

IFLA AFRICA SECTION

Strategic Plan: 2010 - 2011

Mission

To promote and support the advancement of the library and information profession and services in Africa in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Objective

The Africa Section exists among other things to:

1. Promote and strengthen Library Associations, the profession and Library/ Information Services in Africa.
2. Create and maintain links with other Sections of IFLA as well as related bodies/ institutions/organizations for the benefit of the profession and services in Africa

The Section has identified 7 Goals to help in realizing the above stated mission and objectives in the planned period. The Section furthermore identified three goals and associated priority activities in line with the IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015.

IFLA AFRICA SECTION PRIORITY ACTIVITIES: 2010-2012

The IFLA Africa Section 's three priority activities are outlined in the table below which demonstrates the relationship of each priority activity to the Strategic Direction, relevant Goals and Priority Activities in the IFLA Strategic Plan for 2010-2015.

IFLA Africa Section Priority Activity	IFLA Strategic Direction	Relevant goals	Priority Activities
Action 1: To collaborate with the LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG and other Sections in the presentation of a workshop at IFLA 2011 to develop curricula guidelines for developing countries. Section officers will meet and discuss with the SIG at Congress in Gothenburg and electronically the proposal to be submitted and scheduling thereof.	Transforming the profile and the standing of the profession	Goal 3b	Priority Activity 3.2
Action 2: To collaborate more closely with the Women's Information and special libraries Interest Group to identify groups working on women's issues. Outcome: List of Women's groups in diverse countries in Africa that can be used for advocating for and promotion of information on women's issues through libraries. A first phase of the list would be tabled at the mid-term meeting in February 2011.	Representing the interests of IFLA's members and their users throughout the world	Goal 4a/b/	Priority Activity 4.7
Action 3: To participate in the implementation of the BSLA in Cameroon and Botswana in 2010/2011 and by identifying further Library Associations in the region who would benefit from the programme and that would be able to extend the programme to countries surrounding them.	To implement the Building Strong Libraries Associations Programme	Goal 2d/2f	Priority Activity 2.4

GOAL 1

To promote and support the development of the profession in the region through the strengthening of Library Associations

Strategic Direction: To implement the Building Strong Libraries Associations Programme

Goal 2d/2f/Priority Activity 2.4

Outcome: Effective and strong library associations in the region

Actions

- 1.1. To implement the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) programme.
 - 1.1.1 To participate in the implementation of the BSLA in Cameroon and Botswana in 2010/2011 and by identifying further Library Associations in the region who would benefit from the programme and that would be able to extend the programme to countries surrounding them.
 - 1.1.2 To compile a directory of Library Associations in Africa

GOAL 2

To promote and support development programmes for information, reading and literacies in Africa

Strategic Direction: Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information.

Goal 1c/Priority Activity 3.2

Outcome: Increased awareness of the role of libraries in promoting literacy and reading and skills development in this area.

Actions

- 2.1 Organize a follow-up regional workshop to develop strategies for creating partnerships for promotion of literacy: Libraries, NGOs, ICTs, and Telecentres
- 2.2 Organize a follow-up regional workshop for public and school libraries on their new roles in society.
- 2.3 To create awareness on the role of libraries in promoting literacy and life-long learning through Library Associations and/or National Libraries.

GOAL 3

To promote the role of libraries in the Information Society

Strategic Direction: Representing the interests of IFLA's members and their users throughout the world.

Goal 4a, 4b, 4d/Priority Activity 4.1, 4.4, 4.7

Outcome: Follow-up MDG workshop in one of the regions in Africa during 2010/11.

Actions

- 3.1 To organize a follow-up workshop on MDGs in East or West Africa.
- 3.2 To plan a workshop on sustainability of electronic library services in public libraries: electronic infrastructure issues, costing, effective management.
- 3.3 Promote IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto.
- 3.4 To support efforts on closing the digital divide.

GOAL 4

To promote education and continuing professional development for the library and information profession in Africa

Strategic Direction: Transforming the profile and the standing of the profession

Goal 3b/Priority Activity 3.2

Outcome: Proposal submission for Congress 2011

Actions

- 4.1. To participate in the review of curricula in library schools in Africa to accommodate emerging developments.
- 4.2. To compile a Directory of Library and Information Science Schools in Africa.
- 4.3 To input information on Africa into the IFLA World Report and create a link between the Section's web page and the report.
- 4.4 To encourage the organization of at least one continuing professional development programme at the national level for LIS professionals.
- 4.5 To sponsor and support the ongoing activities of the Special Interest Group, LIS Education in Developing Countries

GOAL 5

To promote documentation and preservation of indigenous knowledge and to advocate for moral rights, intellectual property and copyright for indigenous knowledge

Strategic Direction: Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information.

Goal 1a, 1b, 1c, 1e Priority Activity 1.2, 1.31.5

Outcome: A set of guidelines for the digital preservation of IKS.

Action

- 5.1 To build capacity on the continent on digital preservation of indigenous knowledge and develop guidelines for digital preservation.

GOAL 6

To support the IFLA Presidential Theme of "Libraries: Driving Access to Knowledge"

Strategic Direction: Representing the interests of IFLA's members and their users throughout the world

Goal 4a/b/Priority Activity 4.7

Outcome: List of Women's groups in diverse countries in Africa that can be used for advocating for and promotion of information on women's issues through libraries. A first phase of the list would be tabled at the mid-term meeting in February 2011. To provide guidelines for advocacy to improve access to gender issues in libraries in Africa

Actions

- 6.1. To collaborate with all relevant groups to facilitate access to information on gender.
- 6.2 To collaborate more closely with the Women's Information and special libraries Interest Group to identify groups working on women's issues.
- 6.3 To support the attainment of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through library services in Africa.
- 6.4 To collaborate with all relevant groups to facilitate access to information on gender.
- 6.5 To promote the delivery of special services to disadvantaged groups, such as the learning impaired and people with other disabilities – to ensure equitable access for all.
- 6.6 To facilitate the collection, production, distribution and access to HIV/AIDS information.

GOAL-7

To promote free and unrestricted public access in Africa through libraries, information centres and the Internet to information from and about governments, international organisations, copyright holders and quasi-governmental organizations with public responsibilities, in order to assist African nations and peoples of all linguistic and cultural heritages in building free, democratic, peaceful and successful societies, based upon the rule of law, representative political institutions, equality of

economic opportunity, institutional transparency and freedom of expression; and to develop appropriate means of professional action and advocacy in support of this goal.

Strategic Direction: Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information.

Goals 1a/Priority Activity 1.1

Outcome: Dedicated E-mail list for and/or Blog for discussion of African information access issues

Actions

7.1 To sponsor, monitor and support the ongoing activities of the section's bilingual IFLA Special Interest Group known as Access to Information Network - Africa = Réseau d'accès à l'information en Afrique (ATINA/RAIA), in accord with the principles of the Addis Ababa resolution of the IFLA GIOPS - FAIFE – UNECA conference of 2006 which led to its formation.

7.2 To promote and assist the holding by the Convenor of ATINA/Président du RAIA and his or her advisory committee (communicating on IFLANET through ATINA-C) of frequent, though not necessarily annual, professional activities or programmes in connection with the IFLA World Library and Information Congresses.

7.3 To support the development in 2010-2011 of an effective, African-moderated, public IFLA e-mail communication list, ATINA-L, as part of IFLANET, with a view to the broad discussion of African information access issues and the future development of such other online tools, databases, and repositories as might facilitate the goals of ATINA/RAIA.

7.3 To seek sponsorship in connection with other concerned IFLA professional sections and external organisations in 2012 an ATINA/RAIA IFLA conference programme or satellite meeting on the topic of "Information for Civic Literacy".