



**IFLA - Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania  
(IFLA - RSCAO)  
Bi-annual Sub-Regional Report  
[Reporting Period: September 2019 – March 2020]**

Sub-region: West Asia Convener: Cendrella Habre

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**I. Achievements in the key roles and responsibilities as sub-regional convener:**

- A. Promotion of IFLA and IFLA-RSCAO and its programs and activities in the sub-region (Please provide details):  
Organized a workshop entitled IFLA Global Vision Lebanese Session in order to acquire insights and views of Lebanese librarians to contribute to the idea store.
- B. Encourage professional colleagues in the sub-region to join IFLA and its activities (Please provide details):
- C. Work closely with the Regional Office and organizers, if a country in the sub-region has been selected to host the mid-term meeting (Please provide details):
- Submitted an application to host the RSCAO Mid-term Meeting & Seminar in 2020 – Event cancelled due to the situation in Beirut.
  - Organizing collaboration between IFLA-RSCAO and LLA during the LLA 2020 Conference – Event cancelled as well for the same reason.
- D. Arrange and upload photos and short write-ups of activities for the RSCAO Facebook page (Please Provide details):
- E. Other activities, if any (Please provide details):
- II. Brief details with links to information where available, of two **(2) most impactful activities in each country** in the sub-region, for example, activities of: library association/s; different types of libraries; library studies programs; any conferences, workshops or seminars and so on. Please add more rows, etc. as required.

Country	Activities	Impact
Lebanon	<p>ESCWA headquarters - Beirut - Lebanon on October 7, 2019 <b>Details:</b> The Lebanese Library Association, in cooperation with ESCWA, held a seminar on “United Nations Library and Information Network for Knowledge Sharing and the Lebanese Library Association: open dialogue”.</p> <p>USEK University, March 28-29, 2019 <b>Details:</b> The LLA held a workshop on the</p>	

<p>LLA's International Presence</p>	<p>Seven Steps Group for Advocacy. Attendees were Librarian and Information Specialist from different institutions.</p> <p>Open Dialog forum: UN Library &amp; information Network for Sharing Knowledge (UNLINKS) &amp; LLA, UN House, Beirut, Lebanon October 7, 2019  <b>Details:</b> Open dialogue focused on how MENA Libraries can play a vital role in supporting the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.</p> <p>Athens, Greece: IFLA Congress 2019: President's Session in Athens on 26 August 2019  <b>Details:</b> Ms. Randa Al Chidiac was invited to give a short presentation during IFLA President's Session in the 85<sup>th</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly. She spoke on the LLA experience and projects with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in order to improve library services, and to improve the position of libraries in society as a whole.</p> <p>Library of Alexandria, Egypt: On behalf of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Dr. Fawz Abdallah, LLA President, attended the IFLA Regional Workshop on Strategies for Stronger Libraries in the Middle East and North Africa Region., November 12-13, 2019</p>	<p>The Open dialogue forum gave the space for libraries from the hosting country to share experiences and projects that support the UN 2030 SDG Agenda. The floor was then given to different suppliers and publishers to inform how their companies are supporting access to research published in the Arab world through about their products, platforms, and open access initiatives. Moreover, the sessions highlighted the challenges facing the region nowadays whether political, financial, the lack of collaboration etc. However, the SDG's can be manner by which librarians can play a role in looking for tools to let credible information be accessible to all.</p> <p>Input from the different part of the world is very important to succeed in the said IFLA initiative.</p>
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Oman	<p>The Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat from March 3 to 5, 2019</p> <p><b>Details:</b> The Arab Union Catalog in cooperation with Sultan Qaboos University held a specialized workshop entitled "Bibliographical indexing of the book according to the rule standard of MARC 21 and the standardized Arab Union Catalog practices"</p>	
Italy	<p>Malcolm conference, Italy, May 2019</p> <p><b>Details:</b> The LLA participated in the Malcolm conference that was held in Italy in May 2019, and it was agreed to hold the conference in Lebanon in the year 2023.</p>	
Tunisia	<p>AFLI conference, Tunisia, October 28-31, 2019</p> <p><b>Details:</b> The Arab federation of Library and association (AFLI) held the 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference entitled " Arab Information and Knowledge Institutions: Roles and Social Responsibility" in Djerba Island-Tunisia between 28-31 October 2019.</p>	