

IFLA REGIONAL SECTION FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA
Strategic Planning Report
September 2019 – February 2020

Introduction

Following the IFLA WLIC Conference in Athens, I took over from Cendrella Habre as Convenor of the Strategic Planning Committee Sub-Committee. Thanks to Cendrella, for leading the initial work on the Action Plan.

Action Plan 2019-2020

The immediate priority was to progress work on the Action Plan 2019-2020. With feedback from members of the Committee, the Focus Areas of the Action Plan were narrowed down from three to two:

1. Develop an advocacy document on how libraries in the Asia Oceania region support the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals
2. To create awareness about IFLA to new members and engage them in IFLA activities

The Action Plan was finalised and submitted to IFLA HQ on time by 15 October 2019.

SDG Stories from the Asia and Oceania Region

Following the completion of the Action Plan, considerable time has been spent in realising Focus Area 1. We have been very pleased to collaborate with IFLA HQ in revising the submission form for the IFLA Library Map of the World and developing a new, simplified form to collect SDG stories from the Asia and Oceania region. IFLA have helped us set the form up in Survey Gizmo and the link has been widely distributed around the region: through mailing lists, social media, and through committee members as well as all IFLA members in the Asia and Oceania region. The intention is to obtain a case study from every country of our region, and at least each area represented on our committee, for each of the 17 SDGs.

The final aim is to develop a booklet of SDG stories from Asia and Oceania. The timelines were outlined as follows:

- Submissions were open from January 2020
Deadline for submission: 31 March
Production of booklet: April – July 2020
Launch of booklet: August 2020

An implementation has been set up to oversee the project led by Premila Gamage, with support from Vicki McDonald and Winston Roberts. Stories have been coming in steadily but the deadline is looming so please continue to help us distribute the form far and wide around the region.

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