



IFLA Law Libraries Section.

Strategic Plan 2010-2015

Mission. As an international policy forum for all law librarians, the Section on Law Libraries:

- promotes understanding and cooperation among law libraries, and increases awareness of the value and importance of law libraries to the world;
- encourages growth in the development of new law libraries, with a particular focus on emerging nations;
- fosters the profession of law librarianship and legal research competencies worldwide;
- develops professional standards and practices;
- and provides leadership in the field of legal information policy, recognizing that equitable and permanent public access to authentic legal information is a necessary requirement for a just and democratic society worldwide.

Goal 1 [IFLA Goal 1a].

To promote access to free legal information as a basic human right.

Actions:

1. Each member will advocate in their country to encourage governments to make their laws available free, official, authenticated, and sustainable.
2. Measure with an index which countries are leaders in making their laws authenticated. Promote good practices and feature model countries.
3. Sponsor programs which measure progress in various countries of the world.

Goal 2 (IFLA Goal 3a).

To advance professional knowledge of law librarianship worldwide.

Actions:

1. Consider training programs for librarians in emerging countries who do not have library schools.
2. Emphasize online education and free open access sources.
3. Focus on specific issues that all librarians have in common and that encourage comparisons.

Goal 3 (IFLA Goal 4a). To develop information literacy in law by promoting legal research competencies.

Actions:

1. Support IFLA capacity with strategic alliances, and offer joint programs with other sections
2. Offer programs on legal research for non-lawyers.
2. Create a network of experts in law to help associations from other countries.

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