IFLA Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments

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Library and Research Services for Parliaments

IFLA - International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

Website: www.ifla.org

- Founded in 1927

- International body representing the interests of library and information services and their users

- Approximately 1,400 Members in 140 countries

- Publishes guidelines, specialized bibliographies, professional reports and creates standards

- Annual conference: World Library and Information Congress (WLIC)

- Specialized sections, core activities and special interest groups

IFLA - International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

Website: https://www.ifla.org/globalvision

- Global vision discussion

- Contributions from over 30,000 colleagues from 190 countries and all 7 continents

- Sets out challenges & opportunities facing libraries worldwide

- Shapes future IFLA strategy

Our vision, Our future!

#IFLAGlobalVision

IFLA Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments (IFLAPARL)

Website: https://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments

- One of the 44 specialized sections of IFLA

- Active since 1984

- Only global professional network dealing with library and information services in the parliamentary environment

- Around 90 members from more than 50 countries worldwide

- A larger network of colleagues participating in Section activities

Mission of IFLAPARL

- Promote the establishment of strong parliamentary library and research services as a fundamental component of democratic legislatures

- Increase the effectiveness of legislatures through professional information support (timely, accurate, reliable, non-partisan)

- Promote the values of openness, transparency and democratic participation by encouraging institutions to ensure open access to parliamentary information to citizens

IFLAPARL Objectives

- Share knowledge and experiences, promote standards and best practices to develop professional competencies

- Provide a forum for identifying and discussing emerging issues, common challenges and concerns

- Promote networking amongst parliamentary library and research services and cooperation between legislatures

- Assist and support the development of parliamentary libraries

- Encourage programs that support the capacity of parliaments to engage citizens

IFLAPARL Activity & Work

- Annual conference held in conjunction with the IFLA Congress

- Capacity building through workshops, training & staff exchanges

- Professional reports, publications and guidelines

  o Including contributing to publications developed by other organizations

- Dissemination of information & networking

  o Website

  o Mailing list

  o Newsletter

  o Social media

IFLAPARL Activities: Conferences

Website: https://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments/conferences

- Annual pre-conference / satellite meeting

  - Presentations by host parliaments & section members

  - Workshops / seminars

  - Networking

- IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC)

  - Open session with presentations from section members

  - Joint sessions with other IFLA Sections

  - Knowledge café

IFLAPARL Activities: Capacity Building

- **Sponsored places** at pre-conference / WLIC

- Dedicated **training seminars** attached to pre-conference

- **Working with partners** in country or region-specific programmes

- Participating in **regional parliamentary networks** and associations

- **Providing expertise** and guidance in response to requests

IFLAPARL Activities: Publications

Website: https://www.ifla.org/publications/44

- *Guidelines for Legislative Libraries*, 1st edition 1993, 2nd edition 2009 (available in 6 languages, currently undergoing revision for 3rd edition)

- *Information and Communication Technologies in Parliamentary Libraries*, 2012 (available in English, French, Spanish)

- *Guidelines for Parliamentary Research Services*, 2015 (available in 5 languages)

- Contributed to:
  - *Social Media Guidelines for Parliaments* (IPU, 2013)
  - *World e-Parliament Reports* (IPU, 2008-)

IFLAPARL Activities: Other Projects

Website: https://www.ifla.org/services-for-parliaments/projects

- World Directory of Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services

- Parliamentary Research & Library Service Ethics

- IFLAPARL Action Plan

IFLAPARL Partnerships

- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

- Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP)

- United Nations

- Regional parliamentary networks and associations
  - APLA, APLAP, APLESA, APLIC, ECPRD, Nordic libraries, REDIPAL

- Other IFLA Sections
  - FAIFE, Government Libraries, Information Technology, Knowledge Management, Law Libraries

- Other organisations building capacity in parliaments
  - DfID, HDP, SUNY/CID, USAID, WFD

How to join IFLAPARL

IFLA membership is required to be a member of the Section on Library and Research Services for Parliaments

- **To become a member of IFLA**

  o Select the right category of membership and affiliation at the following page - https://www.ifla.org/membership/categories

  o Identify the appropriate registration fee, where applicable, at http://www.ifla.org/membership/costs

  o Apply for membership - http://www.ifla.org/membership/new-members

Contacts for further information

- For further information on IFLA membership please contact the IFLA Headquarters and the membership team : http://www.ifla.org/membership/contact

- Requests for information/assistance can be addressed to any of the following:

  o Chair – Steve Wise (UK), iflaparl.chair@gmail.com

  o Secretary – Karin Finer (European Parliament), karin.finer@europarl.europa.eu

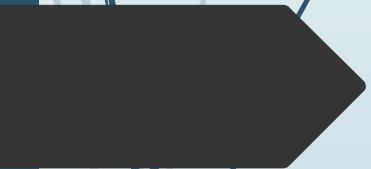 o Information Coordinator – Adama Kone (National Assembly of the Ivory Coast), adama.kone@gmail.com

Thank you

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15–18 August 2017, POLAND

Additional Slides

IFLAPARL Action Plan 2019

- Create case studies for IFLAPARL capacity building

- Extend the self-population of the World Directory

- Plan IFLAPARL Pre-Conference & WLIC Sessions

- Improve communication within IFLAPARL community

- Update the Section's publication: *Guidelines for Legislative Libraries*

- Complete work on ethics checklists for Parliamentary libraries & research services

IFLAPARL Activities 2007 – 2019

- ## Workshops and capacity building activities

  - o 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, in cooperation with the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament

  - o 2009 (Italy): APKN (Africa Parliamentary Knowledge Network)

  - o 2011 (Chile): ENPLAC (Exchange Network of Parliaments of Latin America and the Caribbean)

  - o 2014, 2015: NORIA programme of the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie

  - o 2016 (USA): USAID / HDP (House Democracy Partnership)

  - o 2017 (Poland): Secretary General of the Sejm / WFD (Westminster Foundation for Democracy)

  - o 2019 (Tunisia): SUNY/CID (Center for International Development)

IFLAPARL Activities 2007 – 2019

- ## World e-Parliament Conference

  o   Section was represented (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014)

  o   Organized session on value of libraries and librarians to parliaments

- ## Meetings with IPU / ASGP

  o   2008: Co-organization of the IPU / ASGP /IFLA meeting "*Informing Democracy: Building capacity to deal with Parliamentarians' Information and Knowledge needs*", Geneva

  o   2012: Session on Social Media in Parliaments (*Parliamentary representation and communication, and the role of social media*) in Quebec City (Canada), at the 127th IPU Assembly

  o   2016: Workshop on building digital repositories with Dspace, Lusaka