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Global Multicultural leaders

Africa Library Summit 2013





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IFLA – the trusted global voice of libraries



Libraries – A force for change

Les bibliothèques – Une force pour le changement

Bibliotheken – Kräfte des Wandels

Las bibliotecas – una fuerza catalizadora del cambio

Библиотеки – сила, ведущая к переменам

مكتبات – دفعة نحو التغيير

图书馆 – 推动变革的力量

Presidential Theme

Ingrid Parent, *IFLA President 2011-2013*





IFLA – the global voice of libraries is

- The **leading international body** representing the interests of library and information services and their users
- Independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation with over 1400 members in nearly **150 countries**





Our Aims

- Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
- Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library & information services
- Represent the interests of our members throughout the world





Our Members

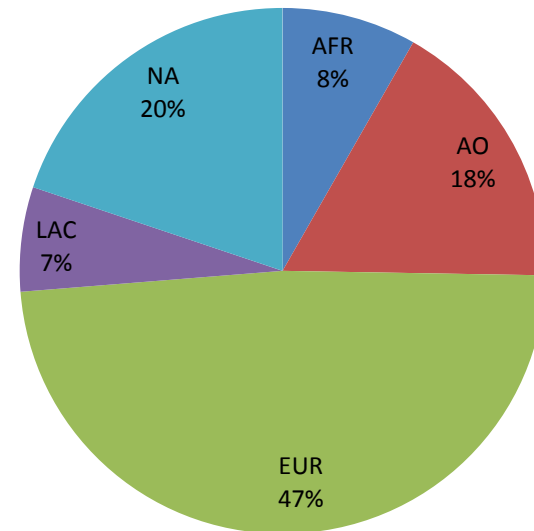
- Our membership includes Associations, Institutions, and Affiliates worldwide:
 - **Associations** of libraries, library and information professionals, and related professions
 - **Institutional members** providing services to, or delivering, library and information services
 - Individuals, who join as **Personal / Student / New Graduate** or **Non-Salaried Affiliates**



Our Members are our Intellectual Capital:

- 1451 Members
- 146 countries

IFLA Membership by Region

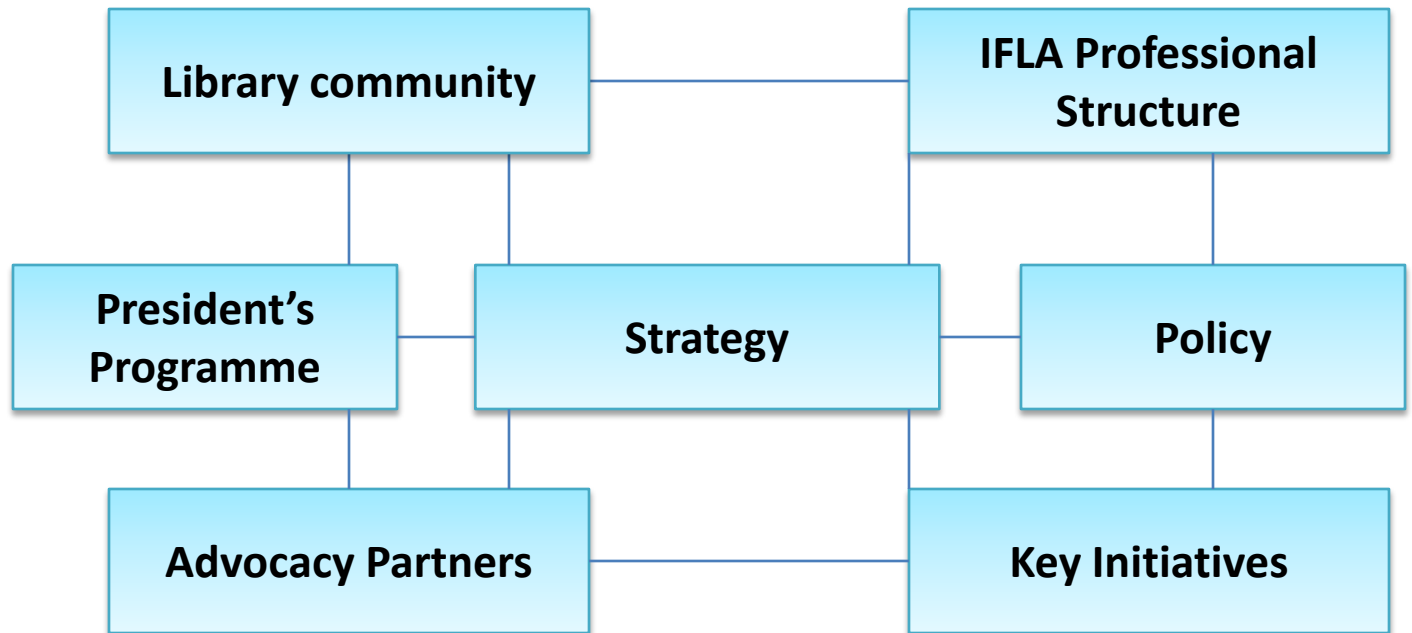


AFR = Africa; AO = Asia Oceania; EUR = Europe;
LAC = Latin America & Caribbean; NA = North America

(Data: 31. December 2012)



Freedom Equity Inclusion



Global Arena





Strategy and Key Initiatives

- Guided by our Strategic Plan 2010-2015 and Key Initiatives, we work to improve **access to information** and **cultural heritage** for the global community
- Our key initiatives include:
 - Access to digital content
 - International leadership
 - Outreach
 - Cultural heritage – disaster preparedness
 - Multilingualism





International leadership

- IFLA International Leaders Programme
 - Developing leaders who can effectively represent the wider library sector in the international arena, and within IFLA
- Building Strong Library Associations programme
 - Building the capacity of national and regional library associations to unite around a common platform for advocacy and development of the profession





Outreach for advocacy and development of the profession

- Strategic advocacy at major events and meetings
- Utilise local expertise and networks
- Capitalise on the changing dynamics of Civil Society
- Outside the comfort zone





IFLA Pathways for developing global leaders

- Participation in our professional structure of areas of practice and geographic regions
- IFLA Governing Board [19 members, 15 countries, 11 mother languages]
- IFLA / OCLC Jay Jordan Fellows
- IFLA Leaders Programme





Some attributes of global library leaders

- No one size fits all – need diversity
- Credibility
- Commit for the long term
- Can make things happen
- Tolerant to other views
- Consultative
- Network, nominate, know how
- Good judgment and political sense





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Africa – the hopeless continent

13 May 2000



The hopeless continent..?

- UN Security Council's month of Africa at the beginning of the 21st century
- initiatives were to be taken to better combat AIDS and prevent malaria
- some easing in trade agreements
- most of all - the necessity for the UN to do more to prevent corruption and crimes against humanity; to secure peace, and put warlords on trial in the many countries being torn apart
- Otherwise it says, progress in Africa will be very slow.





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A decade later - Africa rising

[3 December 2011]



...optimism

- Six of the world's ten fastest-growing countries were African
- In eight of those years, Africa grew faster than East Asia, including Japan, and continues to grow as the northern hemisphere growth slows down
- The rate of foreign investment has soared around tenfold
- Productivity is growing by nearly 3% a year, compared with 2.3% in America



Optimism....

- Growth through the commodities boom, but also through –
- the favourable demographic growth with half of the increase in the world's population over the next 40 years expected to be in Africa
- growth in the manufacturing and service economies aided by improved trade provisions [trade not just aid]
- and increased consumerism by a fast-growing middle class





Opportunities...

- As UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his message for Africa Day 2011 “... Africa is the world’s youngest continent; 70 per cent of the population is under the age of 30. Despite advances in education and economic growth, progress remains fragile, inequalities are widespread and young Africans face major difficulties in finding decent jobs and participating in decision-making.”



Africa the young continent

- 70 percent of the African population is under the age of 30
- High potential through education, training and creativity



The mobile revolution in Africa

- Access to education, finance, health, agriculture, as well as helping to bridge the gender gap with the help of mobile phone
- Africa has more than 600 million mobile-phone users more than America or Europe. Around a tenth of Africa's land mass is covered by mobile-internet services—a higher proportion than in India





African Librarianship

- African librarianship is about the future – innovative services, entrepreneurship and community leadership
- The agenda is there for enabling communities to fully participate in decision-making, to work with entrepreneurs for content creation and service delivery, to assist in providing quality education services, to bring communities together, to generate and protect cultural heritage, and to provide public access to information as a human right





In the global arena this all adds up to increased influence in advocacy, policy development and agenda setting.



African global leaders – IFLA Presidents

- Kay Raseroka, 2003 – 2005
- Ellen Tise, 2009 – 2011



Key Initiative 2 – International Leadership

- African leaders in IFLA's leader group:
 - Sarah Kaddu, National Library of Uganda
 - Kgomotso Radijeng, Botswana Productivity Commission
 - Rosemary Shafack, University of Buea, Cameroon
 - Victoria Okojie, Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria
 - Dina Youssef, IFLA Centre For Arabic Speaking Libraries, Egypt





Leaders Programme projects

- Securing copyright limitations and exceptions for libraries globally
- Open access through libraries
- Access to digital content (eLending focus)
- Libraries as agents for development
- Models for successful regional collaboration for advocacy



Africans drive change at WIPO

- The African Group is one of the main driving forces for exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives at the World Intellectual Property Organisation



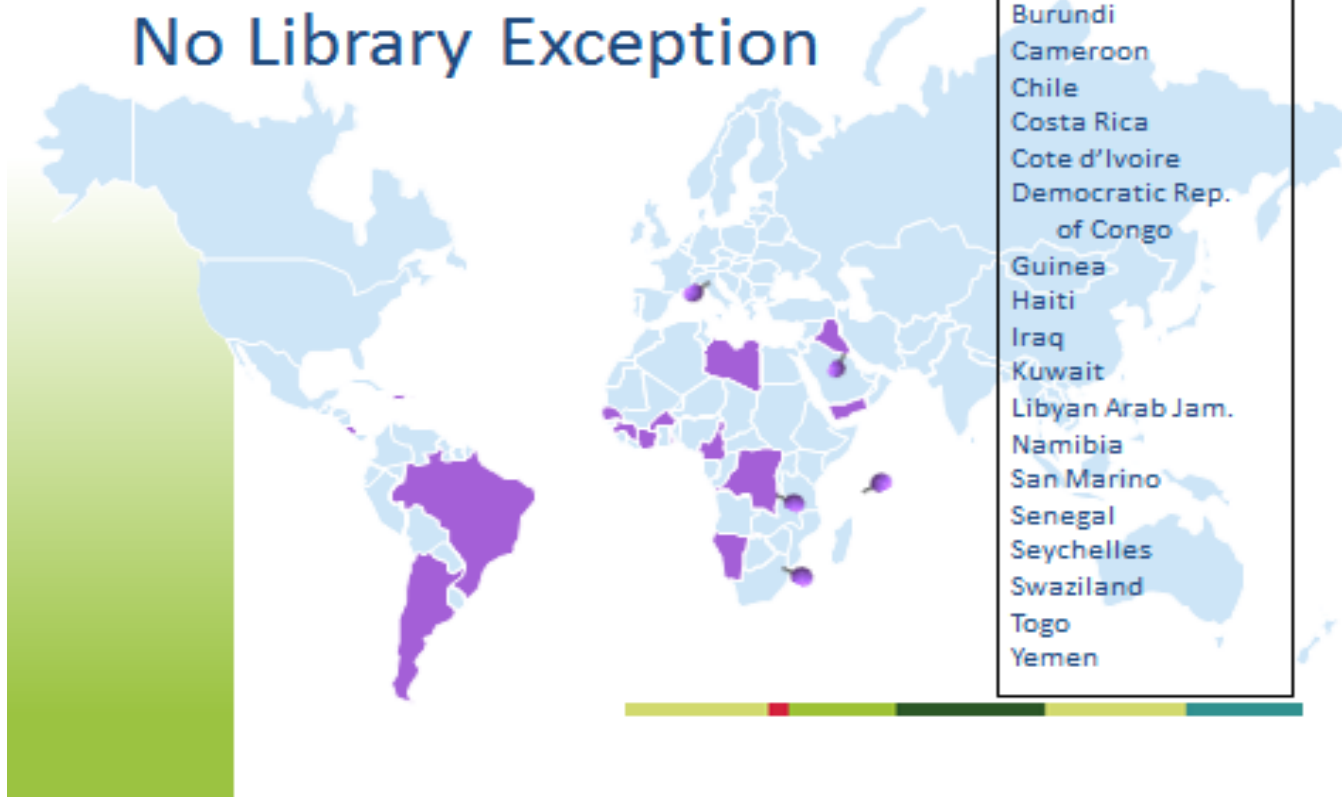


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No Library Exception



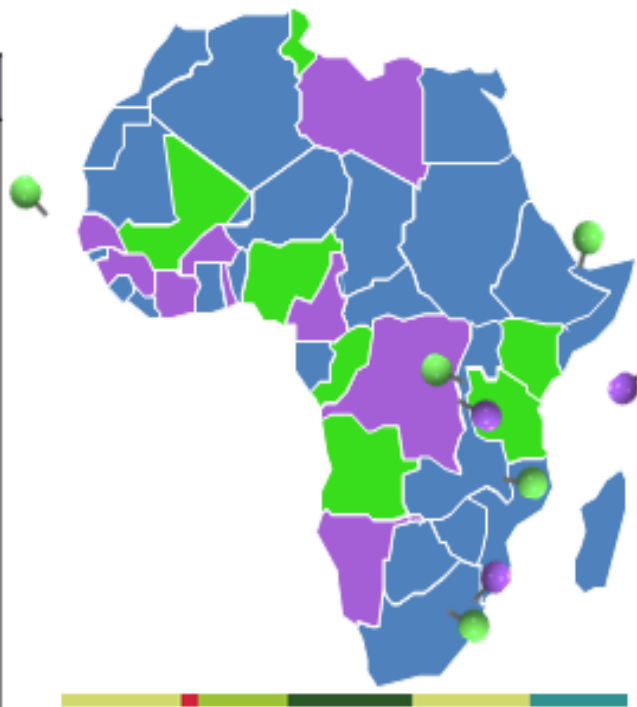
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- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Democratic Rep. of Congo
- Guinea
- Haiti
- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Libyan Arab Jam.
- Namibia
- San Marino
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Swaziland
- Togo
- Yemen

Library exceptions



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General	None
Angola	Burkina Faso
Cape Verde	Burundi
Congo	Cameroon
Djibouti	Cote d'Ivoire
Kenya	Democratic Rep. of Congo
Lesotho	Guinea
Malawi	Libyan Arab Jam.
Mali	Namibia
Nigeria	Senegal
Rwanda	Seychelles
Tunisia	Swaziland
Tanzania	Togo





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Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA)

- Very successful in Cameroon and Botswana





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Thank you,

...go to the horizon and what do you
see beyond?

