

Library Associations Contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

UN High Level Political Forum 2024

MLAS Chair Loida Garcia-Febo (USA/PR) and MLAS Member Namutenya Hamwaalwa (Namibia) were part of the IFLA delegation to the #HLPF2024. Both connected with their countries' representatives and advocated for libraries. Together with the delegation, they built on successes and ideas from HLPF2023 powering a meeting to promote Friends of Libraries at the UN.



IFLA delegates to the HLPF2024 featured librarians from South Africa, Namibia, Georgia, Oman, Argentina, USA/PR.

Library Associations Future-Proofing for Global Challenges: Strategies and Innovations

IFLA MLAS Building Strong Library Associations Initiative
Developing cross-regional, multilateral partnerships in times of multiple crises with a renewed commitment for:

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Leveraging library associations resources to ensure libraries are central players in countries' delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions to:

- End Poverty (Goal 1)
- End Hunger (Goal 2)
- Climate Change Action (Goal 13)
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies (Goal 16)
- Revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development (Goal 17)

- Diversity and new leaders
- Digital preservation of cultural heritage
- Advocacy
- Access to information in unprecedented times
- Information integrity
- Financial sustainability
- Strategic planning

Through MLAS Activities

- Connect, Collaborate, Create: Advancing Library Associations and Partnerships to Future-proof our Profession
- Rescuing our world from the harms of censorship: Providing access to information in unprecedented times
- Libraries and the Digital Preservation of Cultural Heritage
- Advocacy-Impact Evaluation Project
- Empowering library leaders and diversity worldwide
- Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations
- IFLA MLAS + Regions: Supporting Strong Library Associations

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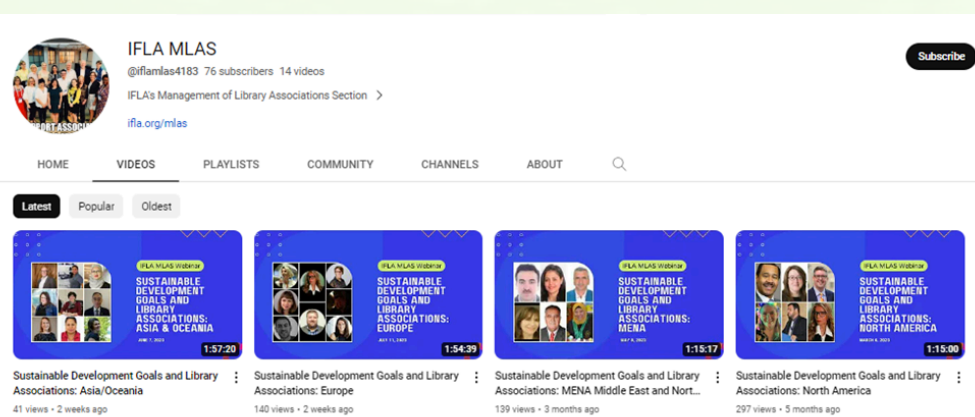
Ensuring library associations are key structures, partners, in national & international systems mobilizing people behind global goals and equipping them to play a transformational role in:

- A renewed commitment to informing global citizens in age of division and polarization
- More systematic efforts to understand people's opinions, ideas, and values via strengthened participation of community members
- Advocating for digital connectivity and promoting a trustworthy Internet, and digital cooperation
- Supporting youth and future generations

Graphic available at MLAS website

The IFLA website and SDGs Stories on the LMW feature examples of Library Associations leveraging resources to ensure libraries are central players in countries' delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions aligned with the focus of the HLPF2024: End Poverty (Goal 1), End Hunger (Goal 2), Climate Change Action (Goal 13), Promote peaceful and inclusive societies (Goal 16), Revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development (Goal 17).

Webinar Series: Sustainable Development Goals and Library Associations



Webinar series to support national library associations highlighting effective strategies that will equip them to help their country to achieve development. Available on [MLAS YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

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