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IFLA Global Vision Session

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Four Domes Pavilion

Tuesday, 22 August

IFLA GLOBAL VISION SESSION

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11.00 - 11.20	Part I: Introductions Welcome from the IFLA President, Donna Scheeder Welcome from the IFLA President-Elect, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón Introduction from the IFLA Secretary General, Gerald Leitner
11.20 – 11.30	IFLA National Libraries Standing Committee (NLSC) Global Vision Results of the IFLA NLSC Global Vision Report, by the Chair of the IFLA NLSC, Guy Berthiaume
11.30 - 12.30	Part II: Your vote matters! <i>Facilitator: Gerald Leitner, IFLA Secretary General</i>
12.30	Closing remarks Final words from IFLA President, IFLA President-Elect and IFLA Secretary General End of the session

VERY IMPORTANT

To fully participate in the Global Vision session during the CDNL Meeting, we ask you to

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Free Wi-Fi will be available on the spot.

Website & Social Media

Please visit the IFLA Global vision website:
<https://globalvision.ifla.org/>

We encourage you to use social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) during the meeting. Please tag your posts with **#iflaGlobalVision**.

Invitation to a global conversation

On 22 August 2017, you'll be taking part in a design meeting of the IFLA Global Vision project, which has engaged the library community in the development of a global vision for the future of libraries.

The challenges facing the library field from the ever-increasing globalisation can only be met and overcome by an inclusive, global response from a united library field.

IFLA's Global Vision discussion brings together thousands of representatives of the library field worldwide to explore how a connected library field can meet the challenges of the future.

IFLA launches and facilitates this global discussion through a series of high-level meetings and workshops in different parts of the world following the kick-off event in Athens, Greece. Representatives of 140 countries engaged in the discussions during six regional meetings organised by IFLA: in Washington D.C., Yaoundé, Alexandria, Buenos Aires, Singapore and Madrid. The workshops have focused on how to strengthen the ties within the library field, helped identify future challenges and opportunities for the library field, and prioritise actions that the library environment could take in response to the fast-pacing changes in societies.

Numerous meetings and online threads under #iflaGlobalVision led by librarians from all over the world are building on the momentum started in Athens. They are focused on a set of questions designed through a collaborative process, e.g. What are the core values of libraries? What are libraries exceptionally good at? What are the main challenges to libraries? What would be the characteristics of a united library field? The meetings follow a similar format and resource packages supporting the organization, facilitation and promotion of the Global Vision discussions are available on the Global Vision website: <https://globalvision.ifla.org/>.

In order to make the participation in the discussion even easier, an online voting platform based on the outcomes of the regional meetings will be available on this website following its launch in August during IFLA's World Library and Information Congress in Wrocław, Poland. The platform will include the same set of questions used in the regional and self-facilitated meetings and the survey answer options will be based on the outcome of the regional meetings in six continents.

Conclusions from this conversation along with voting data will then be gathered and analysed by IFLA. This unique material will provide a basis for the IFLA Global Vision report which will be published in early 2018. Based on the report, the library field will develop concrete work plans on how to put our collective vision of the future into practice.

We firmly believe that only a unified and connected library field will be able to fulfil one of the true potentials of libraries: to build literate, informed and participative societies.

Together we create the future. Join us!

Preparation

In preparation for the meeting, you should:

- Reassess why you work in the library field: Why do you think your work is important? How do you see your work in the future?
- Read [IFLA's Trend Report](#) along with its updates as well as other relevant publications about libraries and the trends and developments affecting them.

Values for the global conversation

Throughout the workshop and the Global Vision project, the values of IFLA and the legacy partners will guide the process:

- **LEARNING** – We believe that knowledge and expertise to transform the field exists everywhere
- **TRANSFORMATION** – We believe the need for change in the field is imperative
- **COLLABORATION** – We believe working with others is critical to success
- **TRANSPARENCY** – We believe open processes result in sustained engagement, trust, and impact
- **INCLUSION** – We believe inclusion and diversity are sources of strength

These values are reflected in the design of the workshop and Global Vision project.

IFLA Secretary General
Gerald Leitner