

IFLA REGIONAL SECTION FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA
Strategic Planning Report
November 2020 – February 2021

- **Action Plan 2020-2021**

The RSCAO Action Plan for 2020-2021 was completed and submitted to IFLA in December 2020 with two Focus Areas:

- Focus Area 1: *Develop an advocacy document on how libraries in the Asia Oceania region support the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals*, was held over from the 2019-2020 Action Plan, but split into two stages. See details below.
- Focus Area 2 was added: *Monitor and address current and emerging issues of concern to libraries in Asia and Oceania, and disseminate information about those issues.*

- **SDG Stories from the Asia and Oceania Region**

Update from November 2020

As previously reported, the range and depth of the original submissions was disappointing. A further call sent to countries where no submissions had been received in November, was unsuccessful. The Working Group agreed to split the project into two stages: to collate the data from the original stories selected and release it as a booklet sooner rather than later; and to identify further ways of collecting stories from countries not represented.

Update to November 2020 (as reported on at November meeting)

A sub-group of the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee - the RSCAO SDG Stories Working Group, made up of: Premila Gamage, Jayshree Mamtora, Vicky McDonald and Winston Roberts, has focused its energies on working on this project. The details of the project initially, were widely distributed through mailing lists, social media, and through committee members as well as all IFLA members in the Asia and Oceania region.

Due to world events overtaking our lives, priorities and our timelines, the deadline for submission of stories was revised and extended, and eventually, a total of 44 submissions were received. However, we have not been able to use many of these submissions due to incomplete data, or in some cases, the unsuitability of the story.

Currently, each one of the RSCAO sub-regions is represented with *at least* one story. However, our sub-regions are large, and it would be more representative to include further countries from the sub-regions. A call has been made out for further submissions, with a deadline of 22 November.

The final aim is to develop an online booklet of SDG stories from Asia and Oceania, produced as a pdf. The LIANZA team have come on board to help us with the production of the booklet.

We plan to release the booklet by the end of the year.

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