International relations and the development agenda

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About FOBID
Netherlands Library Forum

- Umbrella organisation of all national Library Associations

- Includes public, Higher Education, University libraries, National Library, library and information specialists

- National and International advocacy, copyright

- International Relations

- Office in National Library

- The Hague - World Library Capital (network)
International Office

— International visits, programmes
— Queries about Library landscape in The Netherlands
— Mediation: finding a Dutch speaker, expert for International conference abroad
— 2x a year: International Matters Update for NL colleagues
— International projects/development
International Development

• Case study: Biblioneef in Ghana

• UN Development agenda, role of libraries

• Biblioneef: every child should have access to books

• Non profit, partly volunteer organisation

• New books, on requests of schools and libraries

• Biblioneef NL based in National Library (KB)

• (learning exchange in KB’s coffee corner …)
Biblionef in various countries

- France, Netherlands, South Africa, Caribbean and also Ghana

- Ghana, set up in 2013, local representative, P. Arthur (served in Ghana Library Association, GLA)

- 2013-2014 Biblionef distributed 12,000, access for 40,000 children

- GLA president sets up Reading Clubs, with book donations by Biblionef.

- Reading clinics by Patricia Arthur

- 8 schools in NKwantanang benefit from cooperation
Questions regarding development/donation projects

- Biblionef: looking for increased impact
- Are books well used?
- Absence of Reading Culture, trained teachers, trained Library staff
- Practice: training 1-2 teachers from every school: in 2 years: 80 had a two-day training.
- Support during 3 year programme
Sustainability

- The need for trained staff
- Resources?
- Strategic aim
- Local self support, responsibility, sustainability
- Investment in materials, knowledge, experience
Cooperation

- Need for trained professionals locally
- Cooperation with association of professionals
- Synergy for sustainable services
- Models for true cooperation between Library Associations, regarding development/Library projects
Alertness: UN 2030 development agenda

— Possibly increased popping up of projects related to books, reading, libraries, education in developing countries
— Increased need for professional input and guidance
— Role of librarians and their Associations
— Support of IFLA network?

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
IFLA - special interest: International relations

—National Organisations International Relations NOIR

—Checklist for International cooperation

—Checklist for International projects

—Missing: 'The other point of view' (non Western)

—Needed: feedback from other sections

—Needed: incorporation in overall strategy of Library Associations