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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, NPSIG Convener, and WILSIG Convener for their attendance today. Loy Jyoon, MLAS secretary informed that Hella, Chutima, Namutenya, Ruijuan, Halo Locher, Ana Carolina, Julia Demasi, Yanhang Wang, Imad Bachir, and Adama Kone send their apologies. The Welcome Meeting today is for the current MLAS members to meet with the new colleagues elected to MLAS for orientation as per onboarding and transition guidelines from IFLA HQ.

**2. Introduction of MLAS Officers**

MLAS has three Officer positions comprising the Chair, Secretary, and Information Coordinator. Loida Garcia-Febo from the United States is currently the MLAS Chair and Loy Jyoon Chin from Malaysia is the MLAS Secretary. There is currently a vacancy for the Information Coordinator position in MLAS as there is no volunteer for the position after Loida who was formerly the Information Coordinator was elected as the MLAS

Chair in May 2023. Loida is now also carrying out the responsibility of the Information Coordinator until the term ends on 24 August 2023.

### **3. Introduction of Current and New Members**

The Chair invited the current and new MLAS Standing Committee Members to introduce themselves, their relation to national/international associations, and also two recent highlights of work by their respective library associations. All the members gave very inspiring and interesting work of their library associations to increase their visibility and contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Among the recent works by their respective library associations that were highlighted include the following:

“Let America Read” Campaign amid book ban concerns by American Library Association and librarians in the United States; Asociacion de Bibliotecologos del Uruguay (ABU) would like the voice of Latin America to be better heard in IFLA’s policies and program; the voice of African and MENA regions libraries and associations in IFLA; Building strong library associations and advocacy for library associations not being legislated with the government; sustainable development of libraries requires the building of strong associations.

### **4. Role and Work of MLAS**

#### **4.1 Role and Work of MLAS**

The Chair highlighted that the mission of MLAS is to build and support strong, well-managed library associations. MLAS addresses the needs and promotes the interests of all types and sizes of library associations and brings together staff and elected leaders and representatives of these associations to support IFLA’s Core Programmes.

MLAS has 20 Standing Committee Members and is the core of IFLA. MLAS Chair is an ex - officio of the IFLA Governing Board with voting rights. As of 10 January 2023, MLAS Section has 171 members comprising 163 National, International, and Regional Associations and 8 personal members.

#### 4.2 MLAS Contributions to IFLA WLIC

MLAS present Open Sessions at the annual IFLA WLIC and partner with other IFLA groups to present and lead webinars and sessions. MLAS supports IFLA Core Programmes and Strategic Directions in their Action Plans.

a) Advocacy Video Series and Online Events 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ6HdWimojjNm4uO68p4BSw>

MLAS hosted three Open Sessions at the Virtual IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2021 under the title "Advocacy: The Power of Networking." The sessions were held according to time zone with breakout rooms in all seven IFLA languages during the WLIC which was held from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 virtually. The Working Group for these Open Sessions was Ute Engelkenmeier as the leader and MLAS Standing Committee Members.

b) Empowering Library Leaders and Diversity Worldwide: IFLA MLAS and IFLA NPSIG Webinar Series 2022

<https://librarymanagement.blog/2022/06/21/empowering-library-leaders-and-diversity-worldwide-ifla-mlas-ifla-npsig-webinar-series/>

IFLA MLAS and IFLA NPSIG hosted six webinars on "Empowering Library Leaders and Diversity Worldwide" in 2022. Over the course of six webinars, library associations from countries in each Regional Division presented opportunities they provide for new and senior librarians including leadership opportunities and how these library associations are fostering diversity within the library profession and leadership. The webinar format included interactive opportunities to engage attendees in conversations about those topics that will elicit best practices and recommendations and the needs of new and senior professionals. The insights gained from these webinars would then inform and enriched the MLAS Open Session at WLIC 2022 in Dublin, Ireland. The Working Group for these webinars comprised Loida as the leader and several MLAS Committee Members and NPSIG Convenor.

- c) WLIC 2022 MLAS Open Session: Empowering Library Leaders and Diversity Worldwide <https://www.ifla.org/wlic-2022-mlas-open-session/>

The MLAS Open Session “ Empowering Library Leaders and Diversity Worldwide” was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 during WLIC 2022 in Dublin. The sessions aimed to provide delegates with an insight into how Associations around the world are supporting leadership development in the library and information field. How do different countries or communities define ‘leadership’? How can we better support new and emerging professionals to take up leadership roles? How can we ensure that the leadership of our field is as open, inclusive and diverse as possible? The working group for the Open Session was led by Nicholas Poole with support from several MLAS Standing Committee Members.

- d) MLAS Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations Webinar Series 2023

<https://www.ifla.org/news/ifla-mlas-launches-webinar-series-on-sdgs-and-library-associations/>

IFLA’s [Management of Library Associations Section \(MLAS\)](#) in collaboration with the New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG), the Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section (ENSULIB), and the IFLA Regional Divisions is proud to announce a webinar series on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Library Associations.

The webinar series “Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations” follows the IFLA *Strategic Direction 1.1 Show the power of libraries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*. A working group from MLAS in collaboration with IFLA New Professionals SIG and IFLA Regional Divisions will coordinate webinars about various top topics resulting from a survey MLAS carried out during 2020-2021. The webinar format includes interactive opportunities to engage attendees in conversations in languages spoken in the regions.

Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations: Asia-Oceania Region, 07 June 2023

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

Registration Link for the Webinar on 07 June 2023:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcu-pji0iHNOAYWgNyxKRLJRkIwF3CQi6#/registration>

Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations: European Regional Division, 11 July 2023

e) IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project

<https://www.ifla.org/news/ifla-mlas-advocacy-impact-evaluation-project/>

The IFLA MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project is a two-year project that started in November 2021. The final project result, the Review of Advocacy Impact Evaluation Practices in the Library Field, is scheduled to be published in August 2023. The project aims to strengthen the advocacy impact evaluation practice in the library field by providing a set of guidelines and recommendations about how to measure and evaluate the library advocacy impact. The project is led by Dijana Machala (Croatia) with participation from several MLAS Standing Committee Members.

## **5 MLAS Sponsors: Special Interest Groups (SIG)**

MLAS is the sponsoring unit for the New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG) and Women in Information and Libraries Special Interest Group (WILSIG). MLAS is part of the [Professional Division C](#). Each SIG has a committee of up to nine (9) individuals and their term of office is two (2) years, renewable once. The members of the Special Interest Group Committee are appointed by the Sponsoring Section Standing Committees. Magdalena Gomułka from Poland is the NPSIG Convenor and Evviva Weinraub Lajoie from the United States is the WILSIG Convenor. Their terms will end in August 2023 after the IFLA General Assembly in Rotterdam.

a) IFLA New Professionals SIG

<https://www.ifla.org/units/new-professionals/>

Magdalena gave an overview of the activities carried out by NPSIG. Among the activities of NPSIG include writing articles and interviews for the NPSIG blog: <https://npsig.wordpress.com/>; Helping to organize and moderate webinars; Organise the IFLA Camp and other activities during IFLA WLIC and keeping contact with new professionals in other countries. She informed me that NPSIG will be organizing the IFLA camp on the 18 and 19 August during IFLA WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam. Participants can sign up for IFLAcamp via this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7i-S3jdGI2-n6CEfcxmlfh58ZuaRCj52AS48dUkr692i4wA/viewform>

b) Women, Information and Libraries SIG

<https://www.ifla.org/units/women-information-and-libraries/>

Evvisa informed the new group of WILSIG Committee Members will be coming in after the IFLA General Assembly in August 2023. She thanked MLAS for all the support and it was a real pleasure working with MLAS. WILSIG has been working in collaboration with other IFLA Units in hosting Satellite Meetings during IFLA WLIC.

## 6. IFLA Officer Elections

a) IFLA Officer Elections 2023 Timeline

Loida informed that the timeline for IFLA Officer Elections 2023 for the position of Chair, Secretary, and Information Coordinator are as follows:

- Officer self-nominations ..... 01 June – noon, 19 June
- Officer elections.....26 June – noon, 10 July
- HQ Officer verification.....10 July - 12 July
- Announcement of 2023-25 Officers..... 13 July
- Officer run-offs, as needed..... 14 July – 24 July
- Officer run-off election results announced...25 July

The IFLA Officer Election is a self-nomination process and will be managed by IFLA HQ. Only new and continuing committee members who have not reached Officer term limits may nominate to Officer positions. The Officer Roles can be accessed via this link: [2023-25 Officer Roles v.1\[90422\].pdf](#)

To self-nominate for an Officer (Chair, Secretary, Information Coordinator, Convenor) position for the 2023-2025 term, candidates need to complete the self-nomination form, which can be accessed here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7254389/Officer-Elections-2023> and submit a 100-300 word statement of motivation. The closing date for self-nomination is 19 June 2023.

Loida went over the responsibilities of the Chair. Members can read more about these responsibilities on emails sent by Loida on May 16 with the subject: IFLA Officers Elections.

#### b) Description of Work by MLAS Officers

Loy Jyoon as the Secretary of MLAS for the term 2021-2023 gave an overview of her work which include the preparation and documentation of meetings. She stressed that one must be willing to learn new skills and devote time and energy. She thanked all the MLAS Colleagues for their support and mentorship. She also reported that she was the MLAS Deputised Representative for the IFLA Governing Board Extraordinary Meeting on 6 April and IFLA Governing Board Meeting on 17 April 2023 during the interim period of electing a new MLAS Chair. She reiterated that the MLAS Chair is an ex - officio of the IFLA Governing Board with Voting rights. The position and role of the MLAS Chair are very important as he represents the voice of the library associations and their members.

Loida as the MLAS Information Coordinator for two terms (2019-2021) (2021-2023) also highlighted her role and contributions in MLAS. Loida has been instrumental in organizing MLAS Webinars and external communications with other Sections and Units.

## 7. Other Matters

### a) MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting Time

MLAS Standing Committee Welcome Meeting  
30 May 2023



The Chair discussed the best possible time for MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting as the Committee Members are from various parts of the world with the different time zone. The Chair and Committee Members agreed that the best time for MLAS Standing Committee Zoom Meeting will be 9.00 am (New York Time), 3.00 pm CEST (Amsterdam Time), and 9.00 pm (Malaysia Time).

b) MLAS Standing Committee Next Meetings

The MLAS Chair and Standing Committee agreed that the following meetings be held on the following dates.

<b>Date / Time / Venue</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Monday, 24 July 2023, 3.00 – 4.30 pm (CEST) Amsterdam, Zoom	MLAS Standing Committee Meeting	MLAS Current SC Members, MLAS New Members (Observers), NPSIG Convenor, and WILSIG Convenor.
Monday, 20 August 2023, 1.30-3.30 pm (CEST), Ahoy Convention Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands Hybrid (Physical and Virtual)	MLAS Standing Committee Business Meeting	MLAS Current SC Members, MLAS New Members (Observers), NPSIG Convenor and WILSIG Convenor, MLAS and IFLA Members.

The second MLAS Business Meeting will be held virtually one month after the first MLAS Business Meeting.

c) MLAS Social Media

The Chair brings to the attention of the members to follow MLAS social media on Twitter: iflamlas; Facebook: IFLA Section Management of Library Associations and YouTube: IFLA MLAS

## **8. Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked all the Standing Committee Members 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 held on 24 July 2023 via Zoom. All new Standing Committee Members are invited to attend as observers. On this note, the Chair ends the meeting at 17:00 (CEST) Amsterdam.

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