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1. Welcome and Apologies

Loida Garcia-Febo, MLAS Chair welcomed and thanked all the current Standing Committee Members, New Standing Committee Members, and NPSIG Co-Convener for their attendance today. MLAS Chair informed that Vidar Lund, Dijana, Ruijuan, Halo Locher, Evviva, Magdalena, and other Standing Committee Members not present today send their apologies. The meeting today is for the current MLAS Standing Committee Members and the new incoming Standing Committee Members (2023-2027) are also invited to attend as observers. Julia Demasi, Yanhang Wang, and Adama Kone send their apologies.

2. Minutes MLAS Standing Committee Meeting 04 April 2023 and 30 May 2023

Loy Jyoon, MLAS Secretary presented the minutes of the MLAS Standing Committee Meeting which was held on 4th April 2023 and chaired by Halo Locher, former MLAS Chair. The minutes were approved by Pascal Sanz and seconded by Alicia Sellés Carot with no amendments or comments.

MLAS Secretary also presented the minutes of the MLAS Standing Committee Meeting held on 30th May 2023. The meeting which was chaired by Loida as the MLAS Chair is an extraordinary meeting for the current MLAS members to meet the new colleagues elected to MLAS for the term 2023-2027, and to provide an orientation to the incoming members. The minutes were approved by Pascal Sanz and seconded by Ana Carolina Lopez Scondras with no amendments. Both meetings were held via Zoom. MLAS Chair thanked Loy Jyoon for the excellent minutes.

3. Interactive Opening Activity

The MLAS Chair invited all participants present in the meeting to share briefly one recent positive library activity or initiative from their respective country. All the participants shared very positive and inspiring library activities and initiatives from their respective countries. Among the activities reported include hosting Library Conference in Hamburg, Germany; international cooperation by hosting library visits in Germany; Library Association in France organized a webinar to study the act of violence against libraries due to demonstration riots; new election for the Library Association of Egypt and the hosting of IFLA WLIC 2024 in Dubai (MENA region); several webinars were held in Africa through the power of collaboration and librarians sharing their true stories; Malaysia the host country of Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) which is a key regional platform for the librarians in the region to have dialogue and promote cooperation in the field of librarianship, library and information sciences; Obama supports libraries' fight against book bans and promotes book access in libraries; Library Day and talks on official documents in Croatia; UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and American Library Association collaboration with IFLA to host webinar on SDGs; European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA) Conference and activities.

4. MLAS at the 88th IFLA WLIC 2023, Rotterdam, Netherlands

The Chair informed that MLAS will be having a few programmes during IFLA WLIC 2023 which will be held at the Ahoy Convention Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands from the 21st to 25th of August 2023. The IFLA WLIC 2023 programme can be accessed via this link: <https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/program/2/horizontal>

- a) IFLA WLIC MLAS Open Session, Thursday 24 August 2023, 01:15 pm - 2:30 pm, Session ID: 181

MLAS will be having an IFLA WLIC MLAS Open Session with the topic: “Strengthening library associations - The Importance of Advocacy Impact Evaluation and its Relevance to SDGs Advocacy” on Thursday 24 August 2023 at 01:15 pm-2:30 pm in Room Rotterdam A (Session ID: 181). Loida and Dijana Machala will be chairing the session whereas Susan Haigh and Marwa El Sahn will be among the speakers. The session will be on-site and recorded.

The session will address library association roles in advocating for policy or societal change in line with SDGs; present MLAS work to strengthen commitment and capacity to evaluate advocacy activities; and finally combine the two, exploring how the impact of library advocacy on SDGs could be evaluated.

The link to the session can be viewed at:
<https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/300>

- b) MLAS Standing Committee Business Meeting, Sunday 20 August 2023, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Session ID:036

The MLAS Standing Committee Business Meeting will be held on Sunday 20 August 2023 at 1:30 pm -3:30 pm (CEST) in Room Dock 1 at the Ahoy Convention Centre, Rotterdam. It will be a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual) and remote participation for speakers is allowed. All current MLAS Standing Committee are invited to attend the meeting as participants. New incoming MLAS Standing Committee (2023-2027), MLAS Members, and IFLA members are invited to attend as observers. The link to the session can be viewed via : [IFLA WLIC 2023 - Program \(abstractserver.com\)](https://iflawlic2023.abstractserver.com/program/#/details/sessions/300). The agenda and link for the meeting will be sent nearer to the date of the meeting,

- c) Association Members Meeting, Wednesday 23 August 2023, 02:00 pm-03:30 pm, Session ID: 158

The Association Members Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 August 2023 from 02:00 pm-03:30 pm (CEST) in Room Rotterdam A. Loida informed that every year the host for the meeting is MLAS and the topic for the meeting is worked out between IFLA HQ and MLAS. As every year, MLAS Chair will be chairing the meeting in collaboration with IFLA HQ. All MLAS SC and IFLA WLIC participants are invited to attend the Session. The link to the meeting can be viewed via: [IFLA WLIC 2023 - Program \(abstractserver.com\)](https://www.abstractserver.com).

- 5) MLAS Webinars Series “Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations” -Updates <https://www.ifla.org/news/ifla-mlas-launches-webinar-series-on-sdgs-and-library-associations/>

Loida reported that for the MLAS Webinars Series, “Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations” a working group from MLAS led by Loida in collaboration with the New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG), the Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section (ENSULIB), and the IFLA Regional Divisions has hosted four webinar series on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Library Associations for this year. The four IFLA Regional Divisions are North American Region, MENA Region, Asia and Oceania Region, and European Region. MLAS plan to continue the Webinar Series with Latin America and the Caribbean Region before the end of 2023.

MLAS is happy that a representative from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Subcommittee was able to give a presentation in each of the four webinars. Loida then invited the following MLAS SC to give a brief report on the Webinar held in their respective region.

a) North American Region, 6 March 2023

Loida as the coordinator and moderator for the North American Region Webinar reported that the first webinar in the series was held on 6th March 2023. The six speakers for this webinar were Julius C. Jefferson, Chair of IFLA North America Regional Division; John Szabo, City Librarian of Los Angeles, Chief Executive of the Los Angeles Public Library; Robin Kear, Liaison librarian at the University of Pittsburgh, USA; Thanos Giannakopoulos, United Nations. Chief, Information Management Section & Dag Hammarskjöld Library; and Loida Garcia-Febo as Chair of the ALA UN Sustainable Development Goals Subcommittee.

The webinar was well received with participants from North America, Canada, Europe, and South America. There were 273 views on the recording through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjCFntglDHw>

b) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region, 8 May 2023

This is the second webinar in the series. Marwa El Sahn as the moderator for the MENA region reported that it was good that the webinar was held in the MENA region as libraries and library associations were able to highlight their involvement, contributions, and activities in implementing the SDGs. The speakers from this webinar were Imad Bachir, Chair of IFLA MENA Region; Marwa El Sahn, IFLA MLAS; Mohammad Zuheir Bakleh, Information Management Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA); Basma Chebani, President of the Lebanese Library Association; Dr Najib Al Shorbaji, President of the Jordanian Library Association; and Dr. Amany Gamal Megahed, Menofia University, Egypt. There were 3 interactive sessions in English, French and Arabic.

The participants were from Croatia, Malaysia, Poland, Syria, Germany, and many other countries. There were 129 views on the recording through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9bfJqWZaFI>

c) Asia and Oceania Region, 7 June 2023

The third webinar was held in the Asia and Oceania Region on 7 June 2023. The moderators were Magdalena and Loy Jyoon. Asia Oceania region is the largest and most diversified with over 60 countries and this webinar will have presentations from libraries and library associations in the Pacific Islands and Fiji which are hard to reach. The speakers for this webinar were Winston Roberts, Chair, IFLA Asia-Oceania Regional Division Committee; Kiyoshi Chiba, Digital Communications Assistant at the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Northeast Asia, UNIC Tokyo; Clare Thorpe, Vice President of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA); Erlinda Naputi, President of the Pacific Islands Associations of Libraries, Archives, and Museums; Lorin Pai, President of the Fiji Library Association; Kim Taunga, President of The New Zealand Library Association Inc. (LIANZA). Loy Jyoon and Edison Ricket spoke on behalf of Malaysia as Rashidah Bolhassan from Malaysia was not able to attend the webinar due to an urgent family matter. They were 3 interactive sessions in English, Chinese, and Malay. Although there were no speakers from India, Sri Lanka, and China, there were participants from these countries.

Information about the webinar can be accessed via this link: [Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations: Asia/Oceania Regional Division – IFLA](#) The recording of the webinar is in process and will be made available before IFLA WLIC 2023.

d) European Region, 11 July 2023

The fourth Webinar was held in the European Region on 11 July 2023. The moderator was Vidar Lund, President Norwegian Library Association. The speakers were Loida Garcia-Febo; Dr. Stuart Hamilton, Chair, Europe Regional Division; Sherri Aldis, Director, United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe; Alicia Sellés Carot, President, FESABID, Spain; Jacqueline Bredlid, German Library Association; Thomas Sture Rasmussen, SDG Coordinator for The Danish Library Association and Dr. Claudia Serbanuta, President Communities of the Future Association, Member of the extended board of the Romanian National Association of Public Libraries and Librarians (ANBPR). Information on the webinar can be accessed via

link:<https://www.ifla.org/events/sustainable-development-goals-and-library-associations-europe-regional-division/>

All the webinars are recorded and will be available before IFLA WLIC 2023. The insights from these interactive sessions will be compiled and presented in the IFLA WLIC 2023 programme.

6) Appreciation Activity

As a token of appreciation to the MLAS Standing Committee, MLAS Chair will send the link to Kudoboard to all MLAS members to write a message. Kudoboard is an online replacement for the greeting card that is passed around and signed.
<https://www.kudoboard.com/>

7) IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2024

MLAS Chair opened a space to invite all the MLAS SC members to express anything they wanted to share about the selection of Dubai as the host for IFLA WLIC 2024.

The IFLA Governing Board's [published its decision to select Dubai, United Arab Emirates](#), as the host for the World Library and Information Congress 2024 (WLIC 2024). Since then, IFLA has received criticism about the decision as well as support. The Governing Board has therefore decided to seek the advice of IFLA Members around the world through an advisory referendum. The results of the advisory referendum will allow the Governing Board to take a more informed decision. The WLIC 2024 Briefing Paper on the Advisory Referendum can be viewed via: [WLIC 2024 Briefing Paper - Advisory Referendum \(ifla.org\)](#)

8) MLAS Officers For 2023-2025

MLAS Chair and Standing Committee welcomed Antoine Torrens Montebello and Deepali Talagala, new incoming SC for the term 2023-2027 present during the meeting. MLAS Chair invited them to give a brief introduction of themselves. Deepali has been involved in Sri Lanka Library Association for 30 years and has been involved in training people in library automation. Antoine Torrens Montebello is currently the Vice-President of the French Library Association and Director of the Public Library in France.

He is also a volunteer with IFLA NPSIG.

9) News From Our Special Interest Groups (SIG)

a) New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG)

Marija Simunovic as the NPSIG Co-Convenor informed that the IFLA Camp#9 will be held on the 18-19 August in Rotterdam during IFLA WLIC 2023. IFLA Camp is the famous un-conference arranged by NPSIG 2 days before IFLA Congress. There will be a Flash Mop on 21 August to promote the importance of reading and reading aloud in public.

There will be an NPSIG Open Session on Tuesday, 22 August from 04:30 pm – 05:45 pm. The topic for the session is “Library Job Stories: Finding Jobs and Learning about the Requirements”. The Chair for the Session is Magdalena Gomulka and Paria Aria.

Marija informed that the new NPSIG Convenor for the term 2023-2025 is Paria Aria from the United States. She will take over from Magdalena Gomulka who has completed her term as NPSIG Convenor after the IFLA General Meeting on 24 August 2023.

b) Women in Information and Library Special Interest Group (WILSIG)

MLAS Chair informed that the new Convenor for WILSIG for the session 2023-2025 is Jeli Saveta Blagojeric from Montenegro. She will take over from Evviva Weinraub Lajoie who has completed her term as WILSIG Convener after the IFLA General Meeting on 24 August 2023.

10) Next MLAS Standing Committee Meetings

The next MLAS Standing Committee Business Meeting will be held during IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam. This is a hybrid meeting and a link will be sent to all MLAS SC and observers attending the meeting virtually. This will be the last MLAS Standing Committee Meeting for all outgoing MLAS SC members. Incoming MLAS members can attend as observers. The Chair will send the doodle form to all MLAS SC on the attendance at the meeting.

The second MLAS Standing Committee Business Meeting will be held virtually on 19 September 2023. All incoming new members (2023-2027) are invited to attend together with the current members continuing in MLAS (2021-2025).

Date/ Time /Venue	Programme	Remarks
Sunday, 20 August 2023 13:30-15:30 (CEST) Session 036 Dock 1, Ahoy Convention Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands (Hybrid) (In-Person/ Virtual)	MLAS Standing Committee Business Meeting (1st Meeting)	MLAS Current Standing Committee, NPSIG Convenor, WILSIG Convenor Observers: MLAS Incoming Standing Committee Member MLAS Members IFLA Members
Tuesday, 19 September 2023 14:00-15:30 (CEST) Zoom Meeting	MLAS Standing Committee Business Meeting (2nd Meeting)	MLAS Standing Committee (2021-2025), Incoming Standing Committee (2023- 2027), NPSIG Convenor, WILSIG Convenor

11) Closing Remarks

Susan Haigh suggested that MLAS host a dinner for all current and incoming MLAS Standing Committee during IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam. The Chair and participants welcome the suggestion and Loida will send a doodle document to find the most suitable date for the dinner. The Chair suggested that Susan Haigh and Loy Jyoon coordinate the dinner in Rotterdam.

The Chair thanked all the Standing Committee Members, Convenor, and Observers for their great commitment and time in attending this meeting today. Their valuable inputs have contributed to a very fruitful meeting. The next MLAS SC Committee Meeting will be a hybrid meeting held on 20 August 2023 during IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam. On this note, the Chair ends the meeting at 17:00 (CEST) in Amsterdam.

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MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting
24 July 2023