



IFLA Council resolution on World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

IFLA Council, meeting in Berlin on 8th August 2003, passed the following resolution on the World Summit on the Information Society.

World Summit for the Information Society

Whereas the World Summit for the Information Society offers a unique opportunity for the library community to be recognized as the heart of the information society,

And whereas IFLA has already devoted a great amount of work to influence the draft declaration and plan of action of the World Summit for the Information Society,

Therefore be it resolved that library associations and institutions are urged to advocate to their government representatives to the World Summit for the Information Society for libraries as a global public good,

And be it resolved that IFLA calls upon all governments to address the growing gap between the information rich and the information poor, and promote library development programs for poor rural and urban populations, literacy instruction through libraries, and the strengthening of library education programs,

And be it resolved that IFLA urges governments to eliminate fees for basic services broadly construed, assist in developing local content for electronic information services, and provide equitable access to the Internet,

And be it resolved that this resolution be sent to all national library associations and government delegations to the World Summit for the Information Society.

Proposed by: Carla Hayden, President, the American Library Association, Robert Moropa, President, the Library and Information Association of South Africa, and Barry Cropper, Chair, Executive Board of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (UK).

This resolution was carried without dissent.

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