



# Library Map of the World

## IFLA Webinar: Library Map of the World

### What's going on and how to engage?

#### Opening words by IFLA Secretary General, Gerald Leitner

*Dear Colleagues,*

*It is with great, great pleasure that I welcome you to this webinar, thank you all for joining us here.*

*It is the first of our Library Map of the World webinars, which aims to work with you together, to give you support in the work on the Library Map of the World, and also to raise awareness about it. Thank you for joining us here and I guess it is very important that you spend time together with my team who will start soon the work with you.*

*It is just one year ago that we started the work on the Library Map of the World and one week ago we celebrated an incredible success - 100 countries have already joined the Library Map of the World and it's incredible what we reached in this time. This was only possible in the work which we are doing together - you and IFLA, my team together with you and I want to thank all of you for your contributions - all the libraries, the national library associations, the national libraries in your countries and also the support organisations which are providing us permanently with data and also with SDG stories. But this was just a start of our incredible project.*

*As IFLA always has the aim to improve, to grow, and also to become better, we are going now to the next stage. We are launching at our congress in Kuala Lumpur the Country Pages. And these Country Pages will give an overview not only about data in your country but will give an overview about library legislation in your country, the situation of libraries in your country, library information services, library schools, journals. This means all people in the world who want to know more about the situation of libraries in your country can go to the pages and get the first overview.*

*We know that it will be hard work and you will need support and this is the aim of this webinar – to help you, because we all know we need this Library Map of the World, because we know only with valid statistical data, stories, background information about the power of the library field, can we make powerful advocacy, and we can improve the situation of libraries all over the world, and we can inspire the people and show the power of libraries. That's the aim of the webinar and I am sure you will enjoy it, together with my team, which will start now the work on it.*

*I hope I can see many of you in Kuala Lumpur. Not all of you will come but go on working together with IFLA and I hope to see all of you on the Library Map of the World.*

*Thank you for being here!*

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