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Learn how the library community in **Africa**, **Asia and Oceania**, **Europe** and **Latin America and the Caribbean** is promoting the role of libraries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UN 2030 Agenda:

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AFRICA



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ALGERIA



On 29 September 2017, the IAP participants held a second workshop at Aflo City, Laghouat State. The event was organised by the Main Library for Public Reading of Laghouat State and the Algerian Association for Library and Information. 12 librarians attended the workshop, raising their awareness of the UN 2030 Agenda and the role libraries play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as learning how to build an advocacy plan.

EGYPT

The [Egyptian Library Association \(ELA\)](#) launched an award on 17-19 July 2017 with the title "Award for the Best Library Project to Support the SDGs" at the Annual Conference held at the [Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#). The award aimed to raise awareness about the SDGs and encourage librarians to implement activities related to them. The winning project involved organising workshops and seminars about the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs, and the role of libraries in Egypt.

On 27 July 2017, the IAP participants (ELA President and Technical Manager for Libraries at [Egypt's Society for Culture & Development](#)) met with the Manager of the Egyptian National Library to discuss possible strategies to achieve the inclusion of libraries in the National Development Plan. During the meeting, they discussed the National Library's existing involvement in the process of shaping the National Development Plan, and agreed to organise a workshop in October for librarians working in the National Library and its branches, to raise their awareness about the SDGs, organised by ELA.





EGYPT

During September 2017, two awareness-raising workshops were organised by the IAP participant and ELA President, focusing on the role of libraries in the UN SDGs and the UN 2030 Agenda:



The first workshop took place on 11 September 2017 at the Greater Cairo Public Library. The event had the participation of 100 librarians from public and school libraries.



The second workshop took place on 19 September 2017 at the Misr Public Library (Luxor Branch), with the participation of 186 librarians from the Ministry of Culture, as well as public and school libraries.



GHANA

The IAP participants from Ghana are focusing on getting involved in government level discussions, and drawing the attention of policy makers to the key role libraries can play in development and the achievement of the SDGs. In building the delegation, they have been able to involve key librarians in the IAP Ghana Team. The team is working now to request meetings with policy makers, sending letters to several government agencies to request appointments.

The IAP Ghana team, in collaboration with the IAP Nigeria team, and with support from IFLA, organised an awareness-raising workshop for librarians in West Africa about the UN 2030 Agenda and the African Union 2063 agendas, advocacy, and relevant data collection strategies.





GHANA



The workshop took place on 2-3 November 2017 at the [University of Ghana](#), in Accra, Ghana. The event brought together 17 participants from Mali, Cote D'Ivoire, Benin, Burkina Faso, Togo, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Ghana, and was facilitated by the IAP trainer and Member of the IFLA Governing Board from Nigeria, the AfLIA Executive Director, and the IAP participants from Nigeria and Ghana.

By the end of the workshop, participants had a clear understanding of the UN 2030 and the African Union 2063 agendas, the role of libraries in the achievement of the SDGs; the need for good stories on libraries' contribution to development; and how to develop an Advocacy Plan and advocate for libraries with policy-makers. They also learnt practical skills for tracking and collecting data on progress made on SDGs in their communities, and understood how to use data collected. Participants learnt about the importance of partnering with local and national library associations and libraries to organize awareness raising workshops on the role of libraries in the achievement of the SDGs.

The [Ghana Library Association \(GLA\)](#) 2017 Annual General Meeting and Seminar will take place on 7 December 2017 with the theme "National Development through the SDGs: The Role of Libraries". The event will be hosted by the Balme Library, University of Ghana, Legon.

KENYA

On 25 July 2017, the IAP team carried out awareness-raising on the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs during a Peer to Peer Learning Capstone Workshop in Nairobi. The [Kenya National Library Service \(KNLS\)](#) and the [Peer to Peer University \(P2PU\)](#) in Chicago are implementing a learning circle programme in fifteen libraries. The objective of the capstone workshop was to share experience and lessons from the pilot and provide an opportunity for librarians to deepen their knowledge and skills on how to successfully facilitate learning circles.





KENYA

29 librarians from 15 libraries, including the four pilot libraries and 11 additional sites that will be implementing learning circles participated. The workshop was facilitated by knls, [Electronic Information for Libraries \(EIFL\)](#) and P2PU. During the workshop, the Head of knls-Kibera library informed participants about advocacy and the role of libraries in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda. Participants were then able to connect the subject areas of the learning circles to each of the SDGs.



The knls and [Worldreader](#) are implementing a research project “Anasoma” in four libraries. The aim of the project is to identify the barriers to and drivers of female mobile readership and the best strategies to attract more female readers. The outcome will be an Outreach Strategy to increase women and girls’ participation in mobile reading. Ten librarians in participating libraries underwent a training course conducted by Word reader officials on how to conduct the research through book clubs in their libraries.



Head of knls-Kibera raising the awareness of librarians and Worldreader staff

On 6-7 June 2017, during a workshop for “Anasoma” project facilitators in Nairobi, the IAP team took the opportunity to raise participants’ awareness about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs. The training involved 10 knls librarians and 4 Worldreader staff in CORAT Africa. The librarians could see the clear connection between the “Anasoma” project and the achievement of Goal 5 “Gender equality” (Achieve Gender equality and empower all women and girls) in Kenya.





KENYA

On 25 May, the [Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium \(KLISC\)](#) Pre-AGM Conference 2017 took place in the Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya. The theme of the Conference was: "[Library and Information Science's contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) in Kenya: Quality education through access to information and knowledge](#)". The keynote address: "Libraries and Achieving the SDGs" was offered by the Deputy Commission Secretary, [Commission for University Education](#).

The event had 60 participants, including the Vice Chancellor of Pwani University, two Deputy Vice Chancellors from Pwani University, the Deputy Commission Secretary from the Commission for University Education, publishers, librarians working in all types of libraries, IT specialists and vendors from related areas. The papers on the SDGs helped decision makers in the University to understand the role of the libraries in development. This will be very important in order to support programmes and activities, both financially and in any other way, towards achieving the SDGs.



LESOTHO

On November 2016, in collaboration with the Maseru office of the UNDP, the National University of Lesotho (NUL) organised that [17 trees labelled with each of the 17 SDGs](#) be planted at a signified spot in the University grounds.





LESOTHO



Picture: [United Nations in Lesotho](#)

The idea of this initiative was that the different constituencies would embrace one goal and work to achieve its targets, and to advocate for it throughout the period towards 2030.

The NUL Library and Information Services was one of the academic constituencies taking part of this partnership. They, of course, selected SDG 16, to assist in building strong institutions through provision of all inclusive, seamless library and information services.

As librarians on campus water and watch their tree grow, in the field many advocacy efforts are at the same rate accelerated. In particular, the [UNESCO-supported NUL mobile digital library](#) facility for the rural areas extends to all districts of the country, targeting these communities allowing access to seamless information and library services to empower their organisations and individuals' well-being.

MADAGASCAR

On 28 September 2017, the IAP participants from the [Association of Library and Documentary Information Professionals in Madagascar \(TOROHAY Association – APBIM\)](#) and the Council for the Safeguard of Integrity (CSI) co-organised an [Open Day of the International Day of Universal Access to Information Celebration](#) at Antananarivo. This was the second time that Madagascar had celebrated the International Day for Universal Access to Information.





MADAGASCAR

The theme was “Dynamize Sustainable Development Through Access to Information”. The event was co-organised and supported by the Malagasy Senate, the CSI, the Ministry of Post, Telecommunications and Digital Development, UNESCO, the National Malagasy Commission of UNESCO, TOROHAY Association – APBIM, and the NGO ILONTSERA (Communications and media observatory).



The celebration was held at the National Library of Madagascar. The activities included visits by high school students to governmental libraries in Antananarivo (25-26 September 2017), an exhibition of governmental libraries in public institutions organised by the librarians’ association, a debate with young students about the importance of libraries in the context of new information and communication technologies and digitization, a conference, and a special TV programme about the importance of an access to information law (29 September 2017).



School visit to the library

This exhibition was the first one for Malagasy Libraries, a great opportunity to give visibility to library professionals and their work. In his official speech, the Senator agreed on the need of an access to information law to ensure citizens are more informed about public affairs, and highlighted libraries’ contribution to access to information



Opening of the exhibition by the Malagasy Senator





MADAGASCAR



Malagasy Senator during his speech



TOROHAY Association – APBIM President



MALAWI

The Civil Service Forum for Library and Information Personnel (CSFLIP) of Malawi held a Seminar and General Meeting at the Salima District Council's Chamber, on 8-9 June 2017. The Theme of the Seminar was: "Malawi Public Service Libraries of the 21st Century: Interfacing with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and its realization".

The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Malawi delivered a keynote address on how to promote and advocate about the SDGs at national and local levels. The seminar aimed to bring together people working in the Library, Documentation and Resource Centres and their immediate supervisors within the public sector, and to raise awareness about the SDGs to library members working in the public service in Malawi.





MOZAMBIQUE

The IAP participants took the opportunity, during an event on promoting library services to new students at the Pedagogical University in Maputo, to raise awareness about the SDGs and explain that their training should consider the presence of the SDGs across government programs.

The IFLA handout, translated into Portuguese, was sent to different libraries, to be distributed among their users. The handout was also placed in visible places in these libraries. This distribution included the Provincial Public Libraries, the Libraries of the Pedagogical University and the Distance Learning Resource Centres belonging to the Pedagogical University.

Courses at the Pedagogical University include hours of study that address cross-cutting topics such as Gender Equality, Environmental Protection, HIV- AIDS, Promotion of the Girl, among others. For this, the library prepared an information package on the SDGs as part of its approach in the classes for these cross-curricular topics.

The National Library of Mozambique welcomes readers from different high schools and universities. To create awareness about the SDGs among these groups, the Library has created a weekly program in which the SDGs are presented to readers.

The Library of the Pedagogical University and the National Library of Mozambique are discussing possibilities for cooperation with Civil Society organizations, mainly Non-Governmental Organizations. These programs of collaboration include the dissemination of information about the SDGs and creating programmes for their implementation. For example, they are discussing the creation of Community Libraries equipped with content related to the SDGs.

After raising librarians' awareness, the IAP participants expect they will present simple and easy to implement projects related to the SDGs, at low cost for the institutions, which can be implemented in their own libraries or in the communities where the library is sited.

NAMIBIA

In order to strengthen reading culture in Namibia, the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Namibia Information Workers association (NIWA) and other organizations, organized various reading campaigns. On 16 September 2017, the IAP participant and NIWA representative joined the team at the United Nations Plaza, in the City of Windhoek, to read out loud to children, play educational games and to promote reading.





NAMIBIA



NIWA Deputy Secretary reading and engaging the children.



UN Resident coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Namibia, at UN Plaza after reading out loud to children.



On 1 August 2017, the IAP participant was interviewed and featured in an article "[Library Science Says Love Your Literature](#)" in The Namibian online news outlet. Another article from the IAP participant was published on 31 October 2017, under the title "[Libraries Can Drive Progress](#)".

NIGERIA

The [Nigerian Library Association \(NLA\)](#) held its Annual Conference 23-27 July, in Lagos. The conference included an awareness raising workshop in collaboration with the [United Nations Information Centre \(UNIC\) Lagos](#) on 24 August 2017. The theme of the workshops was: "Libraries and Development: The United Nations 2030 Agenda and African Union Agenda 2063".





NIGERIA

The IAP participants, with the guidance of the IAP trainer and IFLA Governing Board Member from Nigeria, made presentations during the workshop. The event was opened by the NLA President. The National Information Officer from UNIC Lagos presented a paper during the workshop. A total of 352 librarians from all over the country attended the event.



National Information Officer of the UNIC Nigeria, IAP trainer and IFLA Governing Board Member, NLA President, and IAP participants

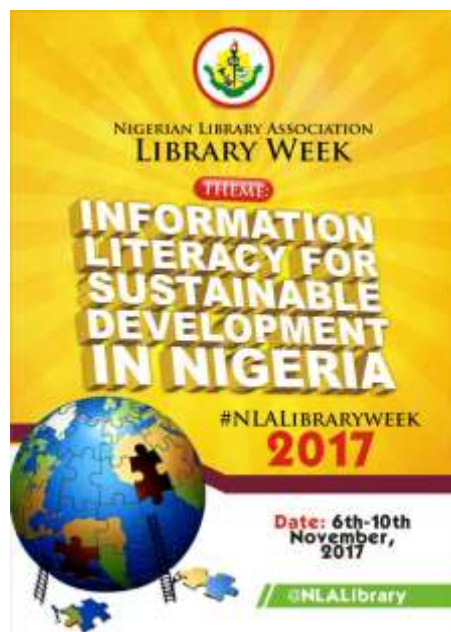
Librarians understood the importance of access to information in achieving the UN 2030 and the African Union 2063 agendas, and the key role of libraries in providing this access. They learned the practical aspects of advocacy and how to tell library stories for effective advocacy.



The attendees were grouped in teams, some of these teams helped to review and edit translation of the IFLA handout into the four major Nigerian languages, while the other two teams worked in writing stories on how Nigerian libraries contribute to achieving the SDGs.

The Chief Executive of [Library and You](#) dedicated to raise Nigerians' awareness on the roles and importance of libraries and librarians, contributed with the translation of the IFLA SDGs handout to three official Nigerian languages: Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba. A fourth translation in Nigerian Pidgin was provided by a team including the IAP trainer from Nigeria. All these translations are available in [IFLA website](#).

The Nigerian Library Association "Library Week" is taking place from 6-10 November 2017, under the theme: ["Information Literacy for Sustainable Development in Nigeria"](#).





SWAZILAND

On 23 May 2017, a workshop facilitated by the IAP participants and [Swaziland Library and Information Association \(SWALA\)](#) President was held at the Manzini Public Library with the participation of 21 SWALA members.

The workshop raised the awareness of attendees about the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs, and libraries' contribution to development. Discussions also took place about ways of ensuring the recognition of libraries' key role in the achievement of the SDGs in Swaziland. As part of the workshop, a steering committee of nine members was convened as a delegation to work in advocacy.

On 30 May 2017, a follow-up meeting by the steering committee was held where they discussed advocacy goals and objectives, and developed an advocacy work plan and a library advocacy communications plan.



Seven of the steering committee members

TUNISIA



On 10 May 2017, the IAP participant had a meeting with the Information Officer of the United Nations Information Centre in Tunisia. They discussed the IAP and explored possible ways to collaborate in enhancing the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs through their attendance in future events. This was a good opportunity to start building a relationship between the public libraries and the United Nations office in Tunisia.





TUNISIA

Since May 2017, the IAP participant has had discussions with the Director of the [Higher Institute of Documentation \(ISD\)](#), the Head of the Library and Information Science (LIS) Masters, and the representative of the Public Reading Department of Tunisia, about adding a subject in the curriculum of the carrier related to the role of libraries in sustainable development.



A series of training courses and awareness raising workshops are now offered for students on the third year of the LIS school at the ISD. The classes take place from 15 September 2017 to 17 November 2017, every Thursday and Friday (a total of 4 hours per week).



On 24-25 May 2017, a workshop on the role of libraries in achieving sustainable development was offered for public librarians in the state of Manouba in cooperation with the Regional Commissariat for Cultural Affairs and the association MentorNations.





TUNISIA

The IAP participant established a library and information forum “FTBI” to carry out awareness campaigns for the SDGs and libraries.

The approval of the Minister of Cultural Affairs was received to organise an international seminar to discuss the role of libraries in achieving sustainable development, and preparations have started in cooperation with library associations and the Regional Commission for Cultural Affairs in Nabeul.



A meeting of the Public Reading Department for the preparation of the International Forum was held, with the Director of the Public Library Department, Director of Cultural Affairs in Nabeul State, Representatives of the Delegation and the Department of Reading.

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day on 24 October 2017, the IAP participant was invited by the United Nations Information Center in Tunis (UNIC Tunis) to a [half-day debate on Tunisia and the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), organized jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the United Nations Representations at the National School of Administration (ENA).

UGANDA

The IAP trainer and President of the [Uganda Library and Information Association \(ULIA\)](#) had a meeting with the Project Coordinator of the [Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development Goals \(UPFSDGs\)](#). During the meeting, both parties agreed to work together in collaboration to promote the SDGs in Uganda.



ULIA President and
UPFSDGs Project
Coordinator





UGANDA

The ULIA President and the Director of the [National Library of Uganda \(NLU\)](#) had a meeting with the Chair of the SDGs Advocacy Sub-Committee. During the meeting, the inclusion of the NLU Director in the Sub-Committee was agreed. Also, the Chair agreed to collaborate with ULIA to work together in raising the public awareness on the role of libraries in implementing the SDGs through different media, like radio and TV.



NLU Director and Chair of the SDGs Advocacy Sub-committee

The inaugural Eastern Region IAP workshop was held on 24-26 July 2017 at the [Uganda Christian University's Mbale Campus](#). The workshop was attended by 50 participants from school, academic, public and community libraries, as well as the Mbale District Local Government.



The workshop was officially opened by the Mbale LC5 Vice Chairperson. He emphasized the importance of identifying problems of the communities that libraries are meant to serve and provide adequate solutions to these problems. His office pledged to support the advocacy activities of librarians as well as supporting the development of the library sector within Mbale district.



Mbale LC5 Vice Chairperson officially opening the workshop





UGANDA

The Principal of the Uganda Christian University Mbale Campus noted the importance of reading, the value of librarians and the librarians' role in changing the mind-sets and supporting the realization of the SDGs.

The IAP participant and Africa Advocacy Chair gave an overview of the IAP workshop and how librarians should work towards advocating for their libraries to be appreciated in their communities. She also spoke about the UN 2030 Agenda and Uganda's Vision 2040, as well as the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs.



ULIA President and IAP trainer, and IAP participant and Africa Advocacy Chair

The IAP trainer and ULIA President spoke on advocacy, the advocacy planning cycle, developing an advocacy plan to support the UN 2030 Agenda and identifying programmes to support the SDGs. During her address she stressed: "We will ensure that the International Advocacy Programme gives the library sector the capacity to create and promote a favourable policy framework for valued library services to the community, establish and implement regional and national action agendas, and build advocacy skills in Uganda".

On 7-9 August 2017, ULIA offered a Northern Region IAP Workshop in Gulu, far north of the country. The event was attended by 32 participants from medical, academic, community, and public libraries in the Northern and West Nile Region, as well as Gulu District Local Government.





UGANDA

The workshop was officially opened by Gulu District LC 5 Chairperson, who was pleased to learn that the library community was ready to support the realization of the SDGs and the UN 2030 Agenda.

During his opening speech, he said: "The current global development framework focuses on inclusive philosophy whereby, no one, poor or rich, should be left behind. All the SDGs will require the use of information as key to the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. I am happy ULIA is making the case for why it is important for all libraries to be central to the UN 2030 Agenda and Development. Libraries should empower citizens with choice and control over the decisions that impact their lives, their communities and their nation".



Gulu District LC 5 Chairperson officially opening the workshop

He promised to work further with the librarians in Northern Uganda to implement this. He was now aware that libraries had a role to play in the attainment of the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. He was also now aware that the reading culture in the region is still poor, hence the need for an active public library and a vibrant ULIA to manage this challenge.

The IAP trainer and ULIA President guided participants into developing library programmes clearly aligned to the UN 2030 and National Development agendas, putting emphasis on target 16.10 which directly speaks to the libraries through access to information. She further emphasized the importance of working with policy makers, and the need to share library stories to show the impact in the community.



ULIA President during her presentation

Northern Uganda, one of the biggest provinces in Uganda, suffered from civil unrest since the early 1980s lasting for over two decades, the important work done by libraries and promoted by ULIA helps restoring hope and equality in the region.





UGANDA

The IAP participant offered a presentation at the [IFLA Government Library Sections Post-satellite meeting "Revision of Guidelines 'Advocacy and Open Policy-making"](#). The title of the presentation was: "IFLA International Advocacy Programme and activities implemented regarding the role of libraries in the development of UN 2030 Agenda and SDGs" and it was followed by a group discussion. The event took place in Berlin on 25 August 2017.

On 23-28 April 2017, ULIA will host the [23rd Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa Library and Information Associations \(XXIII SCECSAL\)](#) in Entebbe, under the theme: "Positioning Library and Information services to Achieve Sustainable Development: Innovations and Partnerships". Participants from 26 countries in Africa and beyond are expected to attend the event.

ZAMBIA

In 2017, the National Library Week celebrations took place in various provinces from 5-9 June 2017. The main official launch was held on 7 June 2017 in Chipata, in the Eastern Province. The theme for this year's National Library Week was "Libraries as Anchors in Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals". The celebration was an opportunity to create national awareness on the role that libraries in Zambia play in helping attain the SDGs.



Librarians from Zambia Revenue Authority explaining the theme of the National Library Week to the Guest of Honour

On 18 July 2017 a one-day workshop was conducted by the [Library and Information Association of Zambia \(LIAZ\)](#) in partnership with [United Nations Zambia](#), held at Lake Safari Lodge, Siavonga. This was a pre-conference workshop for the LIAZ Annual General Conference and it aimed to raise librarians' awareness on the SDGs and the role of libraries. The theme of the workshop was "The Role of Information Institutions and Professionals in the Attainment of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals". The 115 librarians and information officers were engaged in practical sessions of how libraries can help in attaining the SDGs and they learnt how to develop an Advocacy Strategy Plan and Matrix related to the UN 2030 Agenda.





ZAMBIA



Facilitator from UN Zambia giving guidance to group discussions.



Group of librarians discussing how to draw up an Advocacy Strategy Plan

The [2017 Annual General Conference for Library and Information Association of Zambia](#) was also dedicated to the SDGs under the theme “The Role of Information Institutions and Professionals in the Attainment of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals”. On 19 July 2017, the Zambian Minister of National Development Planning officially opened the conference. The Minister echoed the fact that the Government recognizes that to deliver inclusive and equitable development to all of its citizens – who are at the core of sustainable development – concerted efforts and commitment of all stakeholders are required, including libraries.

Zambia has recently launched its 7th National Development Plan 2017 to 2021, so this is a very timely event showing that the library community is ready to be actively engaged in creating awareness of the SDG's and the contents of the 7th National Development Plan, as well as helping in attaining the SDGs.





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AUSTRALIA

On 17 May 2017, the [Australian Library and Information Association \(ALIA\)](#) added the SDGs to the ALIA constitution, the document that underpins its work. ALIA [submitted](#) this change to be voted by its members at the Annual General Meetings. ALIA members voted to include it, setting the tone for ALIA's future commitment to promoting the role of Australian libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda.

From 16 March 2017 to 31 May 2017, ALIA worked in creating the report "[How public libraries contribute to the STEM agenda 2017](#)" in order to show how libraries contribute to Goal 5 "Gender equality". The report gathered the presentations of the [STEAM into Sydney](#) conference ([IFLA Public Libraries Section](#) mid-term meeting). It was widely circulated within the library sector and to government contacts at local, state/territory and federal level.

On 31 May 2017, the [Victorian Libraries Shared Leadership Program](#) published a report featuring stories from the library sector "[Share your stories with the world: Victorian Public Libraries and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals](#)". The report includes a valuable set of case studies showing how libraries contribute to several of the SDGs and targets. The purpose of this report is "to support leaders in the Victorian library sector in Australia to leverage their relationship with local government; and policy makers to share their stories and contribute to federal reporting on the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

ALIA, Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA), and Library Association of Singapore (LAS) are co-organizing their [first joint conference](#) called the "[Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference 2018](#)". The event will take place from 30 July to 2 August 2018 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland. The conference theme is "Roar | Leap | Dare" inspired by motifs and imagery commonly associated with Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.



The theme [challenges delegates](#) to: ROAR – make some noise (Advocate for our communities, industries and ourselves. Promote and demonstrate the value of what we do), LEAP – one small step, one giant leap (Surge forward and build momentum. What are the innovations and connections in technology, service delivery and content that are shaping our services, environments and work?) and DARE – taking chances (Share the stories of revolution or evolution, success or failure, in your library, industry, country or career? What risks are we taking in our organisations and work lives?).





AUSTRALIA

“APLIC provides the perfect opportunity to bring together library and information professionals from across Australia and the Region to compare strategies for incorporating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their work with communities, in schools, in academia, with government and other organisations.”, ALIA CEO Sue McKerracher.

In preparation for APLIC18, meetings have been held at ALIA House, with Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and with the UN representative in Australia. As Director of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Canberra, Mr. Christopher Woodthorpe also covers Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

CAMBODIA

To raise awareness about libraries’ role in achieving the SDGs, especially Goal 4 “Quality Education”, the IAP participant along with the Young Librarians Committee of the [Cambodian Library Association](#), in cooperation with the [University of Puthisastra Library](#) and the [Scholar Library](#), organized a workshop on “The Library’s Role in the Quality and Excellence in Education” on 5 August 2017, at the University of Puthisastra.

The event was attended by 33 librarians and library officers from 18 libraries, and included as guest speakers the UN Coordination Specialist from the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Cambodia, and the Vice President of the Cambodian Library Association and Library Director of Pannasastra University of Cambodia (PUC) Libraries.





CHINA

From 1 May 2017 to 4 August 2017, the IAP participant and Vice president of [Library Society of China \(LSC\)](#) has given four speeches, including on the topic of the role of libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda, during opening ceremonies of annual conferences of library societies at provincial level and the at the nationwide reading forum. More than 30 government officials and 3000 Chinese library professionals attended these conferences, raising their awareness about the UN 2030 Agenda and the IAP, and motivating them to get involved in fostering the role of libraries in development.

Information about the IAP in China was shared on the [Library Society of China website](#). Also, on 2 August 2017 the Library Society of China Headquarters set up a WeChat (known as Weixin in Chinese). The [IAP information in Chinese shared via Weixin](#) includes three advocacy videos prepared by the IAP participant (approximately one and half an hour long), and they reached more than 2000 views on the first day alone.



FEDERAL STATES OF MICRONESIA

The [Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums \(PIALA\)](#) will hold the 27th PIALA Annual Conference on 13-17 November 2017 under the theme: "Innovating Together: Enabling Libraries, Archives, and Museums for Sustainable Development". The event will be hosted by the Libraries, Archives & Museums of Pohnpei (LAMP) of the Federal States of Micronesia (FSM).

INDIA

From 29 May to 1 June 2017, the Indian Public Library Movement (IPLM), in coordination with its partners, organised a four day "[Master Training Program on Public Libraries: Global Perspective](#)" in New Delhi. The objective of the training program was to increase the understanding of the global trends that impact public libraries, identify India's national development plan and align library services with global and national priorities.

The workshop was facilitated by the IAP trainer from Singapore. During the event, some examples from the two previous IFLA IAP Updates were shared, which helped the participants to learn from the efforts of others in the library community as to how they can show their contribution towards achieving the SDGs in India. They also learned new ideas on how they could raise awareness of the SDGs in their local communities.





JAPAN

The [Japan Library Association \(JLA\)](#) had a meeting about "UN 2030 Agenda and global librarianship" as part of the 125th JLA Annual Conference on 12 October 2017, in Tokyo.

JORDAN

The IAP participants organised two workshops to raise awareness on the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the role of libraries in the community, alongside broader professional development activities such as CV-writing and interviewing (in July 2017), and on scientific research (at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Public Library in September 2017).

Both workshops talked about the UN 2030 Agenda in the first half hour, to raise awareness about the SDGs, their relationship to the workshops, and the role of the library in achieving the goals, particularly SDG 4 "Quality education" and target 16.10 "Access to Information". The participants were university students, approximately 75 students attended both events.

In August 2017, a Seminar was held for librarians under the topic "The library as an engine of change", including as a speaker one of the IAP trainers from the National Library of Singapore. The event had the participation of 80 attendees, most of them librarians.

MYANMAR

On 1 August 2017, the President of the [Myanmar Library Association \(MLA\)](#) gave a keynote address for librarians and staff of the Ministry of Culture about the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries' role in achieving the SDGs. The paper was called: "Libraries, culture, community and ASEAN 50th Anniversary". Another paper: "ASEAN Vision and Myanmar Libraries", was offered during a workshop in the same conference, addressing the SDGs and how our libraries are contributing to development.

The MLA and the [National Library of Myanmar](#) will host the [17th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians \(CONSAL XVII\): Meeting and General Conference](#). The Congress will be held in Naypyitaw, from 2 to 5 May 2018, and will gather the library community in ASEAN and it will discuss how libraries can contribute to the ASEAN Vision 2025: Forging Ahead Together and United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



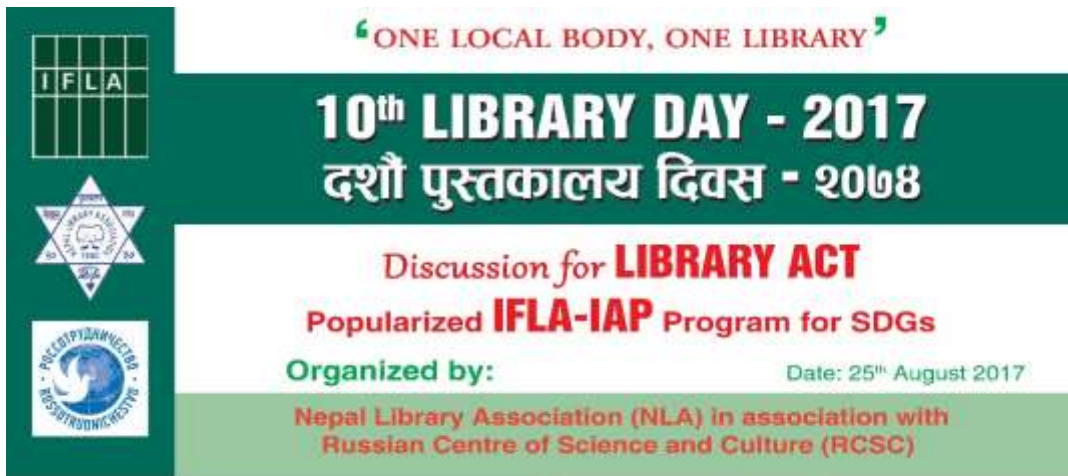


NEPAL

On 25 August 2017, the [Nepal Library Association \(NLA\)](#), in partnership with the [Russian Centre of Science and Culture \(RCSC\)](#), organised a celebration for the 10th Library Day under the title: "Discussion on Library Actions; Raising Awareness of the IFLA-IAP program for the SDGs". The event saw the presence of the Counsellor, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs as a guest speaker.

The IAP participant and NLA President chaired the program. Representing the Ministry of Education, the Chief Librarian of [Nepal National Library \(NNL\)](#) and Chief Librarian of [Kaiser Library](#) also spoke at the event. The celebration was attended by librarians, directors of major libraries and NLA members, as well as professors from Nepali universities and colleges.

The focus of the program was the need for a Library Act in Nepal, as well as discussions about the UN 2030 Agenda and the contribution that libraries make to development.



After the event, participants were more aware that libraries play an important role in achieving the SDGs and that the NLA is working to advocate for libraries to be partners of government, particularly to achieve progress towards SDGs 4 (quality education) and targets 11.4 (cultural heritage) and 16.10 (access to information).

PAKISTAN

The [Pakistan Library Club \(PLC\)](#) is currently planning a three-day international conference "[A journey from UN Millennium Development Goals \(MDGs\) to the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\): Proactive Role of Libraries](#)" to be held on 26-28 April 2017 at Karachi, Pakistan. The event will be an opportunity to learn from local and international speakers about libraries' role in development, as well as networking with an international library community.





PALESTINE

On 8 July 2017, the IAP participants held a workshop about advocacy for libraries in Gaza. The event was attended by 20 librarians from the area. During the workshop the participants and trainers developed a plan to support Palestinian libraries, and to work towards showing how libraries can promote development to achieve the SDGs.



On 5 October 2017, the IAP participant was given a third prize by the International Network of Creative Librarians for a project about talent development in libraries. This project aims to develop future leaders in public libraries in the Arab countries. The ceremony was attended by the Egyptian Minister of Culture, the Director of [Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#), the Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Cairo University, and the President of the [Arab Federation for Libraries and Information \(AFLI\)](#). The event was attended by 31 library and information specialists in public libraries and 4 consultants from professional associations.



On 5 October 2017, an initiative was launched to reorganize the Gaza Municipality libraries to be ready to receive readers and visitors. More than 20 librarians and volunteers contributed to this initiative, and they also started informing the public of the importance of libraries and mobilizing support for the development of libraries in the Gaza Strip.





PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On 21 June 2017, the first meeting of the Working Committee for reactivating the Papua New Guinea Library and Information Association (PNGLIA) was held in the [National Libraries and Archive of Papua New Guinea \(NLA\)](#). This creation of a library association is key for strengthening the advocacy capacity of librarians at a national and regional level.



The meeting was attended by the working committee members, including the National Librarian and IAP participant, and library representatives from NLA, University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG), the Pacific Adventist University, Port Moresby International School, the Department of Agriculture and Livestock, and the Institute of Business Studies University. The National Archivist from the National Archives of Papua New Guinea attended as an observer.

On 13 July, a second meeting of the PNGLIA working committee was held at the American Corner in the National Library Building. They advanced the arrangements for reactivating the association, and planned to call and organise a General Meeting of all librarians and information professionals as a one-day conference to be held on 8 November 2017 in Port Moresby.

After this, the Working Committee continued meeting regularly to make all arrangements for the general meeting. During this event the Working Committee is planning to elect PNGLIA's Executive Committee. The meeting will also include the participation of speakers from ALIA and the PNG Teachers' Association.

PHILIPPINES

The [Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. \(PLAI\)](#), in partnership with [the National Commission for Culture and the Arts \(NCCA\)](#) through the [National Committee on Libraries and Information Services \(NCLIS\)](#) and the [National Library of the Philippines \(NLP\)](#), will hold its Annual Conference on 22-24 November 2017, under the theme: ["Libraries Take Action: Providing Access and Opportunities for All"](#).





PHILIPPINES

Up to 1000 librarians and information professionals, from the public and private sector in Philippines, are expected to take part of this national event.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

On 8 August 2017, the IAP participants took part in a meeting concerning the New Educational System with the Ministry of Education, the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University, the Sharjah Library, and Discovery Education. During this meeting a proposal was drafted after setting goals and objectives. These discussions are a collaborative effort with main educational institutions of the country involved, including libraries.

VIETNAM

On 15 July 2017, an [article](#) was published with the title “Identify the roles of libraries in achieving the UN SDGs” in the Vietnamese Library Journal, the official discussion forum of the library sector in Viet Nam. The article was co-authored by the Vietnam Library Association (VLA) President, the [National Library of Vietnam \(NLV\)](#) Director and the IAP participants, showing the commitment of the two highest bodies in the country to promoting the role of libraries in development.

As a result, Vietnamese library and information experts received information about the UN SDGs, the IAP, and the VLA's action plan for the UN 2030 Agenda. The article aimed also to encourage more libraries to develop action plans to participate in efforts to advocate for libraries to be included in the national development plan, and to promote the creativity of libraries in designing activities, programs and initiatives to contribute more clearly to development in their communities.





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FRANCE

A partnership between the [National School of Information Sciences and Libraries \(Enssib\)](#), the [Association of Librarians of France \(ABF\)](#), the [Public Library of Information \(Bpi\)](#) and the [French International Committee Libraries and Documentation \(Cfibd\)](#) is working on a website to give French librarians access to resources, stories, and news about the SDGs and libraries. This will be ready around the end 2017 and presented during a conference about sustainable development to be held in the south of France.

The French institutions and associations involved in this project are also working with Belgian institutions and associations, and with the [International Association for French Speaking Libraries \(AIFBD\)](#) to create videos about the SDGs and Libraries. These videos will help to make francophone librarians better informed about the SDGs and to collect new stories.

On 15 May 2017, ABF's working group on the UN 2030 Agenda published an article in the ABF journal "[Bibliothèque\(s\)](#)" about libraries' contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. The article included also information about the joint work of ABF, Cfibd, Enssib and BPI in promoting the role of libraries in the SDGs.

The IAP participants gave a presentation on 15 May 2017 about UN 2030 Agenda and libraries. Almost 100 librarians attended the event. A call for examples of actions carried out by libraries to protect the life below water was launched.

On 18 June 2017, during [ABF's Annual Congress](#), the IAP participant and the Cfibd President offered a presentation about the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries. They explained each of the SDG and they presented the form to collect examples and stories of libraries' contribution to the SDGs. The team is working on the database to give access to the examples and stories collected. These will be also available through a leaflet and website.

Through a workshop involving teachers, staff and students, Enssib is developing a game about the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries. The game is currently being tested.

GERMANY

From 30 May 2017 until 2 June 2017, the [German National Library Conference 2017](#) took place in Frankfurt, Germany with more than 4000 attendees. The IAP participants from the [German Library Association \(dbv\)](#) presented a poster on the "SDGs and libraries" during the conference, with a great response and interest in the topic.

On 13 July 2017, the dbv held a [webinar](#) to provide insights about IFLA's activities in preparation for the WLIC 2017. The topic of the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries was particularly high on the agenda. 54 German speaking librarians (including Austria, Switzerland, Poland, Spain, etc.) took part of the webinar.





GERMANY

On 24-26 July 2017, the IAP trainer and dbv Executive Director gave a seminar with the theme: "[Socially committed, innovative, accessible to all: Libraries of the Future contribute to the United Nations Agenda 2030](#)" at the [International Summer School 2017](#) of the Stuttgart Media University.

The seminar raised awareness of the imperative to make libraries visible as contributors to the UN SDGs, build practical skills of LIS students to show how libraries can prove their impact on the UN SDGs, and build an understanding of the need for advocacy and the ability to develop an advocacy plan, and condense this into a how-to-manual.

During the [IFLA ENSULIB Satellite Meeting](#) on 16-17 August 2017 in Berlin, Germany, the IAP participant and dbv representative offered a keynote address: "[Approach to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Germany](#)". The presentation raised awareness of the imperative to make libraries visible as contributors to the SDGs, and built an understanding of the need for advocacy.

On 21 August 2017, IAP participants issued a call upon all members of the [dbv](#) to invite them to participate actively in the national platform "Education for Sustainable Development" and its activities.

On 11 September 2017, a report on the SDGs, the IAP and the respective activities in Germany was presented at the meeting of the Associations' High Level Advisory Board (50 members) in Augsburg. The IAP participants called upon the representatives of the Association's 16 State related subdivisions to participate actively in the sustainability strategies of their respective States.

On 13 September 2017, a presentation about the IAP and the activities carried out in Germany as a focus area for the German Library Association was offered at the [Austrian Library Congress](#) in Linz, Austria.

On 27 October 2017, the D-A-CH-S Workshop for German speaking library leaders took place in Vienna, Austria, the product of a collaboration among four library associations from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy/South Tyrol. The goal of the workshop was to raise the awareness of 22 participants of libraries' contribution to the UN SDGs, and to help these librarians develop skills for collecting stories and data to show how libraries help achieve the UN 2030 Agenda.

Starting on March 2017, a campaign "[Wahlprüfsteine](#)" was carried out by the dbv for the Federal election on September 2017. One of the six topics was "SDGs and libraries, promoting their inclusion into the national strategy". All political parties in Germany support the inclusion of libraries into the national sustainability strategy. From December 2017, the dbv is planning to arrange appointments with the relevant stakeholders of the new German government. In addition, the dbv continuously monitors the political developments in Germany in the field of the SDGs.





HUNGARY

On 5 July 2017, the IAP participant and President of the [Association of Hungarian Librarians \(AHL/MKE\)](#) offered a lecture about the IAP, advocacy and UN SDGs at the MKE 49th Annual Conference: “The quality of life - librarians for society”. The event took place in Miskolc, Hungary and was attended by 800 librarians.



The IAP participant held a meeting on 10 July 2017 with the Head of Department of the Ministry of Human Resources to continue raising awareness of the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs.

On 10 July 2017, the IAP participant gave a presentation with the title “Libraries for society” about the IAP, library advocacy and SDGs, during the [Annual Conference of the Associations of Hungarian Archivists](#). The event took place in Miskolc and included the participation of 120 archivists.

Also on 10 July 2017, the IAP participant had a meeting with Deputy State Secretary of Ministry of Human Resources as part of advocacy activities to ensure the recognition of libraries’ role in achieving the SDGs.



The IAP participant and MKE President sent a letter to the Deputy Prime-Minister and the Minister of Human Resources on 18 August 2017. The letter presented the role of libraries in sustainable development, as well as informed the Minister about the Central and Eastern Europe training to be organised in the first quarter of 2018.

On 31 August 2017, the IAP participant gave a presentation: “Libraries supporting the achievement of the UN SDGs”, including IFLA’s projects and actions, such as the IAP. The presentation was part of the conference “Green path to the future: libraries for sustainability, traditions and challenges” organised by the [Eötvös Loránd University \(ELTE\) Library](#) in Budapest.





HUNGARY

The IAP participant had a meeting with the Deputy Rector of ELTE in Budapest. The aim of the meeting was to discuss raising awareness opportunities, and to work together to persuade decision makers to include libraries in the national development plan. On 31 August 2017, the IAP participant offered a course for LIS students at ELTE on how libraries support the achievement of the SDGs.

As of 14 September 2017, the AHL/MEK has achieved its main goal: libraries are included in the Framework Strategy of National Sustainable Development. The text says: "Confidence is a must to efficient human living together. Lack of confidence may lead to serious individual, community and social conflicts at the same time. Communities of cultural institutions contribute to the reproduction of confidence and to the strengthening of social cohesion in a considerable measure. The network of cultural centres, museums and libraries are important because of this."

On 14 September 2017, a new course started for LIS students at ELTE on libraries and the SDGs, offered by the IAP participant and AHL/MKE President.

LATVIA

On 25-26 May 2017, the IAP participants organised the conference: "The Role of Public Libraries in the Process of Supporting All the SDGs". The event was attended by directors of libraries, representatives of the Ministry of Culture, the Rector of the Regional University, and representatives of municipalities. The conference raised awareness of the SDGs and motivated participants to work with local communities in achieving the SDGs in Latvia. The support of the [Latvian Library Association \(LBB\)](#) and the library community for collaborative partnerships with local municipalities and the government was also discussed.

The IAP participants translated the IFLA handout into Latvian, available in the [IFLA website](#).

NETHERLANDS

In October 2017, the annual meeting of the Royal National Library of the Netherlands (KB) with directors of public libraries took place. The topic of the SDGs and Public Libraries was discussed in an interactive session organised by the IAP participant and the IFLA Manager Development Programmes, both from The Netherlands. During the session, the audience received background information on the SDGs, IFLA's role, and the IAP. After the event, a report of the meeting was published in the KB magazine "[Bibliotheekblad](#)".



Picture: [Royal Library of the Netherlands](#)





NORWAY

The [Norwegian Library Association \(NLA\)](#) sent a letter to the Director General of the Department for UN and Humanitarian Affairs within the Department of Foreign Affairs to inform about NLA's campaign for the SDGs, the online survey for examples of how libraries contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda, and the interactive map. The information has since been shared within the other areas of the Ministry.

Moreover, the NLA shared information about the online survey and the interactive map with the Member of Parliament assigned to represent Norway at the United Nations Headquarters in October-November 2017.

On 18-19 October 2017, the NLA offered a workshop about the UNs SDG and the NLA's work at the Members' meeting in Oslo.

On 8-9 February 2018, the University of Bergen will host the Conference [Norwegian Universities and the Sustainable Development Goals "Knowledge for Our Common Future"](#). During the conference, a workshop will be offered by NLA with the theme: "Libraries' role in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals".

POLAND

On 30 May 2017, an article written by the IAP participant was published in the magazine "[The Librarian](#)", number 5/2017. The article presented the IAP and the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs under the title "IFLA Advocacy Workshops".

On 13 June 2017, the IAP participants and [Polish Library Association \(PLA\)](#) representatives met with the United Nations Information Center (UNIC) in Warsaw, and a cooperation agreement was established to organize IAP workshops in Katowice and Warsaw, and to promote the SDGs in libraries. The main result of the discussion was to cooperate in the promotion of actions in Poland by schools, libraries, and NGO's, concerning the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

From April to June 2017, the IAP participants presented the IAP and discussed the contribution of libraries to development as well as their advocacy plans in three meetings with a total of 170 participants, including librarians and PLA members. The first meeting took place in Warsaw and the other two in Katowice.

The implementation of the IAP advocacy plan was endorsed by the PLA Governing Board and included in the PLA's programme for 2017. In October 2017 the new President and Governing Board of PLA are elected. Library advocacy activities will be included in the PLA programme for the coming years.

The IAP participants are organising a workshop "International Advocacy Programme in Poland" to take place on 23-24 November 2017 in Silesian Library, Katowice. The event will be attended by public library leaders in Silesia and PLA members.





POLAND

The workshop will help build library advocacy capacity, including a presentation on the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, practical advocacy methods and good practices. The workshop aims also to strengthen the professional library network and to organize follow-up actions related to the SDGs.

The IAP participants from PLA are supporting the organisation of the workshop: "Let's work together on library advocacy! Regional workshop for librarians from the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the Ukraine and Hungary". This regional train-the trainer workshop will take place in Budapest, in 2018.

The IAP team is preparing information to continue raising librarians' awareness about the UN 2030 Agenda, including the translation and distribution of the IFLA handout, writing articles in professional journals, presentations in regional events about best advocacy practices in Polish libraries, and news on the PLA website.

PORTUGAL

On 19 May 2017, a seminar was offered by the [Portuguese Association of Librarians, Archivist and Documentalists \(B.A.D.\)](#) to raise awareness about the SDGs, libraries, and access to information for development. The event saw the participation of 27 librarians and 5 other library sector representatives. As part of the seminar, a working group was created to follow the topic closely and exchange information. This group is gathering information about projects, programmes and activities undertaken by libraries related to the SDGs. A workshop is planned for October about the topic. On July 2017, an [online form](#) was launched to register national projects, actions or any kind of initiatives that libraries are carrying out about the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

On 27 July 2017, B.A.D. in partnership with the [Portuguese Association of Health Information and Documents \(APDIS\)](#) offered the [open session](#): "2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals". The event included the participation of 29 members and library professionals.





PORTUGAL

During the event the Portuguese translations of three key IFLA documents about the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs were presented: the booklet and handout "[Access and Opportunity for All: How Libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)", and the "[Toolkit: Libraries, Development and the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)". It was also an opportunity to discuss the important role of libraries and access to information in development.

As part of the awareness-raising efforts, B.A.D. regularly shares updates with its more than 600 members, and the Portuguese library community at large, through its Facebook and Twitter accounts related to the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries. Also, a series of articles have been published in [B.A.D.'s website](#), including news of future events, new translations, etc.

The B.A.D. Board is planning meetings with representatives from National Agencies in charge of the National Development Plan, in order to get involved in the discussions and advocate for libraries' inclusion in the UN 2030 Agenda planning and implementation processes in Portugal.

SERBIA

On 8 May 2017, the [Serbian Library Association \(SLA\)](#), the [National Library of Serbia](#) and [EIFL](#) held a joint training "Library Advocacy: local and international practices". The IAP participant was part of the trainers' team, and 35 public librarians took part of the training, including 7 directors. The participants decided on four key challenges out of 12 suggested topics they wanted to discuss: 1) Media visibility, 2) Finances, 3) Space, and 4) Innovative services. The importance of data collection in libraries (not only quantitative, but especially qualitative, like data storytelling) was stressed, with the purpose of using it as evidence in advocacy work. The IAP participant took the opportunity to share information about the IFLA IAP, the SDGs and the role of libraries. One of the most significant results of this session was recognizing a great potential in the audience for advocacy, communication skills and significant experience to become new valuable members of the SLA official advocacy team.

On 14 June 2017, a [Second Advocacy Workshop "Who's talking over there?"](#) was offered for 17 participants from school and public libraries in Kolubarski and Mačvanski county. It was a hands-on training with the duration of six hours held in the Osečina Public Library.





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On 29 June 2017, a [Third Advocacy Workshop "Who's talking over there?"](#) was offered for 18 participants from public and school libraries in Zlatiborski county. It was a six-hour long hands-on training held in the Požega Public Library.

These trainings are accredited by the National Library of Serbia for 2017 and are aimed at building advocacy awareness and skills for librarians in Serbia. The programme discusses the value of collaboration and joint efforts, trendy advocacy approaches, the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, as well as the importance of effective data storytelling.

The IAP participant from Serbia was invited as guest speaker and trainer at the "[15th Days of Special and Academic Libraries](#)" on 17-20 May 2017, in Lovran, Croatia. The event was organised by the IAP participants from Croatia with participants from academic libraries from Croatia and Slovenia. The IAP participant presented SLA's advocacy efforts and plans.

On 21 June 2017, the IAP participant was invited to attend the United Nations Serbia meeting civil sector organizations "[Understanding Linkages and Opportunities for Sustainable Development linked to SDGs and EU Accession in Serbia](#)". The event included the UN Resident Coordinator in Serbia, a representative from the Open Society Foundation, the Head of the Centre for Advanced Economic Studies, and over 100 civil sector organizations representatives, including the SLA. The IAP participant had a chat with the UN Resident Coordinator who was interested to know that the library sector was represented in the event, and introduced the IAP participant to an associate to make the connection to the right person for further communication and collaboration. The IAP participant also took the opportunity to share with the UN Resident Coordinator a print copy of the IFLA handout.

In August 2017, during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland, the [Serbian Library Association \(SLA\)](#) successfully completed the project "[Librarians on the road! 1000 km to 1000 ideas](#)" which brought 20 librarians from Serbia to the IFLA WLIC 2017. The idea behind the project was not only to attend the conference, but to also visit libraries, gather "1000 ideas" and bring them back to Serbia. Besides Wroclaw, librarians visited libraries in Brno, Opole, Katowice and Bratislava.





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The IAP participant from Serbia presented the project “Stories that Matter” during the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) session at the IFLA WLIC 2017. The project is aimed at gathering library success stories in relation to the SDGs from around the world which can be used as a powerful advocacy tool for communication with decision-makers. SLA is a coordinator of the project, while Latvia, Colombia, Senegal, Egypt, Mexico, United States and Philippines are partners. The project is ongoing and guidelines for submitting stories will soon be available in the [Library Map of the World](#) website.



In addition to a number of advocacy related presentations held throughout the IFLA WLIC, IAP participant from Serbia organized a very lively advocacy event during the congress, as part of the [IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group \(NPSIG\)](#) activities, a “[Reading Flash mob](#)” at the main square Rynek in front of the Lower Silesian Public Library.





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SLA applied with the training course "[Who's talking over there?](#)" for re-accreditation by the National Library of Serbia for 2018 as an official continuing professional development workshop. The course is aimed at raising advocacy awareness especially regarding UN2030 and SDGs for librarians in Serbia. As it is accredited for 2017, by the end of the year 5 cities will be covered in central Serbia regions while 2018 will be aimed at other parts of the country.

SLA has been actively preparing for the annual conference "[What I talk about when I talk about libraries: advocacy, promoting and lobbying](#)" that will be held in Belgrade on December 13-15, 2017. It is also the 70th anniversary of SLA and the main theme will focus on national library associations and advocacy, global and local initiatives, UN 2030, SDGs. The conference will bring great keynote speakers and librarians from Serbia and the wider region.

On 27 October 2017, the IAP participant gave a presentation about her impressions from the World Library and Information Congress 2017, at the Belgrade Book Fair. She took the opportunity to talk about the role libraries play in achieving the SDGs, as well as the IAP.



SLOVENIA

The IAP participants are planning to organize a seminar about library advocacy at the [National and University Library of Slovenia](#) for librarians from different types of libraries, by the end of 2017.

SPAIN

On 17 June 2017, the IAP participant and President of the [Official College of Librarians and Documentalists of the Valencian Community \(COBDCV\)](#) participated in a meeting with the Permanent Commission of the [Library Cooperation Council \(CCB\)](#) held at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports.





SPAIN

During the meeting, a working group to promote the involvement of Spanish libraries in the UN 2030 Agenda planning and implementation was officially conformed. The group includes representatives from the public libraries sector (coordinated by the CCB Technical Committee of Public Libraries), and from the [Spanish Federation of Archival, Librarianship, Documentation and Museum Societies \(FESABID\)](#), who is leading this initiative.

On 19 September 2017, a meeting was held at FESABID at the headquarters of the Council of Barcelona. The meeting included the IFLA and FESABID President, the IAP participant, the Barcelona Libraries Manager, staff of the council, and representatives of the University of Barcelona and the [Official College of Librarians-Documentalists of Catalonia \(COBDC\)](#).

At this meeting, FESABID shared information about the IAP, as well as their activities related to libraries and the SDGs. The representatives from the Council explained the mandate of the Council President, as well as the government strategy in relation to the UN 2030 Agenda (under the Directorate of International Relations). Their work with libraries was also discussed, and their plans to request from libraries data and information to feed the strategy. Both teams agreed to collaborate in organising a meeting in November in Barcelona, and to continue sharing information and collecting good library practices in relation to the SDGs.

On 5 October 2017, the IFLA and FESABID President, along with the FESABID Manager and the IAP participant, had a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC), with the Advisory Member for the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, under the Secretariat of State for International Cooperation for Ibero-America and the Caribbean.



The meeting included a presentation of the IAP and the initiatives by the IAP participants and FESABID related to promoting the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs. Also a description of the work carried out by the CCB on libraries and the development was shared. The library representatives called for the inclusion of libraries in the national development plan, and the recognition of libraries as allies for the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda, with specific activities or programmes. An agreement was made to exchange relevant information, and to continue discussing a future collaboration to give visibility to the actions of Spain in the UN.





SPAIN

On 9 October 2017, the conference "[Libraries as partners in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the UN 2030 Agenda](#)" was held at the Library of Asturias, organised by the [Professional Association of Information Specialists \(APEI\)](#) in collaboration with the Library Network of the Principality of Asturias and the Ministry of Services and Social Rights. This event had the support of the FESABID for promoting the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in Spain.

The event was attended by the Deputy Minister of Education and Culture, and the General Director of Planning and Social Innovation, of the Ministry of Social Services. The IAP participant gave a workshop to discuss the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs and how to better promote what libraries do.



On 16 October 2017, an Editorial "[The Sustainable Development Goals \(ODS\) and the libraries](#)" was published in "Document", the Bulletin of the COBDC.

On 30 October 2017, the IAP participant and COBDCV President had a meeting with the General Director of Cooperation and Solidarity of the Valencian Government. The IAP participant presented the IAP and the activities led in Spain by the IAP team and FESABID, as well as an overview of the COBDCV. An agreement was reached to conducting joint workshops in collaboration with FESABID, COBDCV and the General Directorate, and to work together in promoting the leverage of libraries to achieve the SDGs. An invitation was extended to the General Director for the [4th Valencian Documentation Meeting](#) on 23-24 November 2017, organised by the COBDCV.

The theme of the meeting is: "Inform to transform" and it will highlight the important role of libraries in transforming societies through access to information and information skills. IFLA's Advocacy Communications Officer will offer the inaugural presentation: "Development and Access to Information (DA2I): transforming society through libraries".

SWITZERLAND

The IAP participants have worked on a concept called "Biblio2030". They negotiated with a private company to deliver seating-accommodation in wood (a sustainable material) with the name "Monâne", and laminated the SDG icons on the four sides, including icons 1 to 16. The 17th icon, "Partnership for the goals" is represented by the real partnership with the company to build the cubes! The cubes are rounded on top and on the base so that people sit and slightly swing on them. The can also be put on top of each other to build a little tower to bring attention to the SDGs within a library. Their small size makes them practical to any space.





SWITZERLAND



As part of Biblio2030, two papers to negotiate financial support with the national administration were developed: an electronic platform to present contributions of libraries to the Agenda 2030, and Biblio2030 to encourage libraries to contribute to the Agenda 2030 additional activities. The feedback was encouraging, and the recommendation was to elaborate Biblio2030 as a first step and then the platform could follow in a second step. They are currently awaiting the response concerning financial support to move Biblio2030 forward. Further meetings of the working group are planned for November 2017. The Biblio2030 brand was established and Switzerland, Germany and Austria agreed to use the same brand with their country code (Biblio2030.ch, Biblio2030.de and Biblio2030.at).

In August 2017, the IAP participant had meetings at WLIC 2017 with the IAP trainer and participants from Germany in Wroclaw, Poland to work in the joint D-A-CH-S workshop (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, South-Tyrol).

At this workshop, held in Vienna on 27 October 2017, participants from Switzerland were trained as multipliers to organise events for other librarians to make them aware of the 2030 Agenda, the Biblio2030 project and the opportunity for libraries to use that as a platform to make society and politicians aware of the achievements of librarians.





UKRAINE

On March 23, 2016, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted the “[Library field development strategy up to 2025: Qualitative changes of libraries to support the sustainable development of Ukraine](#)”. The [Ukrainian Library Association \(ULA\)](#) worked out the draft of this strategy and lobbied for its implementation in 2015-2016.

On 8 September 2017 the ULA's President and the Vice-President met with the Deputy Minister of Culture of Ukraine and discussed the role of libraries in the sustainable development of Ukraine and the implementation plan of the launched strategy. A draft of this plan was provided to the Deputy Minister.

On 13 September 2017, at the Plenary session of the VIII Lviv International Library Forum, the IAP trainer presented “IFLA Libraries, Development and the United Nations 2030 Agenda” to 260 participants.



The following day, an awareness-raising workshop on the SDGs was organised for 73 participants – library managers and two village council heads. The programme included an SDGs overview, presentation of the role of libraries in their implementation, and advocacy training. News and pictures of the event were shared in the [Ukrainian Library Association's Facebook](#) and on the [ULA's School of Library Advocacy Facebook](#) group





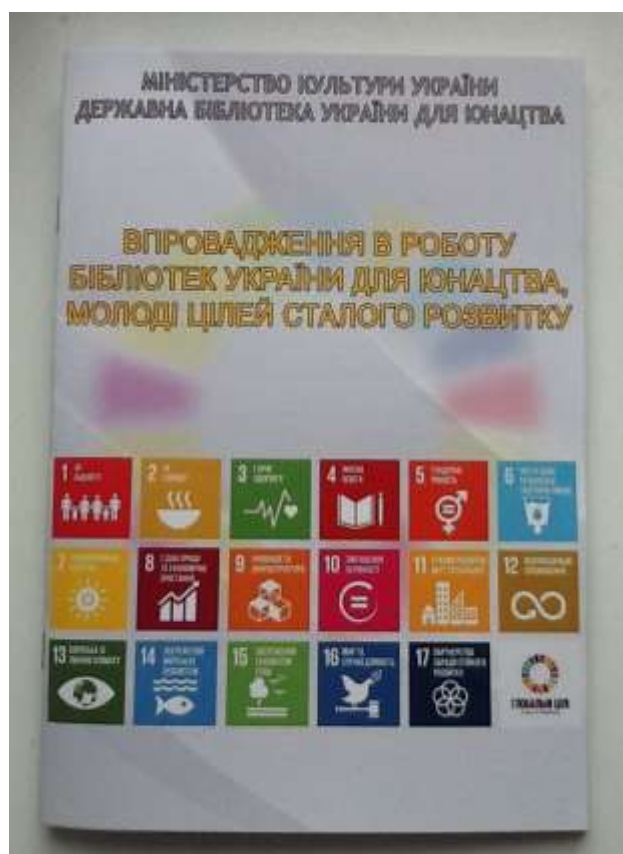
UKRAINE

On 21 September 2017, an awareness-raising [workshop](#) for 25 librarians was offered in Kyiv, including briefing on the IFLA “Libraries, Development and the UN 2030 Agenda” and other IFLA programs.

To help Ukrainian librarians to take an active role in the planning and implementation processes related to the SDGs, ULA’s President and a member of ULA’s Advocacy Section wrote two articles on the topic published in the VIII Lviv International Library Forum “Libr@ry: from an ideal to effective one”: collection of articles: “Ways of implementation of the Advocacy Program: Active Library – A Successful Community” and “Active Library – A Successful Community” in the context of the Global Sustainable Development Goals”.

ULA translated the [IFLA handout “Libraries Can Drive Progress across the Entire UN 2030 Agenda” to Ukrainian](#). This was made available in the IFLA website on 30 August 2017 and shared widely in social media, as well as in ULA’s website and Facebook.

The State Library of Ukraine for Youth developed a set of guidelines for libraries “Ukrainian Libraries for Youth Act to Implement the Goals of Sustainable Development: Guidelines”. This publication aims to encourage librarians to become more actively involved in achieving the SDGs in Ukraine, as well as sharing best practices in Ukrainian libraries for supporting specific goals, partnership recommendations, and other relevant resources.





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ARGENTINA

The Civil Association of Legal Librarians (ACBJ) offered the “[VI Annual Meeting of the National Network of Library Associations of the Argentina Republic - RENABI.AR 2017](#)”. The meeting was held on 12 September 2017, in the context of the XIX Meeting of Law Libraries and the XII Conference of ACBJ, at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Mar del Plata.

In this sixth edition, RENABI.AR, the [Association of Librarians of Jujuy \(ABJ\)](#) and ACBJ organised a special programme: “The role of library associations in the 2030 Agenda”, to raise awareness of the SDGs, and discuss the important role of libraries and library associations in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda. The event included a video presentation by the IFLA President about libraries, development and the IAP, and a presentation by the ACBJ Vice President and NPSIG Information Coordinator about libraries and the SDGs.



The Civil Association Argentina Narrated has organised, since 2010, a free and open event called “[Walk for reading. Reading wakes up the voice](#)”. More than 121 [walks](#) have taken place in [Argentina](#). Another five were held in [Mexico](#) (two in February 2017 in [Tuxpan](#) and [Puente de Ixtla](#)), one in Germany and one in India. Libraries, of all kinds, are the core of the project: from school, public, municipal, teaching and specialised libraries to training institutes for librarians, as they provide training and demonstrate the commitment of the library to the community.

The initiative aims to create a network of walks for reading around the world. These walks have recently adopted the 2030 Agenda as a theme, helping to raise awareness about the SDGs and to show the importance of reading and literacy to achieve the goals. Upon free registration to the walks, the participants receive training in community involvement and monitoring and become part of a regional network.





ARGENTINA

In 2017, the 8th edition of the Walk for Reading was launched at the International Book Fair in Buenos Aires. The route started at the Library of the National Congress, with 200 adult students carrying banners and posters with the SDGs, and then touring the halls of the fair. In Mexico, 2.000 people walked around their various towns, and in Argentina more than 21.000 people joined the walks around the country.



From 31 August to 2 September 2017, the First Workshop "[8th Walk for Reading: Walking wakes up the voice](#)" workshop was offered by the Ministry of Culture of Jujuy, at the Héctor Tizón Cultural Center in Jujuy, Argentina.

The workshop was aimed at library professionals, LIS students, teachers, public and private institutions and the general community. It was organized by the ABJ, under the auspices of the Culture Program of the Federal Council of Investments (CFI) and the Ministry of Culture of Jujuy.

The event was an opportunity to discuss the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, and it provided tools to face the challenges of the knowledge society, requiring librarians and the entire community to play a new role: that of transmitting agents of culture.

On 6 September 2017, the IAP participant gave a presentation "The contribution that school libraries make (or should make) to sustainable development" at the [Meeting of Environmental Libraries](#) organized by the Secretary for Environment and Sustainable Development of the Government of San Juan.

The IAP participant offered a presentation "The contribution of the School Library to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)", during the [Regional Meeting of School Librarians in the Cuyo Region](#), at the Cultural Secretariat in Mendoza, Argentina on October 2017. More than 100 librarians attended the event, organised by the Secretariat and the General Directorate of Schools.





ARGENTINA

The [VII Meeting on Current Library Science Topics](#) organised by the Library of the Medical Center of Mar del Plata will take place on 17 November 2017. The event will include three panels: 1) "Libraries, development and the UN 2030 Agenda", "Roles of the librarian", and "Advocacy, Activism and library transition in critical times".

ARUBA

On 22 August 2017, IAP participants from the [National Library of Aruba \(BNA\)](#) presented a paper at IFLA WLIC 2017 Session 139 "Demonstrating the Contribution of Libraries to the UN 2030 Agenda: Examples from IFLA Division V". The paper, "[Tablet Cafés, Code Hours, Preservation, and Sustainability in Libraries - The Aruba National Library and the UN Agenda 2030: A Small Island Case Study from the Caribbean](#)", shared examples of how library policy and sustainability are inseparably linked and interconnected, and how small-scale libraries can take on important roles in larger-scale processes like the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

During August 2017, the IAP participants from Aruba were involved in government level discussions around the Aruban SDG Roadmap Planning Document, along with other government agencies and NGOs. The feedback provided is currently being processed by the Aruban SDG Committee, assisted by the UNDP.

From 4 to 8 September 2017, the BNA hosted and co-organized the 6th Annual Green Education Symposium. The event included an international cast of speakers, coming from USA, Barbados, Colombia, and Aruba. The theme was "Climate is Changing: Food and Agriculture must too", with plenary sessions and presentations by the speakers to secondary school students taking place in each morning (2 schools, around of 100 students per session), student workshops taking place in the afternoon, and one evening of presentations for the public.





ARUBA

Representatives from the National Library of Aruba took part in a 2-day workshop held on 18-19 September 2017, to kick off the inter-island and intra-kingdom "[Travelling Caribbean Heritage](#)" project, a 4-year cultural heritage research and capacity building program with institutional partners from the Netherlands, Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao, centered around the premise "How can Cultural Heritage support sustainable and inclusive societies?".



Since October 2017, five capacity building modules for "young professionals" in the cultural heritage (policy) sector have been made available, in cooperation with the University of Aruba. Biblioteca Nacional Aruba is one of the Aruban platform partners of this program, and will participate in the capacity building modules with two of its staff members. All five modules will have the duration of one semester, and will be offered at the college level, with an equivalent college credit value of 5 ECTS. The title of the first module is: "Windows for Aruba: Cultural Policies and National Canons".

BAHAMAS

The IAP participants from the National Library & Information Services had meetings with the Director of Libraries, a representative from the government in charge of the National Development Plan (NDP), librarians, support staff, and members of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, to discuss the important role libraries play in development and the need for them to be included in the NDP. The team submitted information to the NDP Office and they wait for an official meeting with the committee.

In addition to this, the participants are developing a communications plan to give more visibility to libraries through Public Service Announcements and Cable TV, social media and awareness-raising sessions.

BERMUDA

The IAP participant and Director of the [Bermuda National Library](#) had discussions with the Minister of Education and the Permanent Secretary, who are helping to arrange a meeting of the Library Director with the recently elected Premier, to give a presentation on libraries' contribution to the SDGs and the need for a National Plan for Bermuda, including libraries.





BRAZIL

The IAP participants offered several awareness-raising sessions throughout the regions of Brazil.

On 3-5 May 2017, the 1st Regional Meeting of librarians in Pará State took place. The event was attended by more than 154 public and community librarians, from 17 different municipalities of Caeté Region, Pará State. The participants acquired knowledge of the local reality and awareness to develop and improve services to be better aligned with the SDGs, starting to recognize themselves as strategic partners for their municipalities. The 2nd Regional Meeting of Pará State, took place on 29-31 May 2017, with 126 attendees from 20 different municipalities, and on 26-28 June 2017, the 3rd Regional Meeting of Pará State involved 224 people from 11 different municipalities.

On 23 May 2017, a regional meeting took place to discuss the SDGs and the role of libraries with librarians in Pernambuco State. The event was attended by 255 librarians, from different municipalities in the region.

On 3 June 2017, the IAP participant offered an awareness-raising session in a Library Panel in Santa Catarina, about the UN 2030 Agenda and the CBBB that will have as a theme the SDGs and the role of libraries in development. The Panel was held in Chapecó, Santa Catarina, with more than 70 participants present, and more than 30 participating online. The IAP participant introduced the UN 2030 Agenda and followed with a video presentation.

On 3 July 2017, the IAP participant presented at the Regional Meeting of Sergipe State - CBBB Pre-meeting. The audience consisted of 60 representatives of different municipalities of Sergipe State, including public librarians and Secretaries of Culture of the municipalities. The Secretary of State for Culture participated in the event.

On 3 July 2017, the CBBB pre-meeting in Sergipe took place, involving 130 teachers and students from LIS schools in the area. The event was an opportunity to disseminate the UN 2030 Agenda, highlight the role of libraries in supporting the SDGs, and to motivate students to get involved in advocacy activities to promote libraries.

On 18 July 2017, the Regional Meeting of Minas Gerais - CBBB Pre-meeting Minas took place. The awareness-raising event included 40 public and community librarians and LIS teachers from Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais State.

On 10 August 2017, the IAP participant and President of the [Brazilian Federation of Library Associations, Information Scientists and Institutions \(FEAB\)](#) had a meeting with the Government Secretariat to advocate for libraries and their inclusion in the National Development Plan.

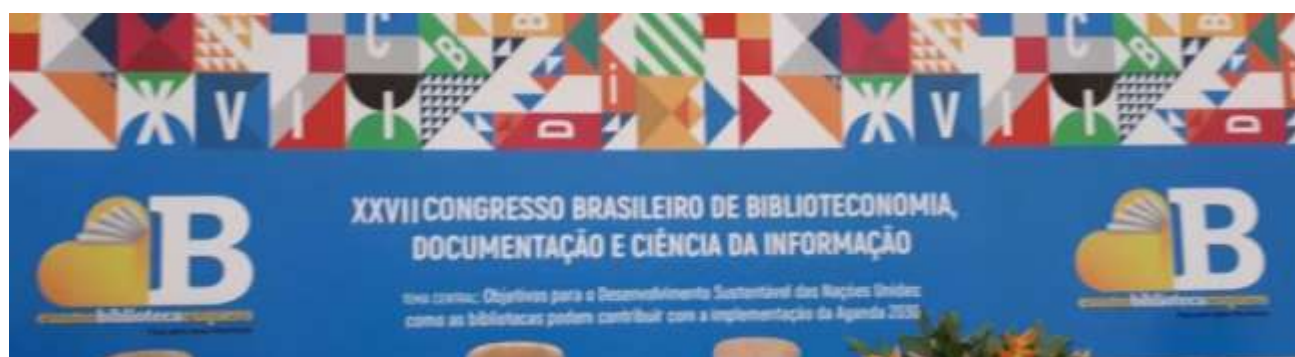




BRAZIL

On 22 August 2017, the IAP participant and FEBAB President offered a presentation during the IFLA WLIC, at the open session of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA LAC) "[Access and opportunities for all: how LAC Libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)". The presentation was: "[Brazilian Libraries and the 2030 Agenda: actions to support compliance with SDGs](#)".

The IAP participant and FEBAB President coordinated the organization of the [27th Brazilian Congress of Library and Documentation 2017 \(CBBDD\)](#) under the theme: "Sustainable Development Goals of Nations: as libraries we can contribute to the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda". The event took place in Fortaleza, on 17-20 October 2017.



The CBBDD aimed to discuss or present Library Science and Information Science trends, and integrate the Brazilian library professionals of all types: school, public, community, university and specialized. Aligned with the IAP, the CBBDD intends to show a committed librarian making a difference in society every day, and libraries contributing to the development.

On 18 October 2017, the IFLA President offered the official opening of the programme with a presentation: "Agenda 2030, the vision of IFLA and its alignment with Brazil", moderated by the IAP participant and FEBAB President.





BRAZIL

On 23-25 October 2017, during the [10th International Public and Community Libraries Seminar "Biblioteca Viva"](#), the IAP participant and FEBAB president gave a presentation on 24 October 2017: "Sustainable Development Goals: libraries and the UN 2030 Agenda".



CHILE

On [5 June 2017](#), the IAP participants offered a presentation "Libraries and the 2030 Agenda" including a selection of good library practices from Chile. The event was attended by public library officials of the O' Higgins Region, invited by the Regional Coordination of Public Libraries. It was held in the Rancagua Public Library.



On [12-16 June 2017](#), the IAP participant and member of the [College of Librarians of Chile \(CBC\)](#) attended the Third Meeting of Innovative Librarians of Ibero-America (INELI), held in Medellin, Colombia.





CHILE

Librarians originating from 10 countries took part in the Training Programme for Innovative Leaders in the Library Sector. The event was organised by the [Regional Center for the Promotion of the Book in Latin America and the Caribbean \(CERLALC\)](#) and the [Germán Sánchez Ruipérez Foundation](#) with the support of the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).

During the meeting, the IAP participant coordinated a workshop about libraries, the UN 2030 Agenda and good library practices.





CHILE

On [20 July 2017](#), the IAP participants were invited by the Metropolitan University of Technology (UTEM) in Santiago de Chile, to give a presentation on the SDGs, the UN 2030 Agenda and a brief selection of good library practices in Chile. The session was attended by students of the first year of the Library Science degree. It was an opportunity to spread the word about the UN 2030 Agenda and the work carried out by libraries, including answering questions raised by future professionals.



On [27 July 2017](#), two members of the IAP team from the CBC (including the IAP trainer from Chile) had a meeting with representatives from the Communications Department of the [Ministry of Social Development](#). During this meeting, they informed the representatives about the work being done by the CBC on the topic of the UN 2030 Agenda 2030 and libraries. They also received information from the Ministry that libraries are included in their dissemination infrastructure to reach the most remote areas of Chile, in addition to the various public and private bodies, and social and academic organizations.

On 27 July 2017, the IAP participants and IAP trainer had a meeting with the Libraries Commission on the [National Reading and Book Policy 2015-2020 \(PNLL 2015-2020\)](#), to discuss the final version of a letter to be sent to local authorities under which public libraries depend. The letter seeks to obtain the support needed to consolidate the public libraries sector in Chile.

On 28 July 2017, one of the members of the IAP team attended the third meeting of the [Council of Civil Society \(COSOC\) of the Directorate of Libraries, Archives and Museums \(DIBAM\)](#) representing the CBC as part of Civil Society, in order to influence decisions related to the UN 2030 Agenda in favour of Libraries, Archives and Museums.





CHILE

As part of the [IFLA LAC Satellite Meeting at WLIC 2017 “Libraries and the 2030 Agenda: prospective information and future society”](#) that took place in Timisoara, Romania, on 15-16 August 2017 a video was published in the IFLA LAC YouTube channel: [“Libraries and Agenda 2030: Our Contribution to Educational Quality in Latin America”](#) by a team including the IAP trainer.

On [19-24 August 2017](#), the IAP participants and IAP trainer attended IFLA WLIC 2017, in Wroclaw, Poland. The IAP participant offered a presentation on 22 August 2017, during the [IFLA Division V Session 139 “Demonstrating the contributions of libraries to the UN 2030 Agenda”](#). The title of the presentation was: [“Eco-guides training course in the Doñihue district: Exploring other forms of reading that contribute to the SDGs and the UN Agenda 2030, from the Municipal Public Library of Doñihue, Chile”](#).



On 22 August 2017, another presentation was given during IFLA WLIC, at the open session of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA LAC) [“Access and opportunities for all: how LAC Libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda”](#) by the IAP team: [“Map of the partial situation of libraries in Chile and how they contribute to the 2030 agenda through Good Library Practices \(GLP\)”](#).



On [21 August 2017](#), the IAP trainer from Chile gave a presentation during the IFLA WLIC at the Associations Members Meeting. This was an opportunity to share the activities of the CBC, as well as the work on the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries done in Chile.





CHILE



On 24 August 2017, during the third Meeting of the Working Group on SDG 16, at the Ministry of Social Development, the IAP trainer and member of the IAP team representing the CBC committed to analyse and propose indicators to monitor targets 16.10, 16.3, 16.4 y 16.8 including libraries.

On 4 September 2017, the IAP trainer participated in the second Meeting of the Working Group on SDG 17, convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This was an opportunity to discuss the Voluntary National Review report presented by Chile at the UN High Level Political Forum, and to define together the lines of work for achieving the working group objectives.

On 12 September 2017, the IAP team member representing the CBC attended the IV COSOC DIBAM Meeting. The need to create laws and regulations for Libraries, Archives and Museums was raised as part of the UN 2030 Agenda discussion.

On 16 October 2017, the CBC participated of the "Dissemination and Dialogue Workshop: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". The CBC was invited as "relevant stakeholder" by the [National Council for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and the DIBAM.

On 19-20 October 2017, the [XXI International Library Congress "Memory, heritage and UN 2030 Agenda"](#) took place in Valparaiso. The event was organised by the CBC and its chapter in Valparaiso.

Among the objectives of the congress were to share experiences linked to the UN 2030 Agenda from a critical perspective for the dissemination of the SDGs.





CHILE

Since June 2017, the IAP team from Chile keeps regularly updating the Facebook page "[2030 Agenda 2030 for libraries and librarians in Chile](#)" where they share news, reports from activities, and good library practices from Chile.

COLOMBIA

On 9 July 2017, a blog post was published in the blog of the [Colombian Library Association \(Ascolbi\)](#): "[Information units and sustainable development in Colombia: reflections on peace and biodiversity](#)" about the role libraries play contributing to SDG 13 "Climate Action".

The IAP participants and members of the [Colombian Library Association \(Ascolbi\)](#) gave a presentation "[The UN 2030 Agenda: Contributions of information units to a national and global impact](#)" (read paper available in Spanish) at the [1st International Congress of Academic and Specialized Libraries "Knowledge and Global Sustainability" \(2030 Agenda\) - COBAES 2017](#).

The event took place on 2-4 August 2017 in Medellin, and was attended by 242 participants. It was organised by the [Network of University Libraries of the Institutions of Higher Education of Antioquia \(MSBU\)](#) with the support of different organisations, including Ascolbi and UNDP Colombia.

The IAP participants were part of the panel "Sustainable Development Goals and the Efforts of Libraries in Latin America" at the [X Libraries Meeting: "Local responses to global challenges"](#). The event took place on 24 August 2017 in Medellin.

Ascolbi is organizing the [XIV National Congress of Library and Information Science: "Information units and their contribution to sustainable development: UN 2030 Agenda"](#) that will take place in Bogotá on 13-16 March 2018.





COSTA RICA

On 10 August 2017, the IAP participant and President of the [Costa Rican Librarians Association \(COPROBI\)](#) had a meeting with authorities from the Ministry of Public Education, the National Library System, to discuss a series of workshops about the SDGs.

On 18 August 2017, the IAP participant had a planning meeting with teachers from the University of Costa Rica to plan a special lecture about the SDGs. This was offered on 25 August 2017 for LIS students in their last year at the University of Costa Rica. The lecture raised students' awareness of the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the role of libraries, as well as providing some ideas for their work in libraries in the future. The IAP participant is working with the teachers to arrange activities related to the SDGs as part of 2018 Communal University Work Service, through which the students dedicate 300 hours at the service of the community.

In September, two workshops about libraries and the SDGs were organised. The workshops aimed to encourage participants to start aligning the activities of their libraries more clearly with the SDGs. Both workshops had as participants regional authorities (Mayors of Liberia and Pérez Zeledón) as well as professional librarians and library workers from public, municipal and school libraries.

The first workshop “SDGs Workshop – 2030 Agenda and Librarians in Liberia, Guanacaste” took place on 8 September 2017 in Liberia, Guanacaste (Chorotega Region). The Deputy Mayor of Liberia, the Head of Pedagogical Advisory of the Ministry of Public Education and 34 librarians from school and public libraries attended the event.



The second workshop “SDGs Workshop – 2030 Agenda and Librarians in Pérez Zeledón” took place on 22 September 2017 in Pérez Zeledón (Brunca Region). The event was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Pérez Zeledón, the Cultural Representative of the Municipality and 36 librarians from school and public Libraries.





COSTA RICA

On 5-6 October 2017, the [XVII Library Updates Conference](#) was organized by COPROBI, with the theme “Empowerment with Social Responsibility”. The event was attended by 73 librarians from Costa Rica, and five international guests from Mexico, Venezuela, El Salvador and Chile. The keynote “SDGs and the Latin American Libraries” was offered by the IAP participant and President of the National Librarians Association from El Salvador.



A third workshop “SDGs Workshop – 2030 Agenda and Libraries in Limón” took place on 20 October 2017 in Limón. The event was attended by a Representative of the Teaching Advisory Council of the Ministry of Public Education and 39 librarians from school and public libraries.



The IAP participants offered different trainings and awareness-raising sessions for public library officials of the [National Library System of Costa Rica \(SINABI\)](#) during the first semester of 2017.



Training for public library officials of the Province of Alajuela



Training for public library officials of the Province of Cartago





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Training for public library officials of the Province of Guanacaste



Training for public library officials of the Province of Puntarenas



Training for public library officials in the Western area of Costa Rica

The [Autonomous University of Central America](#) and its School of Library Science, with the support of COPROBI, will hold the “[1st International Library and Information Congress: New horizons for access to knowledge](#)” in San José, on 3-4 May 2018. The event will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Library Science Degree in Costa Rica. The call for papers includes four thematic focus: information management, social and cultural responsibility, application of Information technologies, and Knowledge Management. The role of libraries in achieving the SDGs is part of the social and cultural responsibility theme.

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CUBA

The IAP participants and President and Vice President of the [Cuban Librarians' Association \(ASCUBI\)](#) presented a paper "[Cuba: Access and opportunity for everyone: how Cuban libraries contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda](#)" at the open session of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA LAC) "[Access and opportunity for all: how LAC libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)" during IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland. The paper shows the progress achieved by the advocacy plan put into practice by the Cuban libraries and ASCUBI, as well as significant examples of how Cuban libraries contribute to the National Development Plan with the fulfilment of the SDGs and the UN Agenda 2030.



ASCUBI, with in partnership with the [Cuban National Library José Martí \(BNJM\)](#) is organising the [Scientific Library Meeting 2018](#), that will take place from 6-10 February 2018, during the celebration of the XXVII International Book Fair of Havana, in the National Library of Cuba. The meeting will have the theme: Libraries, Community and the UN 2030 Agenda".

ECUADOR

On 22 August 2017, members of the Ecuadorian [National Librarians' Association Eugenio Espejo \(ANABE\)](#), presented a paper "[Development Plan, Good Living Plan, 2030Agenda, and the case of libraries in Ecuador](#)" at the open session of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA LAC) "[Access and opportunity for all: how LAC libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)" during IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland.

The [Doknos](#) group is planning a workshop "Public Libraries, Towards Sustainable Development" to be held in Quito in 2018. They are also planning other events for the last quarter of 2017 to help raise the awareness of Ecuadorian librarians about the UN 2030 and the important role libraries play in achieving the SDGs.





EL SALVADOR

The president of [Librarians' Association of El Salvador \(ABES\)](#) shared the experience of El Salvador in the IAP with the presentation "SDGs and the Latin American Libraries". The session was part of the XVII Library Updates Conference held by COPROBI on 5 October in Costa Rica.



GUATEMALA

On 17 July 2017, the IAP participant from the [Librarians' Association of Guatemala \(ABGUATE\)](#) gave a presentation "SDGs and the role of public librarians in Guatemala" at the [International Book Fair in Guatemala \(Filgua 2017\)](#). The session was attended by 150 librarians and raised their awareness about the UN 2030 Agenda and how public libraries contribute to progress towards the SDGs.

On 2 August 2017, the IAP participants had a meeting with eight directors from Guatemalan academic libraries to present the IAP and discuss future advocacy in relation to the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs. During the meeting the team agreed to work together in carrying out advocacy and raising awareness in Guatemala.

HAITI

The first "[National Conference of Libraries](#)" organised by [BIBLIOTHECOM](#) and the [Association of Librarians, Documentalists, and Archivists of Haiti \(ABDAH\)](#) will take place on 1-3 December 2017. The event is conceived as a convening for Haitian library services and is planned to take place every year, with a duration of three days.





HAITI

The event is executed in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of National Education and Professional Training, [FOKAL](#), the [Haitian National Library](#), the National Directorate of the Book, Open Books of the Organization LIFE Youth Haiti, and the Bank of the Republic of Haiti (BRH), among others.

To ensure the discussions are inclusive and participatory, satellite meetings are also held in other large cities of the country, before the event. In 2017, the first edition will take place in Port-au-Prince and the satellite meetings in Jacmel, in Les Cayes, Jeremie, Gonaives, Cap-Haitien and New York (special diaspora).



JAMAICA

The [Library and Information Association of Jamaica \(LIAJA\)](#), in collaboration with the [Jamaica Library Service \(JLS\)](#), is planning to organise a “Fun Run: Run for Literacy” in 2018. This will be a fundraising initiative as well as an awareness raising event for LIAJA's Libraries Matter campaign and the role of libraries in development.

LIAJA has embarked on a [national petition](#) through the Office of the Prime Minister for the inclusion of the school librarian as an influencer in the process of developing the [Jamaica National Standard Based Curriculum](#).

On July 2017, the IAP participant and LIAJA Advocacy Chair participated in Prime Minister's Live Feed to advocate for increased visibility of libraries in the conversations on the SDGs in Jamaica.

LIAJA worked closely with UNESCO to organise the feature conference of [Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2017](#) in Kingston, Jamaica, 24-27 October. The conference included a specific session on the links between libraries, media and information literacy and the UN 2030 Agenda, underlining to an audience of hundreds the important role of libraries in driving sustainable development.

On 1-2 November 2017, LIAJA and EBSCO celebrated [Library and Information Week 2017](#) with a Seminar with the theme: “[Destination 2030: Harnessing information for National Development](#)”.





MEXICO

On 25 August 2017, IAP participants offered a 4-hour course at the [XVII National Congress on Public Libraries](#) about the 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries, at the Convention Center of Puebla, Mexico. The workshop was facilitated by three speakers, two of them from the [Mexican Librarians Association \(AMBAC\)](#) and the third from the [General Directorate of Public Libraries](#).

The course was offered at the request of the General Directorate of Public Libraries to disseminate information about the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs among public librarians. The participants were 50 Mexican public library coordinators, who worked in teams and created [four video proposals](#).



Participants in the SDGs and UN 2030 Agenda 2030 course of the Public Libraries Network of Mexico

Since August 2017, a [new section in the AMBAC website](#) "Agenda 2030" was published to promote the SDGs and the role of libraries in Mexico, and to disseminate the activities being carried out in the country.



On 18 August 2017, the AMBAC meeting: "Technology for life: a planetary mapping for a new social order" was offered within the framework of the [International Book Fair of Medicine](#) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).





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The event aimed to raise awareness of the value of working towards achieving the SDGs and targets in Mexico. 60 people participated of the event.

Lecturer and President of AMBAC during the meeting



On 25-27 October 2017, the [XV International Conference on Academic Libraries](#) was organised by the [General Directorate of Libraries](#) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). The event had the theme: "The library towards 2030" and it was held at UNAM's Center for Exhibitions and Congresses.

The event permitted discussion among university, academic, specialized and research librarians about their contribution to achieving the UN 2030 Agenda, as well as to having better informed users that generate new knowledge to face the upcoming challenges and guarantee more opportunities for their development.

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NICARAGUA

During IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland, representatives from the [Nicaraguan Association of Librarians and Related Professionals \(ANIBIPA\)](#) and the National Agrarian University presented a paper “Mapping Latin American and Caribbean library initiatives in support of the National Development Plan - 2030 Agenda – the Case of Nicaragua” at the open session of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA LAC) “[Access and opportunity for all: how LAC libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)” held on 22 August 2017.

The XVII National Meeting of Librarians and Related Professionals will take place on 7 November 2017, under the theme: “Libraries and archives contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals”. The event is being organised by ANIBIPA to raise awareness on the UN 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and how libraries contribute to their achievement.



PANAMA

On 22 August 2017, representatives of the [Panamanian Librarians' Association](#) and [National Library of Panama](#), presented a paper “[Panama: Mapping Latin American and Caribbean library initiatives in support of the National Development Plan - 2030 Agenda](#)” at the open session of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA LAC) “[Access and opportunity for all: how LAC libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)” during IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland.

PARAGUAY

On 16 October 2017, in celebration of the Paraguayan Librarian's Day, the [Roosevelt Library of the Paraguayan-American Cultural Center \(CCPA\)](#) hosted a training for Paraguayan librarians, and library and information workers, as is done every year.





PARAGUAY

On the occasion, the IFLA President was present with a greeting video, and IFLA LAC Chair joined via video conference. The event had the participation of the Coordinator of the Resource Center of Information for the "American Spaces" of Brazil and Paraguay (an instance of the United States State Department) with the presentation "Technologies and trends in libraries".



More than 70 librarians attended the event, which included a discussion and presentation about the role of librarians as change agents focused on the UN 2030 Agenda. The topics was discussed with presentations by the Officer of the United Nations Information Center, and the IAP participant and Coordinator of the Roosevelt Library.



The IAP participant is coordinating a project in Paraguay that seeks to create awareness about accessibility to public places for people suffering from some type of physical disability. This project involves young people from several cities, and it consists of lectures, debates, presentations, screenings of documentaries, motivational videos and social experiments that help to think more empathically with people who suffer from day to day the problem of having difficulties to mobilize.





PARAGUAY

The activities also include a city competition called "Mapathon", which allows an application called "Axs Map", the mapping of public spaces giving a rating depending on their level of accessibility and can subsequently be accessed by people from all over the world.

The project is developed by the Roosevelt Library, with support from the Ibero-American INELI Program, the United States Embassy in Paraguay, the United Nations Information Center, and the BibliInnova Librarian Network and local allies such as the National Secretariat for Human Rights for Persons with Disabilities (SENADIS).



PERU

The VIII Festival of Green Books and Reading 2017: "Our libraries contribute to the SDGs for everyone" took place on 19-22 June 2017 in Iquitos. The festival was organised by the IAP participant from the [Institute for Studies on the Peruvian Amazon \(IIAP\)](#) with the support of the [Association of Amazonian Librarians and Documentalists \(ABDA\)](#), the [Peruvian Librarians' Association \(CBP\)](#), along with other academic, scientific and cultural institutions in the region.





PERU

The event was particularly devoted to the SDGs and the identification of the main goals for the local community, highlighting the role of the book, reading and libraries in achieving sustainable development.



The main speakers were officials from the regional and national governments, including representatives from the Ministries of Agriculture, Environment and Health. The CBP President and IAP trainer offered a presentation at the conference and workshop through video. Participants included librarians, teachers, students, library workers, and the public.

The event was picked up by several national and local media like: [“The VIII Festival of the Book and Green Reading achieved to be an alternative space during the San Juan celebration”](#) and [“The Festival of Green Book and Reading in Iquitos on the occasion of the San Juan celebration”](#).

On 2 August 2017, the IAP trainer and President of the CBP participated as speaker in the [International Congress of Academic and Specialized Libraries "Knowledge and Global Sustainability" \(2030 Agenda\) - COBAES 2017](#) in Medellin, Colombia. The presentation was about: [“The SDGs and the role of libraries in Latin America”](#).





PERU

On 3-5 August 2017, the [5th National Meeting on Culture \(ENC5\)](#), organized by the Ministry of Culture was held in Iquitos, Perú. The event was attended by 374 participants ranging from cultural promoters, artists, regional offices from the Ministry of Culture, and the public. The CBP was represented by two IAP members, who actively participated in the groups where cultural public policies were discussed and took the opportunity to show how libraries are key to cultural development. They also participated in other discussions about the creation of a unique cultural integrated agenda, with different stakeholders, as well as the participation of the civil society (including libraries) in cultural activities. The CBP is involved in the organisation of the ENC6.

The photographic contest called "[Our eyes](#)" was organized by the Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (MCLCP), the Association of Popular Photography OWN EYES, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Peru. The final exhibition, which consisted of 50 selected images, was exhibited at the [National Library of Peru \(BNP\)](#), the Municipal Library of Piura and the Deconcentrated Culture Directorate of Chiclayo. The CBP coordinated the locations for the exhibitions and the local libraries disseminated information about the competition and collected the works submitted. This helped making visible the role of libraries and to show that libraries are in touch with community in time of natural disasters.

On 22 August 2017, the IAP trainer and President of the CBP presented a paper "[The 2030 Agenda and Peruvian Libraries](#)" at the open session of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA LAC) "[Access and opportunity for all: how LAC libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda](#)" during IFLA WLIC 2017 in Wrocław, Poland.



Since 22 August 2017, the IAP participant from the [Research Institute of the Peruvian Amazonian Area \(IIAP\)](#) in Iquitos was involved in a series of meetings on municipal development, particularly related to education and health in the region. The IAP participant emphasized the role of libraries in promoting access to information and to serve as a safe and inclusive meeting point for local communities.





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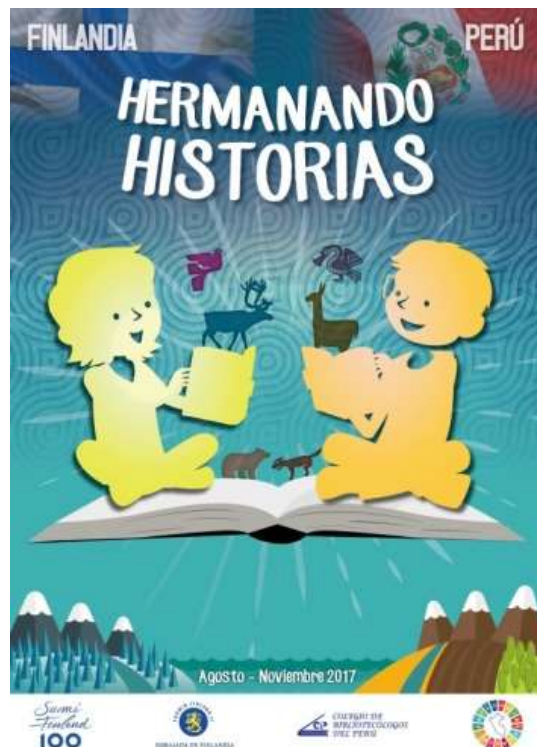
On 5 September 2017, during the IFLA Global Vision workshop held at the National Library of Peru, the CBP President took the opportunity to inform about the IAP activities and the work done by the CBP in relation to the UN 2030 Agenda and libraries. The event was attended by 55 librarians.

On 9 September 2017, a first storytelling session at the National Library from the program "[Connecting Stories](#)", was organized by the CBP and the Embassy of Finland, with the presence of the Finnish Ambassador, the BNP Director and the CBP President. The session's main goal was to help develop a reading habit among children and their parents. Also, to make libraries visible and to show libraries as dynamic space to access knowledge and develop literacy skills.

On 27 September 2017, the CBP actively participated during the [III Macro-Regional Workshop on the National Cultural Policy](#) that was organized by the Ministry of Culture. This was an opportunity to raise awareness about the important role of libraries in cultural development in Peru.

On 27-28 September 2017, a workshop on the "[Creation of Cultural Projects](#)" was offered in the BNP. The IAP trainer and CBP President presented a paper on the role of libraries in community development and information literacy, in relation to the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

On [24 October 2017](#), the United Nations Information Center (UNIC) in Peru delivered the publication "Sustainable Development Goals - Version in accessible format", to the BNP Director, prepared in braille format by the UNIC and FAIS Peru (Facilitators in Accessibility and Social Inclusion). The document was delivered by the resident coordinator of the United Nations System in Peru. The CBP attended the event and took the opportunity to advocate for the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs.





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PERU

On 25 October 2017, the BNP has rejoined the [Association of Ibero American National Libraries \(ABINIA\)](#), with the support of the CBP to give visibility to and strengthen the Peruvian library field. The BNP has joined the organizing committee of the XXX ABINIA Meeting to be held in Perú in 2019.

On 26-27 October 2017, the CBP participated in the [International Cultural Forum: "Culture as engine for development"](#) organized by the Ministry of Culture, particularly of the discussions taking place about the progress on the National Cultural Policy draft.



On 10-11 November 2017, the CBP is co-organizing the [I Meeting of Community Libraries: "Libraries to transform communities"](#). The meeting will include a workshop on the "Interaction: Community-Library", to be offered by a special guest, the Director of the Mortenson Center, on the 13-14 of November 2017. The event takes place in the proximities of the celebration of the Peruvian Librarians' Day on 14 November 2017.

PUERTO RICO

On 18 May 2017, the IAP participant in partnership with Puerto Rico's Chapter of [REFORMA \(National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and Spanish Speakers\)](#) organised a session about the IAP for librarians in Puerto Rico.

The IAP participants and President of the [Library Society of Puerto Rico \(SBPR\)](#) are regularly sharing information in social media related to the SDGs and libraries, contributing to raise awareness among Puerto Rican librarians about the UN 2030 Agenda and the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs.





SAINT LUCIA

The IAP participant had meetings with key stakeholder in Saint Lucia, to advocate and raise awareness of the role of libraries in achieving the SDGs, sharing the IFLA SDGs handout and booklet. He has been in touch with key stakeholders related to the SDGs in the island, including SDGs Officer, Permanent Secretary and Sustainable Development Officer at the [Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States \(OECS\)](#).

During these meetings, plans to have an exhibition in the Saint Lucia Town Hall in Castries on 9-13 October 2017 for members of the public and school children to learn more about the SDGs, and a follow-up meeting in October 2017 were agreed.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

On 2 August 2017, the workshop “[Libraries Matter](#)” took place with a focus on the libraries’ contribution to national development, and their impact on young adults. The event included representatives from Canada, United States and Jamaica. The [Library Association of Trinidad & Tobago \(LATT\)](#) was represented by its President and Vice President, both IAP participants. The attendees were encouraged to share stories of the libraries’ impact on their lives and communities, as well as on their personal development and resilience.

URUGUAY

On 13 July 2017, the IAP participant and Governing Board Member of the [Uruguayan Library Association \(ABU\)](#) offered a workshop “Access and opportunities for all” in Rio Negro, Uruguay with the support of government offices (Municipality of Rio Negro, Department of Culture, Municipal Library of Fray Bentos). 16 public librarians from the department of Rio Negro joined the workshop to learn about the SDGs and how libraries in Uruguay help to achieve them.





URUGUAY

The workshop took place in the reading room of Fray Bentos Public Library. Attendees included staff from Fray Bentos and Young public libraries, the Deputy of Pueblo Bellaco, Zorrilla Association, and the Mary Massey Library. Attendees found new meaning in activities and services long provided by their libraries, and were engaged to discuss their work environment and challenges.

The ABU provided attendants with copies of the IFLA SDGs booklet and handout in Spanish, as well as the IFLA "[How to spot fake news](#)" infographic.





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