- The IAP participant from the [Royal Library](#) (Koninklijke Bibliotheek KB) distributed an awareness raising paper about the UN 2030 Agenda and the Netherlands, as well as national policies, indicators and projects & activities that could be carried out by libraries supporting the SDGs.
- The KB had a meeting with representatives from the Humanities, Public Libraries and Cultural Heritage areas including: the [Netherlands Public Library Association \(VOB\)](#), the [Dutch Consortium of University Libraries and the National Library of the Netherlands \(UKB\)](#), the [Cultural Heritage Agency \(RCE\)](#), and the [Netherlands Library Forum \(Fobid\)](#). The National Library proposed follow-up actions related to the SDGs and met with network partners to discuss future activities. The first action will be to create a leaflet/poster to show the contribution of the network towards the SDGs.
- The KB had a meeting with [Europeana](#) to discuss ways to connect the work done in The Netherlands with work done in an international level throughout Europe, and is planning next steps to ensure the Dutch library sector is firmly represented in the National Development agenda planning and implementation.





LATVIA

- During February 2017, the Board and Regional Divisions of the [Latvian Librarians Association](#) began discussions with libraries in the Latvian regions about libraries' contribution to the UN SDGs and the Latvian National Development Plan. These consultations contributed to the preparation of the upcoming discussion about the inclusion of UN SDGs into Latvian policy documents, as organized by the Cross-sectorial Coordination Centre and scheduled for 2 June 2017.
- On 6 March 2017, during the meeting of library directors, the minister of economics Arvils Aseradens gave a lecture on topic "Transformation of economics and development of human capital". During his lecture, he invited libraries to provide more focus on adult education. During the discussion with the minister, IAP participants brought up the issue of the contribution of Latvian libraries to the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, as well as the need for recognition of libraries' contribution through the inclusion of libraries into the Latvian National Development Plan.
- On 23 March 2017, the IAP participant was elected as a Chair of the Latvian Library Council.
- On 4 April 2017, the IAP participant held a meeting with specialists from the Library Development Institute of the National Library of Latvia, and the topic of a training was agreed: "UN Sustainable Development Goals and Libraries". The training will be offered to directors of the main regional libraries (scheduled for 26 May 2017 in Valmiera) and for the professional development coordinators of the main regional libraries (scheduled for 7 June 2017 in Jelgava).
- On 13 April 2017, IAP participants proposed and succeeded in including in the 2017 Work Plan of the Latvian Library Council the action point of working for the recognition of the contribution by Latvian public libraries to achieving the SDGs, and the inclusion of libraries into the Latvian National Development Plan.
- On 24 April 2017, the Congress of the Latvian Librarians Association took place and members were informed about the IAP and activities undertaken by the Latvian Librarians Association related to the UN 2030 Agenda.
- Additionally, a separate working group is working on the Latvian translation of IFLA materials for SDG related advocacy.



NORWAY

- IAP participants created a survey about the SDGs to be sent to all the public libraries in Norway. They have made it a priority to make the survey as user friendly as possible and secure relevant data collection at the same time. A prototype map for presentation and visualization of the data collected from the survey was developed.



Prototype of the map of Norway with SDG icons prepared by IAP participant

- An awareness session was held by the IAP participant at the National Meeting for the 19 county libraries in Trondheim, Norway on 5 April 2017. In addition to raising awareness about the SDGs, they aimed to inspire county librarians and leaders to help in collecting data and spreading information in their own counties. Several leaders contacted the IAP participants after the session to join the survey project. Both the survey and the prototype map for visualizing the results were presented during the session.
- On 5 April 2017, a world café was hosted by the IAP participant, immediately after the awareness session for the county libraries. Everybody who was interested in discussing libraries and the SDGs was invited to walk over to the world café for an informal talk. Three short world cafés were hosted within an hour, all fully booked.
- At the beginning of May IAP participants sent an email to all chief librarians at the county libraries, inviting them to sign an agreement to help in collecting data through the survey of all public libraries in Norway. The survey will be published by the end of May.



IAP participant ready to host a world cafe in Trondheim



IAP the awareness session in Trondheim



POLAND

- The President of the [Polish Librarians Associations \(PLA\)](#) and vice-president and IAP Participant met with the director of the Department in the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, who is concerned with public libraries, to discuss about the UN 2030 Agenda and the IAP. They also explored ways of promoting the IAP in Polish public libraries and a possibility of inclusion of advocacy activities to apply for Ministry grants intended for librarians.
- The implementation of the IAP was accepted by the PLA General Board and included in the PLA's programme for 2017. The PLA has contacted with potential partners who might be interested in close cooperation regarding the SDGs and libraries.
- The IAP participant has written an article about the IAP which will be published in the Magazine "Librarian" (5/2017).
- On 27 April 2017, the IAP was presented at the conference for directors of Silesian public libraries in Katowice.



PORTUGAL

- A project team was created to work in the 2030 Agenda for Libraries in Portugal (this team is already working with meetings to define strategic efforts nationwide) including librarians from various types of information services in addition to the IAP participants.
- The [Portuguese Association of Librarians, Archivists and Documentalists \(BAD\)](#) was represented in the conference “Think Public Administration: Session 2 - An Approach to the Sustainable Development Goals” organized by the Directorate General for Skills of Public Employees on 30 March 2017 in Lisbon, and reaffirmed the willingness to collaborate with the Portuguese Government in the National Development Plan. Currently the BAD is working on a strategy to be in closer contact with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that will represent Portugal at the 5th High Level Political Forum for Development (HLPF) in New York in July 2017.
- The translation of the IFLA toolkit into Portuguese is in process.
- Two seminars are scheduled for 19 May 2017 at two different locations in the country (Braga and Lisbon) to promote the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries, archives and documentation centres.
- News and information related to the UN 2030 Agenda are regularly gathered and made available by IAP participants in [BAD’s website](#).



SERBIA

- In March 2017, the [Serbian Library Association \(SLA\)](#) launched a training course “Who’s talking over there?” facilitated by the IAP participant from Serbia, and aimed at building advocacy awareness and skills for librarians in Serbia. The first workshop was held in Gornji Milanovac (central Serbia) with 32 participants from public, school and academic libraries. The workshop allowed librarians to learn about the value of collaboration and joint efforts, trendy advocacy approaches, the UN 2030 Agenda and SDGs, as well as the importance of effective storytelling around data. The course is accredited by the National Library of Serbia and will be held throughout 2017 with the aim of covering as many regions of Serbia as possible.



SERBIA

- In March 2017, the IAP participant and SLA member translated the IFLA SDGs handout to Serbian.
- The SLA has decided that the theme of the SLA Annual Conference in December 2017 (also the 70th anniversary of SLA) will be national library associations and advocacy, global and local best practices and initiatives, and the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The conference will offer keynote speakers and presentations from librarians from Serbia and the region.
- The IAP participant and SLA Governing board member received an invitation from the Croatian Library Association to provide a presentation about the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and libraries, at the conference “15th Days of Special and Academic Libraries” in Lovran, Croatia in May 2017.
- On 24 April 2017, the IAP participant presented IFLA’s advocacy efforts and EIFL workshops report at the Meeting of Library Directors in Smederevo, Serbia. The event was organized by the Association of Parent Libraries in Serbia.
- The SLA is promoting a project called “Librarians on the road! 1000 km to 1000 ideas” that consists in bringing a bus with a group of librarians to the IFLA WLIC in Wroclaw 2017. The idea behind the project is not only to attend the conference, but to visit libraries on the way to the conference and to gather 1000 ideas and bring them back to Serbia.



SPAIN

- On 22 March 2017, a meeting took place at the [Federación Española de Sociedades de Archivística, Biblioteconomía, Documentación y Museística \(FESABID\)](#) headquarters between the IFLA President-Elect and FESABID President and the International Relations Coordinator of the Secretary of State for the Information Society and Digital Agenda. They discussed the SDGs and the IAP, and the commitment of FESABID to promote the role of libraries in the 2030 Agenda in Spain. During the meeting, it was agreed that both sides would follow up for next steps.
- On 27 March 2017, the “Spanish IAP Workshop” was offered at the [Biblioteca Regional de Madrid](#) with 33 participants representing regional librarians’ associations, the main library systems in Spain, and the Ministry of Culture. The workshop started with a welcome by the Deputy Director of the Library General Coordination of the Spanish Ministry of Culture, and the Deputy Director General for the Book, from the Madrid Regional Library System. It was then continued with a presentation about the IAP from the IFLA President-Elect and FESABID President. The IAP participants offered presentations about the UN 2030 agenda, the SDGs and the role of libraries and access to information. By the end of the day a Spanish action plan was developed. The workshop included an introduction to the global context but it also focused in the Spanish state of affairs.
- The planned next steps for the IAP participants are:
 - To create a steering committee (representative and executive) coordinated by FESABID
 - To provide funding to implement the advocacy plan
 - To design and to execute a communications plan
 - To research and to collect data and good practices in Spain
 - The results of this workshop and the conclusion were presented at the general assembly of the council on library cooperation on 24 April 2017.



SWITZERLAND

- In January and February 2017, the Board of the two national [Associations in Switzerland for Academic Libraries \(BIS\)](#) and [Public Libraries \(SAB/CLP\)](#), each with 10 members, decided to support the IAP. The decision has given the green light for the development of a financial plan, the presentation of the IAP to diverse groups of members, and the creation of a working group to support the IAP within Switzerland.
- The IAP participants had a meeting with the Federal Office for Spatial Development. The exchange of information made it clear that there is a gap between the activities and knowledge of the national administration and those of the general population. Therefore, the offer of libraries to support communication about the UN Agenda 2030 and SDGs is a opportunity for both partners: administration and libraries. The next step is to discuss appropriate opportunities with the Federal Government's Communication Group to spread information concerning the UN Agenda 2030 within Switzerland.
- On the platform *swiss-lib*, a call has been launched for interested librarians to become members of the IAP working group. the plan is to create a team of at least 12 members to start the work: developing ideas to promote the UN Agenda 2030 and libraries, ideas for activities and the design of communication materials.
- IAP participants have published an article about the IAP in German and French in [INFO No 02/17](#), the Swiss magazine for librarians, with an audience of over 2500 members. The article contains also a call to become member of the working group.
- At the end of April 2017, the IAP participants met with 30 participants at the annual conference of the advisory board of the national association BIS. They presented the IAP and discussed further steps to integrate the contribution of libraries to the UN 2030 Agenda into the library world in Switzerland.



UKRAINE

- The IAP trainer offered two presentations on the SDGs, the role of libraries and the IAP at the Annual Ukrainian Library Association Conference in November 2016 in Kyiv; and at the Advocacy Workshop at the Goethe Institut in Kyiv in March 2017.
- The IAP trainer published two articles (in Ukrainian) about the SDGs and the IAP: “[Global Sustainable Developing Goals and tasks for libraries](#)” (BiblioTeka: Ukrainian Library Association Bulletin, 2016, 4, p. 5) and “[Libraries and progress across the entire UN 2030 Agenda](#)” (Library Planet: Journal of the National Yaroslav the Wise Library of Ukraine, 2017, 1, p. 6-10)
- The Ukrainian translation of the IFLA handout is in final stages and will be published in the IFLA website.





LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



ARGENTINA



- Participants organized awareness raising activities during the 49th National Librarians Meeting (Reunión Nacional de Bibliotecarios - RNB), 25-27 April 2017. The activities included two panels: “The UN Sustainable Development Goals: SDGs in Argentina” by Elba Kirby, Erica Mogdans, María Cristina Alvite, and “[Presentation of the IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)” by Jerónimo Ciro Vitti, Director for Legal Advice at the Library of Congress of the Argentine Nation. Moreover, a presentation: “Libraries and the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda” was given by the Director General for Coordination at the Library of Congress of the Argentine Nation, Alejandro Lorenzo César Santa. IFLA President Elect greeted participants via video.



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- On 28 April 2017 a presentation: “[Libraries, Development and the UN 2030 Agenda](#)”, took place at the National Teachers’ Library reading room, co-organized by the Mariano Moreno National Library, the Library of Congress of the Argentine Nation, the National Teachers’ Library and the IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.



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ARGENTINA



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- To promote SDG Target 16.10, the [Declaración de Valparaíso](#) was signed on 15 March 2017 as a cooperation agreement among the following parliamentary libraries and IFLA: Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile, la Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación Argentina and the Biblioteca de la Cámara de Diputados de México, in Chile.



- Following the selection of the Library of Congress of the Argentine Nation (BCN) in Buenos Aires, Argentina [to host the IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean](#), IFLA and BCN will work together to position Latin American libraries in international discussions and advocate for library and information professionals in the region. The role of the IFLA Regional Office in LAC is to support IFLA members and Library Associations in LAC.



ARUBA



- On 17 February 2017, during the Caribbean regional workshop, the National Library of Aruba (BNA) sent out a press release to underscore the importance of advocacy work and the role of the BNA in achieving the SDGs in Aruba. As a result, various articles have been published in local and national news media, highlighting the participation of the BNA in the IAP regional workshop and providing general information about the SDGs and the role of libraries. Two articles published were "[Biblioteca y metanan di desaroyo sostenibel](#)" and "[Biblioteca cu invitacion pa participa na un workshop na Jamaica](#)".
- After the IAP regional workshop, IAP participants reported to the National Library staff during the monthly meeting about the IAP, the SDGs, and how libraries contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda.
- On 21 February 2017, the IAP participants took part in the "Aruba Sustainable Action Forum" at the Renaissance Aruba Resort, organized by the National SDG Commission. The event was aimed to inform and align perspectives on the implementation process of the SDGs in Aruba and to stimulate partnerships for this process. The IAP participants (Library Director and Policy Advisor) attended the forum and this allowed them to strengthen relations and align with local partners working on the SDGs. It was also a networking opportunity and they had the opportunity to meet the national SDG coordinator. After this conversation, the National Library of Aruba was mentioned several times during the Forum, as an example of important partners to achieve the SDGs. The participation of Aruba in the IAP regional workshop was also mentioned.
- On 7-13 May 2017, the IAP participants visited Curacao and St. Maarten (2 other major islands in the Dutch Caribbean) for a different project (with a UNESCO grant for Media and Information Literacy/MIL), and conducted talks with library representatives on those islands. The SDGs are not an official part of the talking points, but they seized the opportunity to mention the SDGs (MIL is closely related to several SDGs).
- The IAP participants attended and participated in the week-long [UN Sustainable Development Planning Mission: Aruba](#), which took place on 15-19 May 2017, under guidance from the regional UNDP mission.
- The IAP participants will hold an awareness raising session about the importance of the UN 2030 Agenda at the Conference of Association of Caribbean Universities Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 4-9 June 2017. During the Special Interest Group (SIG) of National, Public and School Libraries session, the Director of the National Library of Aruba and the Director of the Philipsburg Jubilee Library in St. Maarten will offer a joint presentation about the important role of libraries in the Dutch Caribbean to contribute to the success of the UN 2030 Agenda.



BAHAMAS

- Participants are planning to meet with the Vision 2040 Committee and to write a newspaper article to promote the role libraries play in development in The Bahamas.

BELIZE

- On 2 March 2017, an awareness-raising meeting was organized by IAP participants from the Belize National Library Service and Information System (BNLSIS) at the National Heritage Library (NHL). 18 library staff from 15 branch libraries, including the supervisors of 35 community libraries met to discuss the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs and the UN 2030 Agenda.
- On 11 April 2017, 17 library staff from Dangriga and Punta Gorda convened at the Ignacia Cacho Library (ICL) for an awareness raising meeting on the UN 2030 Agenda organized by IAP participants from BNLSIS. The IFLA handout was shared with the attendees, followed by a discussion on library activities that promote the SDGs. Several of the participants indicated that libraries already host various programs that can be fine-tuned to be aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda. Links offering resources on the UN 2030 Agenda were shared with participants for further information.





BERMUDA

- On 24 February 2017, the IAP participant sent out an e-mail to the library community in Bermuda asking for support in re-launching the Library Association of Bermuda. By 11 April, 10 persons had paid their membership fee to the Association.
- On 15 March 2017, a Special General meeting of the Library Association of Bermuda was held at Bermuda College Library and 9 persons were present to elect Executive Officers for the Association and discuss the IAP.
- IAP workshop participants offered presentations about the IAP Regional Workshop, presented the UN 2030 Agenda, and discussed the situation of Bermuda in relation to the 17 UN SDGs. Since Bermuda has no National Development Plan, the Library Association is planning to focus on showing how libraries support certain goals, such as 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8, and to meet with the Directors of other Ministries in order to influence government leaders to start the discussion about a National Development Plan.
- To start gathering evidence of how libraries support development in Bermuda, IAP participants highlighted the Bermuda Youth Library's Born to Read programme (packages of information given to new mothers at Bermuda's only hospital) and agreed to look into ways to collect data on how many of these children actually become library members, clearly related to SDG 4.
- On 3 May 2017 Participants held a meeting of the Library Association of Bermuda at Bermuda College Library to discuss ways in which libraries and librarians can actively support the achievement of specific goals of the UN 2030 Agenda.



BRAZIL



- The IAP participants continued their awareness raising activities on the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries. In particular, the Brazilian Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (FEAB) disseminated [IFLA's handout and booklet \(as translated to Portuguese\)](#) widely. This is on the IFLA website and the websites of FEAB and the Brazilian Congress of Library Science and Documentation (CBBB).
- On 21 March 2017, the IAP Participant and FEAB President took part of the launch of “Programa Conecta” promoted by the NGO RECODE at the Alceu Amoroso Lima Public Municipal Library in Sao Paulo. The IAP participant provided a presentation about the IAP, the handout and the booklet, and called on librarians to share their experiences at the CBBB 2017. The event included coordinators of the National Public Library System (SNBP), representatives from community libraries, research institutions, and the Department of Books, Reading, Literature and Libraries (DLLLLB) at the Ministry of Culture (MinC).



- To raise awareness among the library community of the important role libraries play in development, the IAP participants are organizing meetings with librarians, students, and library directors of Brazil's various regions called “[Esquentas CBBB](#)”. The meetings will take place on 9 May 2017 at the São Paulo Library, São Paulo and 12 May at the Legislative Chamber, in Brasilia, Federal District.

ESQUENTA CBBB 2017

AGENDA 2030 PARA O DESENVOLVIMENTO SUSTENTÁVEL

Venha conhecer as ações que estão sendo realizadas nas bibliotecas que contribuem para o cumprimento dos objetivos do desenvolvimento sustentável.

12 de maio
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Com a presença de Adriana Ferrari, Presidente da Febab

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BRAZIL



- Participants are planning a meeting with the Special Advisor of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Brazil to discuss strategies to guarantee the inclusion of libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda conversation in Brazil, and to promote libraries in events organized by the UNDP.
- An invitation was sent to start discussions towards creating a national delegation with library representatives including the National Library of Brazil, the National Council on Library Science (CNB) and other partners.
- A partnership between FEBAB and the UNDP office in Brazil was signed to collaborate in activities promoting the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries in Brazil.



UNDP Brazil Senior Advisor and IAP participant and FEBAB President



CHILE



- On 3 February 2017, the IAP participants, the President of the College of Librarians of Chile (CBC) and a volunteer, recorded a [video about the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs](#), intended for librarians available in YouTube.
- On 13-14 March 2017, IAP participants offered several presentations during the IFLA LAC International Scientific Seminar: "[Libraries, advocacy and promotion activities and implementation of Agenda 2030](#)". The [event](#) took place at the National Library of Chile and was co-organised with National Library of Chile, the National Library of Congress of Chile, and the Directorate for Libraries, Archives and Museums (DIBAM). The activities included: presentation: "[Libraries in Chile: Good Library Practices and their Contribution to SDG 16.10](#)" by the CBC President; a presentation: "[Libraries and the 2030 Agenda: Progress in Chile](#)" by the IAP trainer from Chile, and a meeting of the CBC President and IAP participant with IFLA President-Elect. During the event, IFLA President-Elect was interviewed by the media (Biobiochile): "[Libraries must take care of local issues and access to information](#)".



- On 14 March 2017, at the National Library of Chile, IAP participants offered a presentation: "[Talk about the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and Good Library Practices in Chile](#)", which aimed to make visible and promote the work of libraries (of all kinds) and librarians in Chile in achieving the SDGs.



CHILE



- On 23 March 2017, the IAP participant and the CBC National Councillor [met with the Mayor of Cerro Navia](#) to discuss with him about the important role of libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda, in addition to offering the collaboration of the CBC. The mayor expressed his intention to generate popular libraries in the 23 schools and open them to the whole commune with an extended schedule until 22hs.



- On 23 March 2017, at the Santiago Severín Library in Valparaíso, a [meeting was held with the members of the Book Recommendation Committee](#), led by the Reading Development Programme of the National System of Public Libraries (SNBP) of DIBAM, which seeks to generate a list of titles to be purchased for the public libraries of Chile. Among those invited were the IAP participant and CBC President, who took the opportunity to create alliances for the organisation of new workshops on the SDGs and the role of libraries.



CHILE



- On 28 March 2017, the IAP participant presented: "[Talk about the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and Good Library Practices in Chile](#)" in the context of the first meeting of the year for librarians of the Valparaíso region, held at the Cultural Centre of Valparaíso and organized by the Public Libraries Regional Coordination.



- On 30 March 2017, the CBC, through its president, was elected in the category of "Libraries", to be part of the [first meeting of the Council of Civil Organisations \(COSOC\)](#) within DIBAM. The CBC President took the opportunity to underline the role of libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda and the need for public libraries to have professional staff in their direction and planning.
- On 7 April 2017, in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)'s headquarters in the Metropolitan Region of Chile, the Workshop: "[Participation of key actors in the implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in Chile: preparation for the 2017 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development of the Economic and Social Council \(HLPF\)](#)" was held. The event was organized by the National Council for the Implementation of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Sustainable Development Division, United Nations System in Chile and ECLAC. The IAP trainer from Chile and the IAP participants [represented libraries at this important event.](#)



CHILE



- On 7 April 2017, the CBC President met the head of the Department for Studies of the SNBP, with the objective of compiling official statistics on public libraries in Chile. The hearing was conducted via the Public Transparency portal and partial data was received on 13 April 2017. This information will be essential to participate in the IFLA LAC “Mapping of Public Libraries Projects” in Chile.
- On 8 April 2017, the IAP participant gave a lecture on the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs to the students of the library science at the Universidad Bolivariana, with the objective of raising their awareness about the importance of the work of the libraries and librarians in the field of social, economic and environmental development.
- On 10 April 2017, the IAP trainer from Chile and CBC President participated in the Technical Committee of the National Council of Culture and Arts (CNCA) with the Chilean Association of Municipalities and the Sub-secretariat for Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE). During this event, a letter was drawn up on the importance of libraries to service the community and offering IAP workshops to those who request it. The survey of Good Practices in Public Libraries was presented and the Facebook Page of the IAP team in Chile was presented to the attendees for future updates.
- On April 11, in the offices of the Regional Coordination of Public Libraries of the Maule Region, in the city of Talca, the IAP participant provided a [presentation on the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs](#) with an emphasis on Good Practices in Public Libraries to the heads and officials of Public Libraries in the region.



- On 11 April 2017, at the Plaza San Francisco Hotel in Santiago, [the Environment Commission of the Environment Ministry](#) and working groups were established to review the country's progress towards the achievement of the SDGs in this area. Civil society took part of the event and IAP participant was there representing libraries.
- The IAP team from Chile updates regularly the Facebook Page “[Agenda 2030 para bibliotecas y bibliotecarios de Chile](#)” where they share events and good practices gathered.



COLOMBIA

- The IAP participants and IAP trainer from Colombia contacted different organizations to create a delegation for advocacy work to ensure libraries are included in the National Development Plan. The following organizations agreed to join the team: The [Colombian College of Librarianship \(Ascolbi\)](#), the [National Library of Colombia](#), the Directorate for Reading and Libraries at Bogotá City Hall, the Public Library System of Medellín, the University of Rosario, the Technology University of Chocó and the Board of Libraries of Educational Institutions of Antioquia.
- An awareness raising workshop “Libraries and their contribution to the achievement of the SDGs” was given by IAP participants and the IAP trainer in different events taking place in Colombia. The [presentation](#) can also be used in other awareness-raising sessions.
- On 17 March 2017, the event “The Strategy of Departmental Tutors of the National Network of Public Libraries, National Library of Colombia” at the Hotel Continental, Bogotá, saw 24 tutors attend. They will be in charge of training librarians in the whole country, and will be key to continue disseminating work regarding SDGs in Colombia's regions, including those most affected by the internal conflict.
- On 29 March 2017, a workshop for departmental librarians at the Biblioteca Pública La Peña (Bogotá, Colombia) was attended by 40 librarians.



COLOMBIA



- On 29 March 2017, a workshop was organized for the Council of School Librarians of Quibdó at the Technology University of Chocó (Quibdó, Chocó, Colombia).
- On 13-14 March 2017, a workshop was offered for the System of Public Libraries of Medellín at the Parque Library San Javier (Medellín, Colombia). The training was attended 14 librarians, including staff from the Pilot Public Library and several managers of the System of Public Libraries of Medellín.



- On 10 April 2017 at the Parque Library San Javier (Medellín, Colombia), 20 librarians attended the workshop.
- IAP participants published an article on the IFLA website [“Peace and Sustainable Development in Colombia: Reflections and Actions from the Library Sector”](#) during the UNESCO Week for Peace and Sustainable Development: The Role of Education, 6-10 March 2017.
- On 16 March 2017, IAP participants published an article on the ASCOLBI website: [“Libraries and their contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN 203 Agenda”](#) to continue raising the awareness among its members.
- The paper: [“Colombian university libraries and development cooperation \(Agenda 2030\)”](#) was presented at the IFLA LAC International Scientific Seminar: [“Libraries, advocacy and promotion activities and the implementation of Agenda 2030”](#), 13-14 March 2017 in Chile.
- The XIV National Congress of Librarianship and Information Science: “The UN Agenda 2030: perspectives for the sector”. Planning is underway and committees to work in the conference organization have been created.
- The [1st International Congress of University and Special Libraries COBAES “Knowledge and Global Sustainability \(Agenda 2030\)”](#) will take place on 2-4 August 2017, Jaime Isaza Cadavid Polytechnic, Medellín, Colombia.



COSTA RICA

- In February 2017, the IAP participant and President of the [College of Library Professionals \(COPROBI\)](#) held a meeting with several Ministries in Costa Rica at COPROBI to advocate for the role of libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda and the inclusion of libraries in the National Development Plan. The meeting included the following agencies: the Ministry for Public Education, the Ministry of Culture and Youth, the Ministry of the Presidency, and the Ministry of Planning, and the four universities that offer library science in Costa Rica: the University of Costa Rica, the National University, the Autonomous University of Central America, and the State Distance-Learning University. A commission was created to continue working on advocacy related to the SDGs and libraries in Costa Rica.
- In March 2017, the IAP participant and COPROBI President offered a workshop about the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the role of libraries in development. The event took place at the [University of Costa Rica](#) and was attended by students of the university.



CUBA

- On 22 March 2017, the National Sub-Directorate for Public Libraries of the [National Library of Cuba José Martí](#), and ASCUBI invited journalists from Havana (radio, television and print press) to a press conference that took place at the Martianos Studies Centre, El Vedado, Municipio Plaza de la Revolución, La Habana. The press conference presented the results and winners of the National ‘Read to Martí’ Contest, one of the main actions of the National Program for Reading, part of the Cuban Librarians Association (ASCUBI)’s IAP advocacy plan. During the press conference, the IAP participant and President of ASCUBI spoke about the advocacy plan and how the contest, created in 1998, has contributed to the promotion of reading of the work of the Cuban José Martí, and the development of reading and cognitive skills and values of children, teenagers and youth throughout the country. The IAP participant and Vice President of ASCUBI expressed how this contest is one of the examples of the contribution of libraries to SDGs 4 and 16. Journalists were very interested and promised to support and communicate about the development of the contest in the Havana media, as well as to collaborate with ASCUBI’s advocacy plan and Cuban Public Libraries.



ASCUBI’s President and member of the Governing Board during the press conference



ASCUBI, journalist and members of the contest’s jury



CUBA

- On 6 April 2017, the IAP participant and Vice President of ASCUBI was invited to the “Libre Acceso” TV show. The show is an informative and opinion space that addresses topics of interest related to Cuban society and culture and it is broadcasted live on a weekly basis through the local TV channel “Canal Habana” since 2003, on prime time (from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) to a large TV audience in Havana. The journalist and host of the program dedicated the issue of 6 April 2017 to the Havana public libraries and invited the IAP participant, as well as a specialist in library services for children and young people from the Rubén Martínez Villena provincial public library and the Deputy Director of the Regional Directorate for Culture of Havana, who supervises the cultural management in Havana, including public libraries. The journalist was very interested in knowing more and sharing with the viewers the work done by libraries for the community, which was an excellent opportunity to talk about the SDGs, the UN Agenda 2030, the IAP and how public libraries contribute to development. Precise examples from public libraries in Havana were mentioned, and how the libraries contribute to the local Development Plan and to the Cuban National Development Plan.



Cuban Librarians at the “Libre Acceso” TV show in “Canal Habana 2”

- The General Assembly of ASCUBI was held on 26 April 2017 at the Camagüey Provincial Library “Julio Antonio Mella”. The program included an awareness-raising seminar on the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and libraries. The topics were discussed extensively and several of the participants presented examples that demonstrate how libraries contribute to reach several SDGs. Participants agreed to send these examples to ASCUBI for dissemination.



CUBA



- On 15 February 2017, ASCUBI held its fourth workshop to raise the awareness on the UN 2030 Agenda, during the celebration of the XV National Library Science Meeting, which takes place every year as part of the main activities of the Havana International Book Fair. On this occasion, the workshop had the participation of IFLA President-Elect, invited by ASCUBI. The workshop was attended by the 15 directors of the Provincial Public Libraries in Cuba, the presidents of the different branches of ASCUBI representing the librarians of the public, school, academic and special libraries' systems of each of the 15 provinces, as well as members of the National Executive Bureau and the president of the Cuban Society of Information Science.
- At the beginning of the workshop, IFLA President-Elect gave an introduction explaining the importance of the contribution of librarians to National Development Plans, given their impact on the achievement of the SDGs needed to improve the quality of life of individuals and communities.



CUBA

- IAP participants (the President and Vice President of ASCUBI) presented the work done so far according to the IAP advocacy plan, and stressed the need for each branch of ASCUBI to carry out a plan in its province, identifying the successful actions and projects that contribute to the SDGs. The participation was very dynamic and attendees provided ideas and proposals that will enrich ASCUBI's advocacy plan.



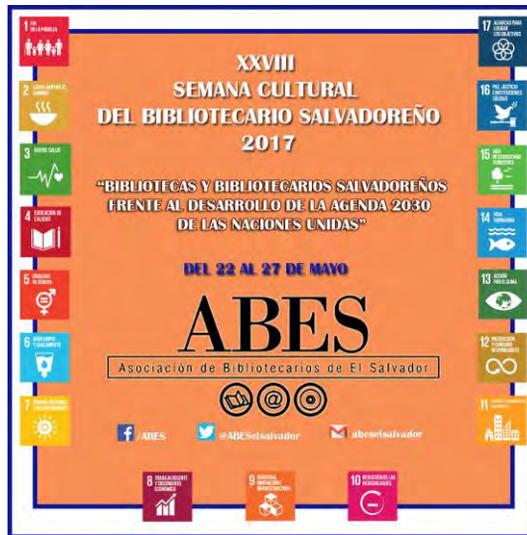
- In March 2017, ASCUBI's Sancti Spiritus Provincial Branch held its General Assembly of members at the headquarters, Rubén Martínez Villena Provincial Public Library, with the participation of 170 members from public, school, university and special libraries, retirees and other members of the community. The Assembly began with a presentation by the President of the ASCUBI Branch, about the IFLA President-Elect's theme: "Librarians: The Gears of the Motors for Change" and how libraries contribute to the UN Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. The presentation also included ASCUBI's advocacy plan and the work to ensure the inclusion of libraries in the Cuban National Development Plan.



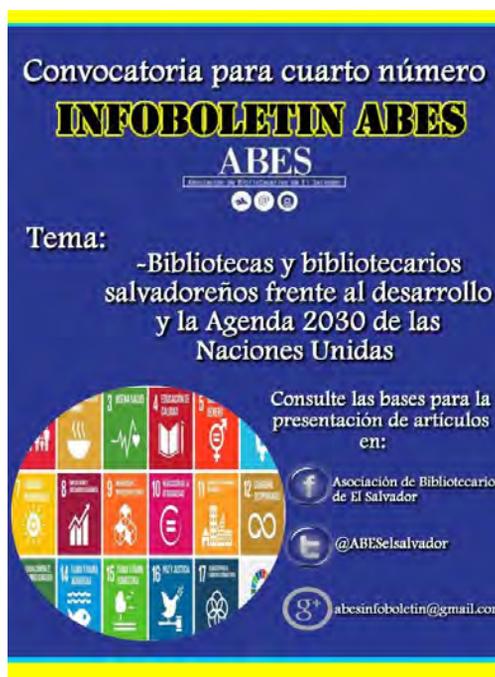
EL SALVADOR



- The [Asociacion de Bibliotecarios de El Salvador \(ABES\)](#) has planned the annual “XXVIII Cultural Week of the Salvadorian Librarian” with the theme: “[Salvadorian Libraries and Librarians, Development, and the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations](#)”, that will take place in El Salvador from 22-27 May 2017 in celebration of National Librarian Day (25 May). The event aims to raise awareness about libraries’ contribution to development and the SDGs, as well as to share initiatives and successful projects that drive progress for the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda. It also aims to promote librarians’ advocacy with policy makers in the country.



- ABES has decided that the main theme for the committees, projects, communications and training activities for 2017 are the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries. This is being reflected in ABES [Infoboletín](#), [website](#) and [Facebook Fan Page](#) with regular posts and articles about the topic.



GUATEMALA

- On 8 February 2017, the first assembly of the [Guatemala Library Association \(ABG\)](#) took place at the “Luis Cardoza y Aragón” [National Library of Guatemala](#). The event was attended by 25 librarians from different institutions, the ABG Governing Board and the IAP team. The planning of activities for 2017 was discussed. The IAP participants presented the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries, calling on librarians to promote this topic in their communities. The assembly agreed to organize a workshop about the SDGs and the role of libraries in Guatemala in 2017.



- IAP participants met with representatives from the Riecken Foundation and Child Aid to present the IAP and to discuss plans to involve public and community librarians as much as possible in the IAP activities in Guatemala. The IAP participants reported on the IAP regional workshop and the follow-up actions planned. Both institutions expressed their interest and support for activities to promote the SDGs and the important role libraries play.
- IAP participants had a meeting with the managers of the Network of Public Libraries of the Huehuetenango Region within the Documentation Centre of the Western Region Guatemala (CEDFOG). They have also expressed their willingness to be part of the awareness-raising workshops.



HAITI



- The Association of Librarians, Documentalists and Archivists of Haiti (ABDAH), in collaboration with the Open Books Programme of the VIE Jeunes Haiti Organisation organised a two day workshop: “Professional Study Day: [Libraries, community transformation and sustainable development](#)” on 30-31 March 2017 at the Lycée Alexandre Pétiou, Port-au-Prince, Haïti, The event was attended by more than 60 participants from the library and information sciences sector.
- This event pursued a threefold objective: (i) To show how libraries support the SDGs and the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda; (ii) Initiate an advocacy campaign to promote and encourage policy makers to integrate and work in partnership with libraries in the Strategic Development Plan of Haiti (PSDH); (iii) Encourage political and civil society actors to use libraries in raising awareness of the SDGs and what they mean nationally in relation to the PSDH.
- The opening session was a High-Level Opening Panel “Libraries, Community Transformation and Sustainable Development”, moderated by the former Prime Minister of Haiti and President of the Foundation of Knowledge and Freedom (FOKAL, in Creole), the President of the Ethics and Governance Commission of Global Partnership for Education (GPE), the former Minister of Education in Haiti and the Event Coordinator and President-Founding Member of VIE Jeunes Haiti. It was followed by three sessions: Session 1: Libraries facing the Sustainable Development Objectives (SDOs); Session 2: Educational workshop on the organization of an Advocacy Campaign for Libraries; and Session 3: Haiti's Strategic Development Plan (Plan Stratégique de Développement d'Haïti - PSDH) and libraries. The event also included a fair for innovative projects, presenting: “Library for all” and “SMARTH APP” (Société de Modernisation et d'Avancement pour une Révolution Technologique en Haïti).



JAMAICA



- On February 2017, the [Jamaica Library Service \(JLS\)](#) held a national awareness campaign on the contribution of libraries to information literacy using technology. The campaign was covered by the media and an article was published in The Gleaner Newspaper: “[New-Look Libraries - JLS Rebranded To Offer Technology-Driven Programmes And Services](#)”.
- The [Library and Information Association of Jamaica \(LIAJA\)](#) sent a letter to the Jamaican Ministry of Education to include information professionals in the development of a new curriculum. LIAJA Advocacy, School Librarians, and the Department of Library & Information Studies (University of the West Indies) created a group to write the concept/position document and currently are awaiting next steps.
- On March 2017, the LIAJA team led the creation of an Advocacy Committee across all library types to promote the role of Information Professionals in Jamaican national development. The group includes the LIAJA Advocacy Chair and other library and information units.
- The LIAJA Advocacy Chair was interviewed on Real Jamaican Radio (RJR) “Guest Room” with Alan Magnus on 28 March 2017. The objective was to increase the awareness of libraries and the library profession in the community.



IAP participant and LIAJA Advocacy Chair in the studio with the RJR’s “Guest Room” team.



MEXICO

- The IAP participants published an article “[The world’s public libraries, strategic allies in the UN 2030 Agenda](#)” in the 104 issue of the magazine [El Bibliotecario](#), with a circulation of 9000 print issues within the National Network of Public Libraries. The issue also included an announcement of the 17 SDGs as part of the awareness raising activities in the country.



- The 105th edition of the magazine *El Bibliotecario*, for May-July 2017, dedicates the central Supplement to the IFLA booklet: “Access and opportunity for all: How libraries contribute to the United Nations Agenda 2030”, enriched by the research of initiatives of the National Council of Mexican Public Libraries into library contributions to objectives 4, 10, 11, 12 and 13.
- The [Mexican Library Association A. C. \(AMBAC\)](#) organized the XLVIII Mexican Librarianship Days, held on 17-19 May 2017 in Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico, with the theme: " Libraries faced with natural disasters: actions and reactions ". The theme is aligned with SDGs 9 and 11. The workshop: “The UN 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals” will be given during this conference.
- The Directorate General for Libraries in the Cultural Secretariat initiated the planning of the XVII National Congress of Public Libraries in a joint historical effort with two other substantive areas of the Secretariat: the National Meeting on Reading Rooms and the Annual Meeting of Booksellers of EDUCAL. The event with the common topics of books and reading will be held in August 2017 in Puebla, Puebla, Mexico. In the specific case of the National Congress of Public Libraries, the main theme will be: “Libraries and sustainable development”, from which a program of conferences, discussion tables, workshops and cultural activities aligned to the SDGs will be derived.



PERU



- On 13 February 2017, a workshop was given by the IAP participant and member of the [Peruvian Librarians College \(CBP\)](#) about the contribution of libraries to the SDGs in the Piura Provincial District (MPP), with district and provincial municipalities of the Piura region, attended by the Provincial Mayor, as well as councillors and officials of Culture. The event was attended by 30 participants, including municipal delegations from the Piura region and provincial MPP officials (IAP Team Member and CBP)
- On 14-22 February 2017, IAP participant visited the Municipal Libraries of the provinces of Piura, Sechura, Talara, Morropón (Chulucanas) and Tumbes, and of the districts of La Unión and Catacaos (Piura), to raise awareness and gather information relevant for the SDGs. During these visits, discussions were held with 14 professionals in charge of administration and services in 8 Municipal Public Libraries.



Meeting with authorities and library managers at the Municipal Library of Piura



Municipal Library of the Sechura district:
Interview with Culture Director



PERU



- On 21 February 2017, the IAP participant visited the [National University of Tumbes \(UNT\)](#): Central Library, Libraries of the Faculties of Social Sciences, Law, and Nursing / Obstetrics, to raise awareness on the SDGs. 8 staff members, including the Director of the Library System participated in the discussions.



Meeting with UNT library managers

- On 25 February 2017, the IAP participant gave the second awareness-raising workshop on the SDGs in Iquitos-Maynas. The workshop was attended by 22 members of the Association of Librarians of the Peruvian Amazon. The event aimed to promote the SDGs and libraries, and to request the support to disseminate and organise the VIII Festival of Green Books.



PERU



- On 1 March 2017, an awareness-raising conference “Libraries: Actors in the Bicentennial Plan – Driving Sustainable Development in Peru” was organized by the IAP participants, the IAP trainer and the CBP board. The event aimed to raise the awareness of librarians and library science students about the SDGs and the role of libraries, and was attended by 52 participants. It included the participation of the President of the Roundtable on Combatting Poverty, a member of the CBP Board of Directors, and the IAP trainer and National Dean.



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- On 13-15 March 2017, the IAP participant visited the Municipal Libraries of the city of Pucallpa: Provincial Municipal Library of Coronel Portillo (Callería) and the Provincial Library of the Yarinacocha district, to raise the awareness about the SDGs and to gather information on examples of how libraries contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda.



PERU



- The VIII Festival of Books and of Green Reading 2017 will have, as its main theme, “Our libraries contribute to the SDGs for everyone”. The event aims to promote the important role of Amazonian libraries in achieving the SDGs and to share research generated in different academic and scientific institutions in the region. The festival is organised by the Institute for Studies on the Peruvian Amazon (IIAP) with the support of the Association of Amazonian Librarians and Documentalists (ABDA), the CBP and several academic, scientific and cultural institutions that are interested in promoting the contribution that libraries make to achieving the SDGs, through access to information and knowledge sharing, and improving people’s lives. Many activities are planned under the theme, in different libraries or institutions like the IIAP, the National University of the Peruvian Amazon (UNAP), the Scientific University of Peru (UCP) and the ‘Miracle of Faith and Joy’ Education Centre. More than 3000 attendees are expected and it will consist in keynote speakers, workshops and seminars. The event is being promoted in the local media with several articles like: “[IIAP preparing the Eighth Festival of Books and Green Reading](#)” and “[Festival of Books and Green Reading 2017: It’s Taking Place Locally](#)”.



- The IAP participant and President of the Festival Organising Committee is organising also, in June 2017, the month of information and knowledge about the environment, biodiversity and people, including activities like: lectures, itinerant exhibitions, video conferences, storytelling and environmental poetry contests. The event will be held in education institutions of the District Council of San Juan Bautista and the Provincial Network of Maynas, as well as various educational centres of the Punchana and San Juan Bautista Commune with an estimated audience of 2000 students. The team in charge includes 30 librarians previously trained in the SDGs and advocacy to promote the important role of Amazon libraries.



PUERTO RICO

- On 27 February 2017, the first meeting of the Committee to Support and Strengthen Public, Municipal and Community Libraries in Puerto Rico took place including IAP participants and the President of the [Society of Librarians of Puerto Rico](#).
- The Committee for Support and Strengthening of Public, Municipal and Community Libraries in Puerto Rico is planning a workshop “Libraries, Development and the UN Agenda 2030” for the library staff of the University of Puerto Rico.
- The IAP participants met on 13 April 2017 with the President of the Society of Librarians of Puerto Rico to coordinate the organization of a workshop “UN 2030 Agenda 2030” for the Board of Directors of the Society of Librarians of Puerto Rico and other colleagues who will eventually be integrated into the work of the Committee. The workshop was held on 29 April 2017 at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo Campus.



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- The IAP participants and leaders of the [Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago \(LATT\)](#) had a meeting with the Executive Board on 9 March 2017. During the meeting, the IAP participants presented the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, the IAP, IFLA's resources to support library's advocacy work (toolkit, handout, booklet), the importance of the library association as an advocate for libraries and possible ways to engage other institutions in supporting LATT's advocacy campaign at the national level. As a result of the meeting the members of the executive agreed on the official announcement of the Awareness Sessions for SDGs at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 17 March 2017 at the [National Library of Trinidad and Tobago](#).
- LATT's proposed plan of action for 2017 related to the SDGs and an advocacy campaign. This will involve the identification of stakeholders who would be willing to partner with LATT to support an advocacy campaign for libraries, improving the evidence base on the impact of libraries (the recording methods of projects in libraries through the use of ISO 2789 and ISO 11620 for collection of library statistics will be discussed, and LATT will host workshops about the collection of library statistics), and planning for a workshop for government officials and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the SDGs and libraries.



LATT President officially presenting the association's proposed plan for SDGs and other related activities for 2017 at the AGM



LATT members of the association at the AGM during the presentation on the SDGs



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- As part of its advocacy campaign, the LATT partnered with the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) to raise awareness of librarianship and to promote the library service within the community of Arima, on Saturday 8 April 2017 at the [Trinidad and Tobago Group of Professional Associations' \(TTGPA\) 6th Annual Professional Services Day](#).
- The LATT team was able to engage a number of community legislators who were present. Representing LATT were Vice-President Beverly Williams, Public Relations Officer Lyndon Jackson and Liaison Officers Ayaana Alleyne-Cumberbatch and Beverley Adams-Baptiste. More than 75 members of the public visited the information booth learning about the various public library services as well as discussing how libraries could better serve their needs.



LATT Vice President with Member of Parliament for D'Abadie/O'Meara



Left to right: Councillor for Tumpuna, TTGPA Council Member, Her Worship the Mayor of Arima, and LATT Public Relations Officer

- The LATT is also planning to: schedule SDG Awareness Sessions for the months of May through July 2017; continue to identify opportunities where they can connect with policy makers and government representatives and influence to ensure libraries are included in the National Development Plan; and conform a delegation to work on the association's advocacy plan and implement the campaign.





SAINT LUCIA

- On 14 March 2017, the IAP participant met with the President of the [National Library and Information Professionals \(NALIP\)](#) of Saint Lucia to discuss the contents of the IAP workshop and to plan next steps.
- The IAP participant also met with key members of NALIP on 21 March 2017 to present the SDGs, the role of libraries and to discuss the most relevant goals based on the current situation of Saint Lucia.
- The IAP participant was invited as the keynote speaker at the National Library and Information Week, 3-7 April 2017, under the theme "Libraries and Information Centres Transform". The opportunity was taken to remind members and stakeholders present about the importance of libraries and librarians for development and how starting to use the language of the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs can help stakeholders to better understand the work of libraries. The presentation was well received and NALIP plans to have future SDG workshops across the island.
- IAP participant is planning to:
 - Schedule a meeting with the Minister of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development (May-June 2017)
 - Organize a workshop for the NALIP using the materials on the UN 2030 agenda and the IAP (first week of June), and hold a general advocacy workshop (first week of July 2017).



URUGUAY

- On 5 May 2017, IAP participants representing the [Association of Uruguayan Librarians \(ABU\)](#) organised an awareness-raising session at the [Festival of the Book in Paysandú](#). The presentation came in the context of the panel "The Place of Information in the New World" and it presented the "[SDGs and Libraries: Access and Opportunities for All](#)". Attendees were many students and graduates from the library school at the University of Uruguay in Paysandú (Northern region of the country).
- In 21 March 2017, the IAP participants were present at the launch of the training sessions organized by the Office for Planning and Forecasting (OPP) for the joint work among government institutions, private sector and civil society in monitoring actions to achieve the SDGs: "[Opportunities for the Country: Uruguay and the path of the Sustainable Development Goals](#)".
- IAP participants are currently planning a workshop with library school students to raise awareness about the SDGs and the IAP.





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