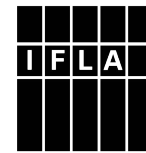


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INTRODUCTION TO THE ACTION PLAN

The 2023-2025 IFLAPARL Action Plan includes continuation of previous years' actions and addition of new actions that hope to meet challenges currently faced by parliamentary libraries such as AI's impacts and opportunities, innovative promotion of services products delivered, attraction of new patrons, reinforcement of our place in the democratic process and within parliamentary institutions, fighting against misinformation and fake news. We have kept our main objectives in mind while drafting this document that will lead the Section's initiatives for the next two years: to increase the effectiveness of parliamentary library and research services, to discuss and address emerging issues related to legislative processes; to promote openness, transparency, and the strengthening of democratic participation through the provision of information about legislation and parliaments to citizens; to promote the establishment of library and research services as a fundamental component in the development of democratic legislatures throughout the world; to exchange experience, knowledge and problem-solving strategies; to promote networking amongst parliamentary library and research services; and finally, to develop and promote standards and best practices in providing information and knowledge to parliaments

IFLAPARL 2023-2025 Action Plan is directly aligned with IFLA 2019-2024 Strategy. The four focus areas listed in IFLA 2019-2024 Strategy have been coded alphabetically A-D, to avoid confusion with the numbering given to IFLAPARL's outputs:

FOCUS AREA A - STRENGTHEN THE GLOBAL VOICE OF PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY & RESEARCH SERVICES

- Leveraging the work of IFLAPARL members and the existing global presence of IFLAPARL to demonstrate relevance to parliaments, development bodies and international organisations. Strengthen the relevant work and profile of IFLAPARL and its members. All with the goal of increasing the effectiveness of parliaments through knowledge – a goal that also supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 16.

FOCUS AREA B – INSPIRE AND ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY & RESEARCH SERVICES

- Continuing IFLAPARL's long-standing work in developing professional guidance and provision of training.

FOCUS AREA C – CONNECT AND EMPOWER PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY & RESEARCH SERVICES AND THEIR STAFF

- Maintaining the regular programme of a annual meeting for the section. In 2024 an alternative to WLIC Pre-Conference must be found. Support regional associations of parliamentary library & research services and strengthen connections with and between them.

FOCUS AREA D – OPTIMISE THE SECTION'S OPERATIONS

- Continuing a strong system of internal communications and developing it using new online tools. Consolidating Section membership, increasing it if practicable, and increasing participation on the Standing Committee and the wider membership.

#	Output name	Output type	Output description	Projected Completion	IFLA 2019-2024 Strategy Focus Area	SC Members Assigned
1	Database of legal materials	Register/Database/Map	Continue the development of COMLAW, a world database of free and digital publications related to commentary on specific bills of national law and/or compared law.	2024-12-31	C	Fabiola Elena Rosales Salinas (LEAD) Janice Silveira Carolyne Ménard Lila Theodosi
2	Strengthen links with international organizations concerned with parliamentary strengthening democracy promotion and UN SDG 16	Communications	Draft a communication plan, identify suitable organizations concerned with parliamentary strengthening and establish contact with them.	2025-09-30	A	Lila Theodosi (LEAD) Carolyne Ménard Alec Vujišteke Elisabete Morais Revez Fabiola Elena Rosales Salinas Janice Silveira Josefa Fuentes Julie Anderson Leonor Calvão Borges
3	Maintain and strengthen our working relationship with the IPU	Communications	Chair to maintain contact with Andy Richardson of the IPU. Investigate other sections in IPU to connect with. Contribute to the future World e-Parliament Conference.	2025-09-30	A	Julie Anderson (LEAD) Carolyne Ménard Leonor Calvão Borges
4	Database of bibliographical heritage existing in parliamentary libraries	Register/Database/Map	Preserve and provide access through an existing platform (e.g, WDL) to the bibliographical heritage existing in parliamentary libraries (e.g., Constitutions in the History of the country) and insert a direct link to this set of digital items on the IFLA website.	2024-12-31	A	Fabiola Elena Rosales Salinas (LEAD) Judite Martins Lila Theodosi
5	Strengthen our relationship with regional groups, with regional and national associations and reinforce links between subnational parliaments	Communications	Support the regional groups and seek opportunities to help establish new regional groups, in conjunction with appropriate partners. Create networks of parliaments based on their size and resources through the use of listservs.	2024-01-01	A	Carolyne Ménard (LEAD) Janice Silveira Leonor Calvão Borges

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6	Review and update existing published guidance	Guideline/Standard	For 2023-2025: focus on both research and library guidelines. Determine: 1. which, if any, of the Section's existing guidance/publications are in urgent need of revision; 2. whether section members feel there are new areas of guidance or best practice materials that should be developed (e.g., open data, open parliament, digital first initiatives 3. Edit the World Directory of Library & Research Services in the form of book [3 pages of information from each Parliament plus photo and services contact data])	2024-12-01	B	Julia Taylor (LEAD) Shu Guang Zhang Chifuyu Hiyama
7	Memorial to Donna Scheeder - Develop a specialized course on Parliamentary Librarianship and Research	Professional Development	Continue the development of a specialized course/webinar series on Parliamentary Librarianship and Research in honor of Donna Scheeder.	2025-01-31	B	Carolyne Ménard (LEAD) Martin Reid Julie Anderson Josefa Fuentes Lila Theodosi
8	Build collection of resources in IFLA's Respository	IFLA Publication	Include and update materials in IFLA's Repository such as: translated guidelines, zoom webinars, presentation of pre-conferences	2024-04-30	D	Lila Theodosi (LEAD) Leonor Calvão Borges Mohammed Nyagsi Elizabete Morais Revez. Verónica Kulczewski
9	Ensure communications with the Section's members by updating the Section's communication plan, the ILFA website and engaging on social media	Guideline/Standard support	Update the IFLAPARL page on the IFLA website with recent information.	2024-04-30	D	Lila Theodosi (LEAD) Alec Vuijsteke Carolyne Ménard Fabiola Elena Rosales Salinas Leonor Calvão Borges Janice Silveira
10	IFLAPARL 2024 Meeting	WLIC Session	1. Consult SC committee members 2. Contact Queensland parliament to see possibilities of meeting physically in Brisbane around the IFLA Future Summit planned in the Fall or to organise a virtual event jointly. 3. Agree theme & outline 4. Proposal to be submitted to IFLA HQ to be drawn up by Chair & Secretary and agreed by SC. 4. Secretary to publish Call for Papers. 5. Review submitted papers and select papers & speakers for programme. 6. Event webpages & registration made available either by hosts or by SC.	2024-11-01	C	Carolyne Ménard (LEAD) Julie Anderson Daan Smolders

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11	Simplify the World Directory of Library & Research Services of Parliaments	Register/Database/Map	Simplify the World Directory of Library & Research Services of Parliaments to increase engagement. Promote the Directory. 1. Work with Chile to enact changes requested in 2020/2021 2. Promote Directory through IFLAPARL communication channels 3. Develop promotion plan for WLIC 4. Determine further action. E.g.: Link the national Parliaments page where research studies are published. Link the national Parliaments page where help to search in documentary resources is housed.	2024-11-30	C	Daan Smolders (LEAD) Holger Scheerer Julie Anderson Fabíola Elena Rosale Salinas
12	Develop a history of IFLAPARL and bibliography of useful books & resources for parliamentary libraries	Non-IFLA Publication	To honor the work of the Section, draft a history of IFLAPARL and its officers, and create a bibliography of useful books & resources for parliamentary libraries.	2025-04-30	B	Leonor Calvão Borges (LEAD) Lila Theodosi Elisabete Morais Revez Fabíola Elena Rosales Salinas Verónica Kulczewski
13	Pursue the reflection on AI's impact on parliamentary libraries and research services	Professional Development	Continue the development of our knowledge on the impact of AI on our field. Plan a session on the topic with experts.	2025-04-01	A	Martin Reid (LEAD) Carolyne Ménard Julie Anderson Lila Theodosi Alec Vujišteke
14	Encourage our members to contribute to the literature on parliamentary libraries and research services by publishing in IFLA Journal	IFLA Publication	Contact IFLA Journal - share call for papers with the Listserv. Use Newsletter to promote publication initiatives. Ask presenters at Pre- / WLIC that could be developed into a paper. Develop a partnership with IFLA SIG.	2025-09-01	B	Alec Vujišteke (LEAD) Carolyne Ménard Janice Silveira Fabíola Elena Rosales Salinas Leonor Calvão Borges