



**IFLA - Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania
(IFLA - RSCAO)
Bi-annual Sub-Regional Report
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Sub-region: West Asia Convener: Cendrella Habre

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

Please refer to the table below.

- A. Arrange and upload photos and short write-ups of activities for the RSCAO Facebook page (Please Provide details):
 - B. 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.

Date	Activities	Speaker / Coordinator
May 16, 2020	Arab Union Catalog (KSA): Webinar: Despite COVID-19 ... librarians Continue Providing Digital Reference Services	LLA Board Members: Imad Bachir & Randa Al Chidiac
May 19, 2020	Al-Absiyah Library (Iraq): Webinar: Role of Arab Library Association during COVID-19	LLA Board Member: Randa Al Chidiac
May 20, 2020 - Ongoing	Task Force to discuss the current Lebanese Copyright Law with Head of IPP Office, Ministry Of Economy and Trade	LLA Board Members
May 28, 2020	Al-Absiyah Library (Iraq): Webinar: Role of Librarians in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals	LLA Board Member: Randa Al Chidiac
June 04, 2020	Webinar: Literature Review Process	LLA Member: Maud Stephan-Hachem
June 07, 2020	Survey: Response of Lebanese Libraries' during COVID-19	LLA Members: Ola El Zein & Fatme Charafeddine,
June 16, 2020	Webinar: Reopening Libraries: Going Back to Work Safely	LLA Members: Cendrella Habre & Carla Chalhoub
August 6, 2020 - Ongoing	Relief response to blast disaster 1. Coordinating with IFLA, IFLA PAC, Blue Shield, ALIPH, and other international institutions	LLA Board Members

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Coordinating with Blue Shield Lebanon as the first response unit and drafting the Structural Assessment Report 3. Implementing a Needs Assessment Survey: Collection and Facilities 4. Donating to 3 Lebanese establishments to offer financial support 5. Coordinating with QNL to offer support Lebanese libraries in providing access to several electronic resources 6. Coordinating with UNESCO Lebanon to offer financial and professional assistance to Lebanese libraries in the blast zone 	
August 13, 2020	QNL (Qatar): Webinar: Libraries and the Pandemic: Preparing, Planning and Providing Services	LLA Board Member: Randa Al Chidiac