

Libraries and the UN-SDGs

IFLA Supporting the Libraries to Achieve the UN-Sustainable Development Goals



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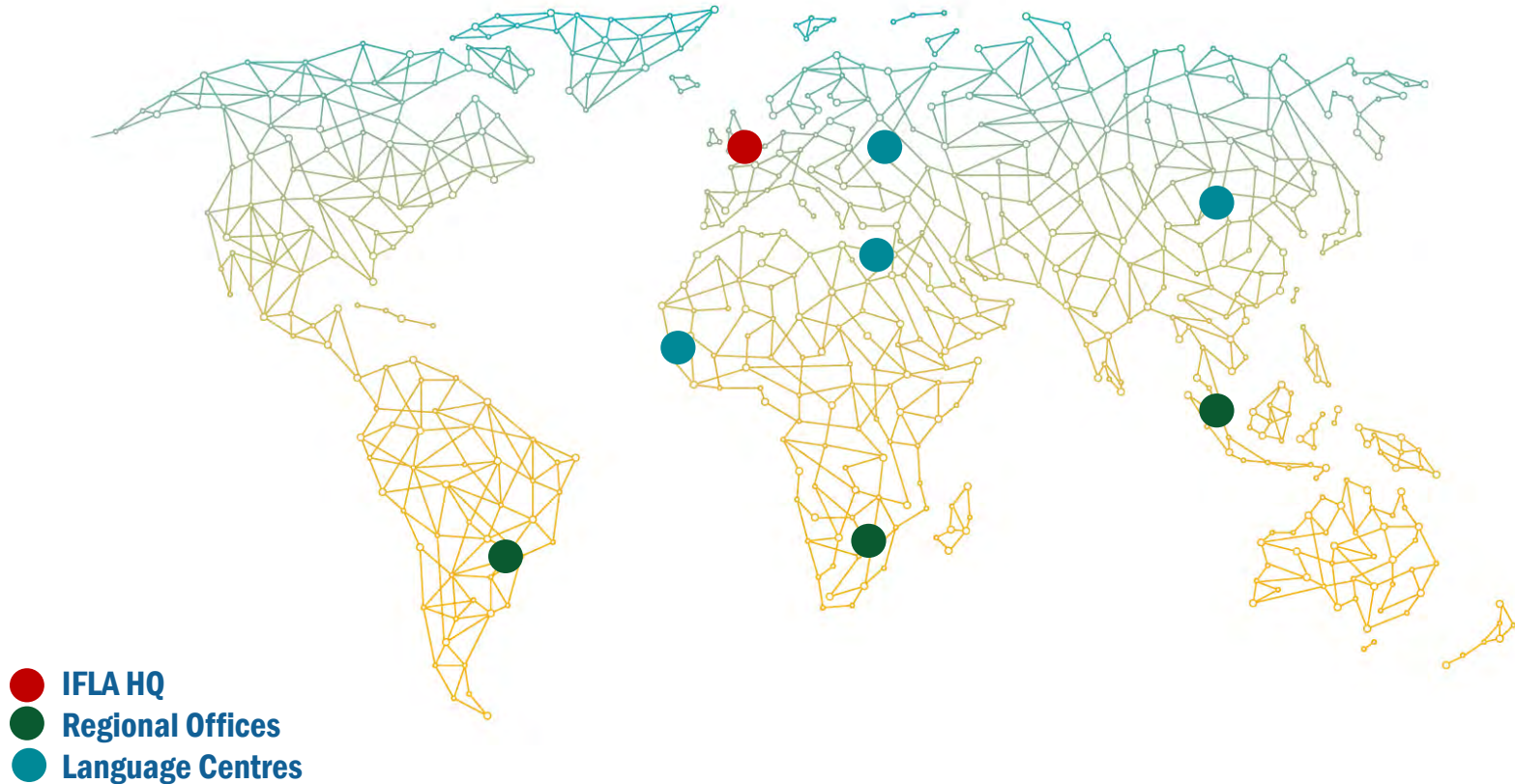
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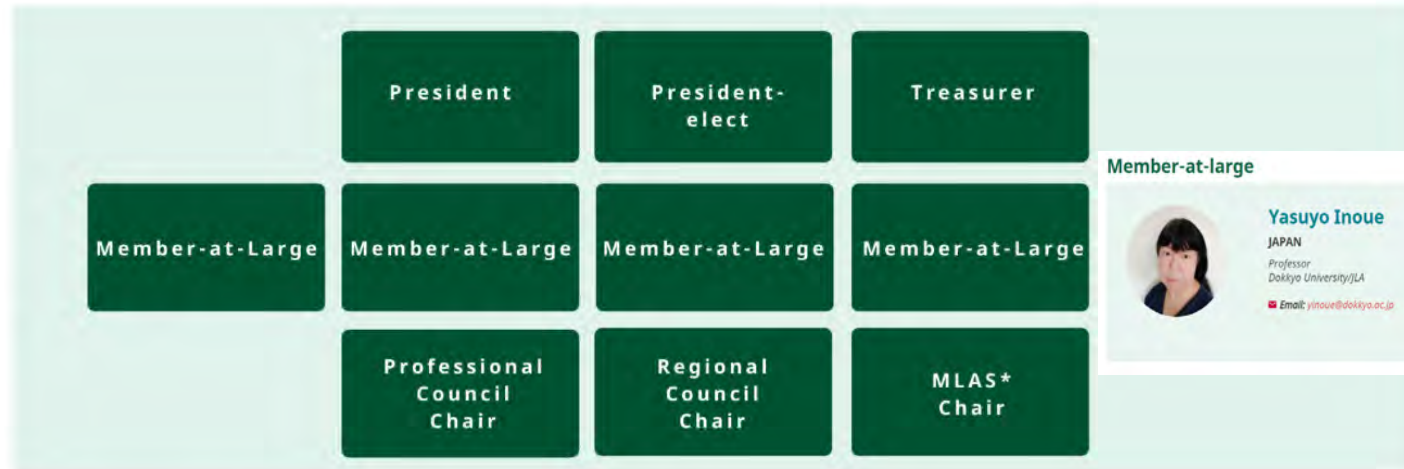
**My Presidential Theme:
Libraries building a sustainable future**

- Secretary General:
Gerald Leitner, Austria



IFLA-Governance

Governing Board



*MLAS - Management of Library Associations Section

IFLA's Governance Review

3.3

Empower the field at the national and regional levels

You asked for stronger regional representation



Our new structures:

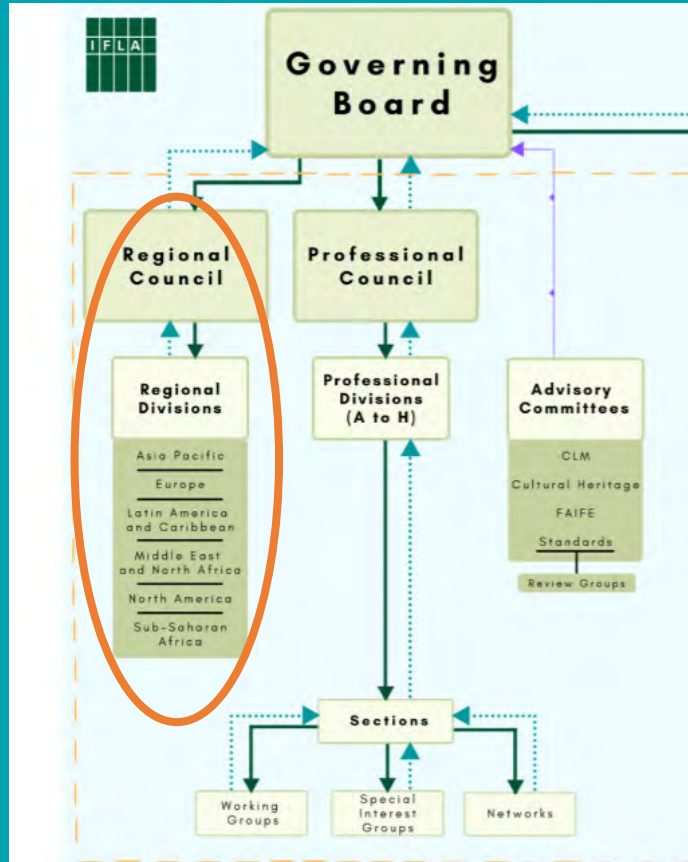
- ✓ **Create a new Regional Council**, directly supporting the Governing Board, where all world regions are represented through the chairs of Regional Divisions. This will bring the voice of the regions to the heart of IFLA, support the development of regional strategies and provide a strong voice for the integration of regional priorities in all IFLA work.
- ✓ **Create Regional Divisions** to help develop and deliver plans for building the capacity of our members everywhere to advocate effectively for libraries. They will build on current interactions with corresponding United Nations regional agencies and work with national associations to strengthen IFLA's reach and impact in their regions. These represent an upgrade of the existing three Regional Sections, with new Divisions added for Europe, Middle East and North Africa, and North America
- ✓ **Create new possibilities at all levels**, including on the Governing Board and the Professional Unit Standing Committees, to add new full members, in a



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**New Structure of the IFLA
Governing Board**



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3 Pillars of IFLA's New Approach towards the Library and Information Profession

- Global Vision 2018



- IFLA Strategy 2019-2024



- Governance Review 2021



The IFLA STRATEGY 2019 – 2024



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4 Strategic Directions

ONE



**Strengthen the
Global Voice of
Libraries**

TWO



**Inspire and
Enhance
Professional
Practice**

THREE



**Connect and
Empower the
Field**

FOUR



**Optimise our
Organisation**



Strategic Direction 1



**Strengthen the Global
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Strategic Direction 1

We listen to and understand the priorities of the whole field, and amplify the message through advocating for libraries and their values on a global and regional level.

We speak with insight, confidence and authority on relevant policies, ensuring that libraries are recognised and supported as critical community assets essential to achieving development agendas.

We build a strong presence in international organisations and meetings as a valued partner.



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Strengthen the
Global Voice of
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Global Vision
Key Finding
Opportunities: 1, 4, 5,
6, 7, 9

Key Initiatives for Strategic Direction 1

1.1 Show the power of libraries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

1.2 Build a strong presence in international organizations and meetings as a valued partner

1.3 Work with library associations and libraries to identify key legal and funding challenges to their work, and advocate for action

1.4 Shape public opinion and debate around open access and library values, including intellectual freedom and human rights. We will provide practical and intellectual leadership



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Strategic Direction 2



**Inspire and
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Practice**



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Strategic Direction 2

We inspire the profession through future thinking and by encouraging new and promising approaches. We drive the development of libraries through standards, guidelines and best practices.

We provide the tools and resources necessary to foster community, facilitate shared action, and support innovative programs and actions.

We work to safeguard, strengthen and elevate the world's cultural heritage in all of its diverse forms, including traditional, historical, indigenous and contemporary expression.



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TWO



Inspire and
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Key Initiatives for Professional Practice Strategic Direction 2

TWO



**Inspire and
Enhance
Professional
Practice**

2.1

Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession

2.2

Deliver high quality campaigns, information and other communications products on a regular basis to engage and energise libraries

2.3

Develop standards, guidelines, and other materials that foster best professional practice

2.4

Provide tools and infrastructure that support the work of libraries



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Key Initiatives for Strategic Direction 2

TWO



Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

2.2

Deliver high quality campaigns, information and other communications products on a regular basis to engage and energise libraries

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IFLA Webinar

What's on the Agenda for IFLA and the Sustainable Development Goals in 2019?



20 September 2018 | 13:30 hs CEST



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The UN-Sustainable Development Goals and IFLA



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What are the UN-Sustainable Development Goals ?



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How it all started...

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2000-2015



First results of the first UN Development goals 2000-2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdLqiTvFwJk>



That was not enough!

New Approach since 2012

- Common wish that the world should be a better place for as many people as possible
- Participation of all UN member states
- Working with key NGOs and other civil society organizations
- Open forums and regional consultations around the world
- Polled over 4.5 million people about key goals and how to achieve them

That was not enough! New Approach since 2012



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The UN Vision for the Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

The next Step in 2015



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



The most important goals focus on the 5 Ps:

- **People:** the welfare of all people
- **Planet:** the protection of the ecosystems of the earth
- **Prosperity:** sustained economic and technological growth
- **Peace:** Peacekeeping
- **Partnership:** Improving international cooperation

These 5 aspects are intertwined.

Therefore, the SDGs require holistic thinking and holistic approaches to achieve the goals.

UN Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, the member nations of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and with it 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs represent an historic global focus on a common set of goals. By activating the library field in advancement of the SDGs, IFLA has an unprecedented opportunity to help align the field and showcase the important role of libraries in society.



1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

Examples of the 167 Sub-Goals of the SDGs

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **1** NO POVERTY

DONATE WHAT YOU DON'T USE.
More than 700 million people still live in extreme poverty.

Goal 1: No Poverty

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **2** ZERO HUNGER

WASTE LESS FOOD AND SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS.
A third of the world's food is wasted, and 503 million people are undernourished.

Goal 2: Zero Hunger

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

VACCINATE YOUR FAMILY.
Vaccinations resulted in an 80% drop in measles deaths between 2000 and 2017.

Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SUPPORT THE MARGINALIZED AND DISADVANTAGED.
The poorest 40% of the population earn less than 25% of global income.

Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

BIKE, WALK OR USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
Over 10 billion people already own cars.

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

RECYCLE PAPER, PLASTIC, GLASS AND ALUMINIUM.
By 2020, 45% equivalent of global waste generated could be recycled to reduce current landfill.

Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **4** QUALITY EDUCATION

HELP EDUCATE THE CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY.
817 million children and adolescents lack minimum proficiency in reading and mathematics.

Goal 4: Quality Education

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **5** GENDER EQUALITY

EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS AND ENSURE THEIR EQUAL RIGHTS.
1 in 3 women has experienced physical and/or sexual violence.

Goal 5: Gender Equality

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

AVOID WASTING WATER.
Water scarcity affects more than 40% of the world's population.

Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **13** CLIMATE ACTION

ACT NOW TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING.
Global emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) have increased by almost 50% since 1990.

Goal 13: Climate Action

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **14** LIFE BELOW WATER

AVOID PLASTIC BAGS TO KEEP THE OCEANS CLEAN.
Over three billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods.

Goal 14: Life Below Water

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **15** LIFE ON LAND

PLANT A TREE AND HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.
Forests are home to more than 80% of all terrestrial species of animals, plants and insects.

Goal 15: Life on Land

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **7** AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

USE ONLY ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND LIGHT BULBS.

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH.
One-fifth of young people are not in education.

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

FUND PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **16** PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

SUSTAINABLE GOALS **17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

LOBBY YOUR GOVERNMENT TO BOOST DEVELOPMENT FINANCING.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

The UN-Sustainable Development Goals

IFLA Taking Action since 2012



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Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development

The Lyon Declaration of August 2014 was written in English. The wording of the English version shall prevail.

The United Nations is negotiating a new development agenda to succeed the Millennium Development Goals. The agenda will guide all countries on approaches to improving people's lives, and outline a new set of goals to be reached during the period 2016-2030.

We, the undersigned, believe that increasing access to information and knowledge across society, assisted by the availability of information and communications technologies (ICTs), supports sustainable development and improves people's lives.

We therefore call upon the Member States of the United Nations to make an international commitment to use the post-2015 development agenda to ensure that everyone has access to, and is able to understand, use and share the information that is necessary to promote sustainable development and democratic societies.

Initial Groundwork IFLA Document

IFLA takes Action for Libraries at the UN New York 2015

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23 February 2015

IFLA takes Lyon Declaration to the UN

IFLA President-Elect Donna Scheeder speaking at the 5th meeting, Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations (Declaration Session) - General Assembly, Informal meeting (19 February 2015)

IFLA President-Elect Donna Scheeder and Governing Board member Loida Garcia-Febo were in New York last week for the latest negotiating session on the post-2015 UN development framework. IFLA is calling for a focus on increased access to information in the new framework, and is working to highlight the role that information intermediaries, such as libraries, can play in helping achieve the new set of Sustainable Development Goals that all UN Member States will commit to reaching from September 2015.

Libraries and Development

News

Events

Publications

How do libraries further development?

What is IFLA doing?

Get involved

Public Libraries – Global Agents for Development

IFLA Statement on Libraries and Development

Post-2015 FAQs

Toolkit: Libraries and the UN post-2015 development agenda

Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP)

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IFLA IAP

INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY PROGRAMME



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- Extensive negotiations over the past years to develop and update the UN 2030 Agenda.
- IFLA has been involved in the development of the UN Agenda 2030 since 2012 and is committed to the following issues:
 - Ensure access to information
 - Safeguarding the cultural heritage
 - Enhance General literacy
 - Enhance Access to information and communication technology (ICT)

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Rationale by IFLA as to libraries:

Access to information empowers people to

- exercise their civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights
- learn and apply new skills
- make decisions and being part of an active and committed civil society
- develop community-based solutions to development challenges.
- ensure accountability, transparency, good governance and empowerment.
- measure progress on public and private commitments in the field of sustainable development.

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LIBRARIES CAN DRIVE PROGRESS ACROSS THE ENTIRE UN 2030 AGENDA

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 The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users.

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

	<p>END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access to information and resources that give people opportunities to improve their lives Training in new skills needed for education and employment Information to support decision-making by governments, civil society, and businesses to combat poverty
	<p>ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research available in medical and hospital libraries that supports education and improves medical practice for health care providers Public access to health and wellness information in public libraries that helps individuals and families stay healthy
	<p>ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and welcoming meeting spaces Programmes and services designed to meet the needs of women and girls, like rights and health Access to information and ICT that helps women build business skills
	<p>PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to information and skills training that people need to find, apply for, and succeed in better jobs
	<p>END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural research and data on how to make crops more productive and sustainable Public access for farmers to online resources like local market prices, weather reports, and new equipment
	<p>ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated staff who support early literacy and lifelong learning Access to information and research for students everywhere Inclusive spaces where cost is not a barrier to new knowledge and skills
	<p>ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL Libraries support these goals by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to quality information and good practices that support local water management and sanitation projects
	<p>ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL Libraries support these goals by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free and reliable access to electricity and light to read, study, and work

	<p>BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widespread existing infrastructure of public and research libraries and skilled library professionals Welcoming and inclusive public spaces Access to ICT like high-speed internet that may not be available anywhere else
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	<p>REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neutral and welcoming spaces that make learning accessible to all, including marginalized groups like migrants, refugees, minorities, indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities Equitable access to information that supports social, political, and economic inclusion
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	<p>MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trusted institutions devoted to promoting cultural inclusion and understanding Documentation and preservation of cultural heritage for future generations
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	<p>ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS Libraries support these goals by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable system of sharing and circulating materials that reduces waste Historical records about coastal change and land use Research and data needed to inform climate change policy Widespread access to information needed to guide decision-making by local and national governments on topics like hunting, fishing, land use, and water management
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	<p>PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access to information about government, civil society, and other institutions Training in the skills needed to understand and use this information Inclusive, politically neutral spaces for people to meet and organise
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	<p>PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS Libraries support these goals by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widespread access to information needed to guide decision-making by local and national governments on topics like hunting, fishing, land use, and water management
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	<p>STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALISE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Libraries support this goal by providing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global network of community-based institutions, primed to support local development plans
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Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

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Goal 16.10

Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms in accordance with national and international agreements



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Indicators and a Monitoring Framework

Launching a data revolution for the Sustainable Development Goals



Overview

Learn more about the Indicator Report and the Indicator web platform.

Indicators by Goal

Explore the proposed SDG Global Monitoring Indicators arranged by goal.

Indicators by Target

Explore the proposed SDG Global Monitoring Indicators arranged by target.

Downloads

Explore more SDSN publications on data, monitoring & accountability.

16.10 ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

Proposed Indicators

93. Existence and implementation of a national law and/or constitutional guarantee on the right to information

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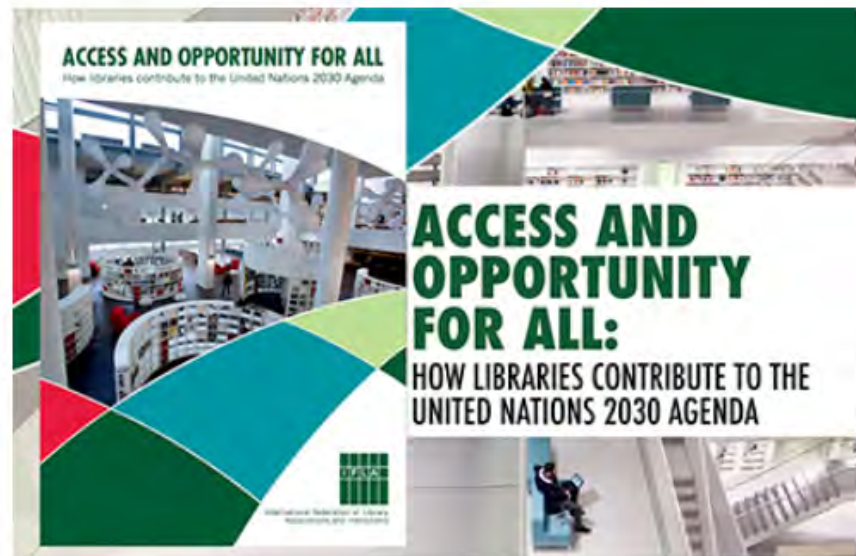
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※A provisional Japanese translation by Japanese Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities.
<https://www.ifla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/access-and-opportunity-for-all-ja.pdf>

*Act now to make sure
libraries are included
in your country's national
Development plans
for the SDGs!*

<https://www.ifla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/access-and-opportunity-for-all.pdf>

Access and Opportunity for All: How Libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda



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GOAL 4 ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Libraries are at the heart of schools, universities and colleges in every country around the world. Libraries support literacy programmes, provide a safe space for learning, and support researchers to reuse research and data to create new knowledge.

NETHERLANDS

Boekstart² works with day care and healthcare centres, public libraries and the first two years of primary school to provide books and literacy training to 75,000 children aged 0-4 per year. The programme is supported by national and local government, and aims to establish long-term collaboration between organisations that support children's literacy.

SWEDEN

Malmö City Library works to overcome the digital divide and encourage social inclusion and sustainability. The library's Learning Centre offers courses called "Get Started!", where digitally inexperienced users learn how to open email accounts, get better acquainted with the Internet and adjust privacy settings. The library has many immigrant visitors, especially unaccompanied minors who can access tools designed to improve literacy and help them with their homework.³

SINGAPORE

National Library Board Singapore (NLB) engages local Singaporeans through programmes and services—both within and outside libraries—via physical and digital platforms across the country. NLB also pays special attention to populations that lack mobility and face difficulties in getting to libraries. NLB has worked with partners to provide customised programmes and mobile library buses that enable special needs schools, orphanages and care homes to have access to library collections and services. These services are to a large extent the same as those offered by a physical library, such as good collections, borrowing and returning services, librarian assistance and storytelling programmes.¹⁰



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GOAL 5 ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Libraries support gender equality by providing safe meeting spaces, programmes for women and girls on rights and health, and ICT and literacy programmes support women to build their entrepreneurial skills.

UGANDA

The National Library of Uganda has an ICT training program designed for female farmers,¹¹ providing access in local languages to weather forecasts, crop prices, and support to set up online markets. This programme increases the economic well-being of women through technology skills.

NEPAL



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GOAL 6 ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

GOAL 7 ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL



Libraries provide public access to information on water, energy usage and sanitation. Many public and community libraries around the world are the only place where people can get reliable access to light and electricity to read, study and apply for a job.

HONDURAS

San Juan Plaines Community Library plays a central role in bringing safe drinking water to the entire community via a water treatment project they established in the town's central square.¹³

UNITED KINGDOM

At libraries in Croydon, Derby and other cities across the UK, users are able to borrow energy monitors to find out which electrical appliances use a lot of energy, enabling people to change and reduce their energy use.¹⁴



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GOAL 14 CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

GOAL 15 PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS

Libraries are sustainable institutions; they share resources in the community and internationally and ensure everyone has access to information. All libraries play a significant role in providing access to data, research and knowledge that supports informed research and public access to information about climate change, and a key role in the preservation of indigenous knowledge – which includes local decision-making about fundamental aspects of life including hunting, fishing, land use, and water management.

UNITED STATES

The Biodiversity Heritage Library is an ongoing open access digital library for biodiversity literature including more than 46 million pages from over 170,000 volumes of biodiversity literature published from the 15th to the 21st centuries in over 40 languages. Scientists are using the data to identify new species, map population and ecosystem developments, and inform future climate change models. Such data can be used to inform policies related to conservation, sustainable development, and responsible resource management. The collection ensures that everyone, everywhere, has access to the information they need to study and save Earth's species and ecosystems.²⁵

SINGAPORE

The National Library Board Singapore (NLB) has worked with sponsors to build a Children's Green Library that provides special collections on environmental conservation and interactive public education programmes, notably aimed at helping children understand climate change. Much of the building is also made of recycled materials, confirming the conservation message. In developing and operating its network of libraries, NLB ensures they follow good practices in energy and resource consumption, and minimise waste. The flagship National Library Building has achieved the Green Mark Platinum Award in 2013 from the Building and Construction Authority of Singapore.²⁶



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Toolkit: Libraries and implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda



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Libraries and implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda

IFLA Action for Development through Libraries programme
October 2015: First version

Note: This toolkit **updates and replaces** the toolkit on Libraries and the post-2015 development agenda (January 2015). The earlier toolkit remains online for reference purposes.

Introduction: How to use this toolkit

Libraries make an important contribution to development. The purpose of this toolkit is to support advocacy for the inclusion of libraries and access to information as part of national and regional development plans that will contribute to meeting *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* (“UN 2030 Agenda”).

<https://www.ifla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/assets/hq/topics/libraries-development/documents/libraries-un-2030-agenda-toolkit.pdf>



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How to get involved?

- **Use the SDGs as a framework for thinking about your contribution to development:** look through the 17 goals – and the 169 targets – and think about how your work helps to deliver these. Think also about how you can explain this contribution to others, in a clear and convincing way – your idea could become an SDG Story!
- **Advocating with government decision-makers** is essential now to secure recognition for the role of libraries as engines of development – in key policy and strategy documents (such as national development plans), and to ensure that libraries receive the resources needed to continue this work.
- **Take part in Voluntary National Reviews:** every few years, countries prepare and submit a review of their work to implement the SDGs. This offers an opportunity both to create connections, and to highlight the work of libraries. See our [briefing] on Voluntary National Reviews for more.
- **Raising awareness in the library community and beyond** (through events, social media, websites, blogs, mailing lists) to show libraries' contribution to development. Make use of resources available on the IFLA website for this purpose.

Take action now so that libraries have a say. Everyone in the library community and beyond can help promote the role of libraries as supporters of development, with the Sustainable Development Goals providing an excellent framework for this work.

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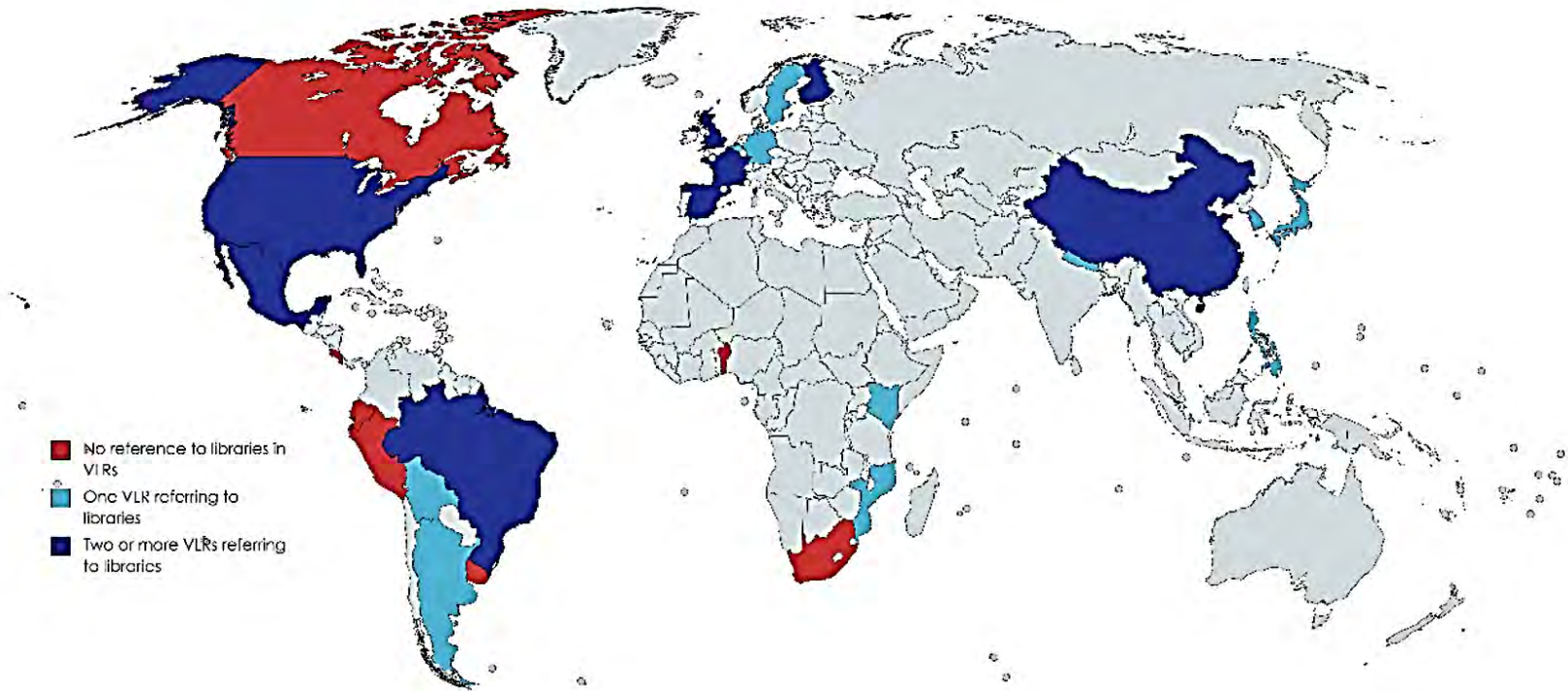
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Libraries in Voluntary Local Review





SDG Voluntary National Reviews

What they are, and why libraries should engage

- 1) Voluntary National Reviews are a way for UN Member States to report on national progress towards the SDGs*
- 2) They should be prepared in consultation with all actors, including civil society (and so libraries)*
- 3) They are an opportunity for libraries to highlight their contribution to development and build new relationships and partnerships*

Introduction

The UN's 2030 Agenda is not just about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also includes a major focus on creating measures and processes to monitor progress. This brief looks at how one key element of this – voluntary national reviews of Member States' progress towards achieving the SDGs – can represent an opportunity for libraries.



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Libraries in Voluntary National Reviews

IFLA has produced a series of materials about libraries in Voluntary Reviews, including analysis of their inclusion in reports to date, an overall briefing, and a month-by-month guide to participation.

A key feature of the United Nations 2030 Agenda are Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). These are an opportunity for countries to report on their progress towards delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals, and for their peers to ask questions and make suggestions.

Engaging in the process of preparing VNRs is not only an opportunity for libraries to receive recognition for the work they are doing, but also to seek new commitments and to broaden their networks. Successes strengthen the field as a whole, by providing references.

No Sustainable Local Development without Culture: Looking forward to the 4th UCLG Culture Summit

06 September 2021

The fourth Culture Summit, organised by United Cities and Local Governments, will take place on 9-11 September in Izmir, Turkey, under the theme 'Culture shaping the future'. IFLA Secretary General Gerald Leitner will participate, underlining how libraries are central to these efforts.



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LIBRARY MAP OF THE WORLD
 Selected library performance metrics provide national level library data across all types of libraries in all regions of the world. Adjust map view settings to search by country and explore worldwide totals.


							
Number of Libraries	Libraries with Internet Access	Full-Time Staff	Volunteers	Registered Users	Physical Visits	Physical Loans	Electronic Loans


WORLDWIDE TOTALS +	2.6 M	382,037	1.6 M	900,125	1,104.5 M	5,885.9 M	8,006.1 M	13,406.9 M
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Academic School
 Public Other

COUNTRY DATA

Japan

 **Japan**

 **42,894**
Total Libraries

LIBRARY TYPE	TOTAL	YEAR
National	36	2019
Academic	1,519	2019
Public	3,360	2018
Community	-	-
School	37,979	2016
Other	-	-

0.1% 3.5% 7.8% 88.5%

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N/A: Not Applicable - : No Data 0: Zero



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-  Data Available
-  No Country Data

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS & LIBRARIES

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a framework of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) spanning economic, environmental and social development. SGD stories demonstrate how libraries and access to information contribute to improved outcomes across all SDGs. Select a country to see relevant stories.

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SDG STORIES

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32 Countries
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Select a country to view stories.

GOAL 1. No Poverty
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GOAL 5. Gender Equality

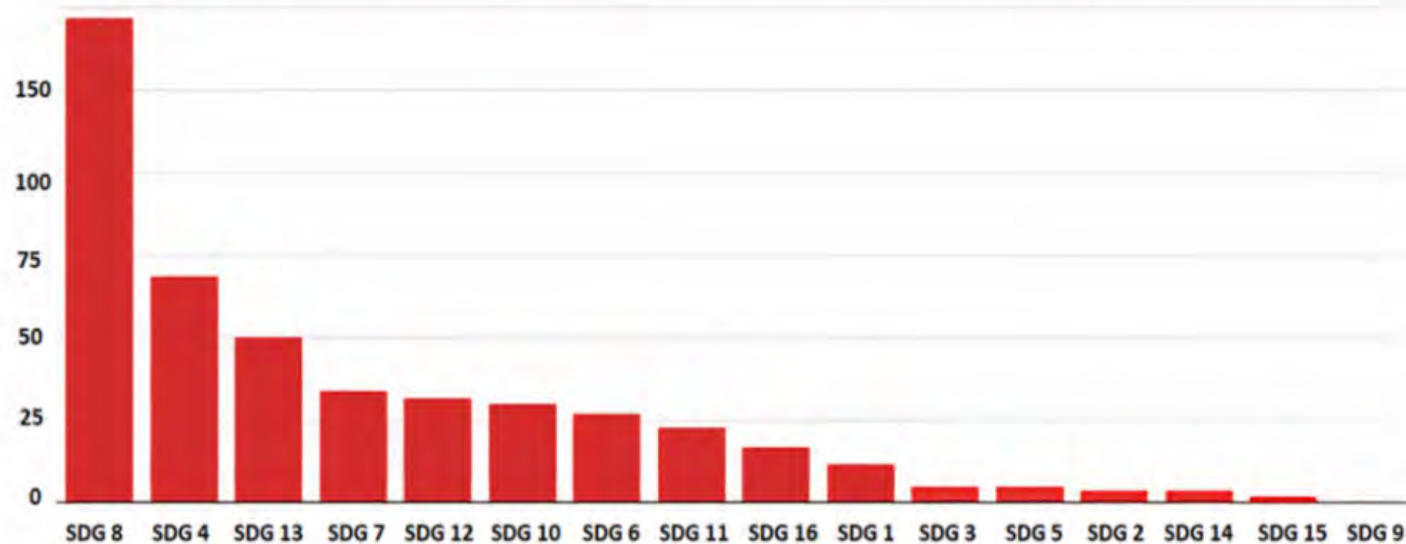


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Which SDGs are German libraries addressing?



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Germany



Relevant SDGs



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STADTBIBLIOTHEK BREMEN PROVIDES FUTURE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFUGEES AND OTHER NEWCOMERS

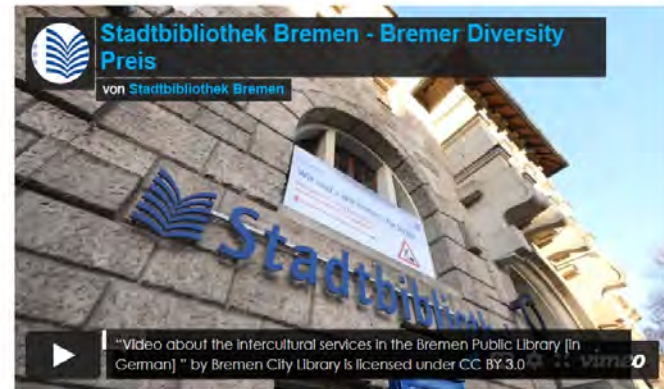


In 2010, the Bremen City Library (*Stadtbibliothek Bremen*) anchored a diversity strategy in its mission statement. The Library expanded its intercultural offerings to patrons, carried out an extensive series of training courses for intercultural openness for all employees and implemented a staff position for diversity management. For these endeavours, in 2015, the Library was awarded the Bremen Diversity Prize.

Even though the library excelled in serving its population, the community's cultural diversity was not represented in the library team. In 2015, 28% of the Bremen population held a migrant background, the Bremen public service rate was around 13% of employees, and the library's rate was only at 2.5%.

It can be challenging for people with a migrant background to enter skilled professions, such as librarianship, especially if they speak little German. Applicants must speak and read German at a B1-level before institutions will offer a job on contract, and applicants must have qualified vocational training to secure a position that is paid an appropriate, living wage. Labour and residence laws pose additional challenges for refugees in Germany, as many young people are not offered trainings without a determined residence status.

In 2014, the city of Bremen developed a project called "Future Training Opportunities" (*Zukunftschance Ausbildung*), targeted to help those with refugee status gain entry-level qualification (*EQ, Einstiegsqualifizierung*) with accompanying language lessons and socio-educational support. In addition to



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