

Event Program for IFLA MENA RO Signing Ceremony and Workshops

Dates:

- Sunday, 15 December 2024
- Monday, 16 December 2024

Venue:

- Qatar National Library, Doha, Qatar (with virtual participation options using the streaming link)
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Day 1: 15 December 2024 (Signing Ceremony)

Location: Special Events Area, Qatar National Library

9:00 - 9:30 AM

- Registration and Welcome Coffee
Participants arrive and network over coffee.

9:30 - 10:15 AM

- Opening Speeches
 - Speech by H.E. Dr. Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari, QNL President
 - Speech by Vicky McDonald, IFLA President
 - Speech by Tan Huism, QNL Executive Director
 - Speech by Sharon Memis, IFLA Secretary General

10:15 - 10:45 AM

- Keynote Address
Speaker: Dr. Peter Lor, former Secretary General of IFLA (2005-2008) and former National Librarian of South Africa
Title: The Evolution of Global Librarianship: Reflections and Future Perspectives

10:45 - 11:00 AM

- **Signing Ceremony**
The signing ceremony will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari, QNL President, Vicky McDonald, IFLA President, Tan Huism, QNL Executive Director, and Sharon Memis, IFLA Secretary General.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Coffee Break and Al-Duhr Prayer

12:00 - 1:15 PM

- **Panel Discussion: Partnerships and Global Librarianship**
Moderator: Abeer Al-Kuwari, Director of the National Collection and Special Initiatives, QNL
Panelists:
 - Dr. Peter Lor, former Secretary General of IFLA
 - Tan Huism, QNL Executive Director
 - Sharon Memis, IFLA Secretary GeneralTitle: Partnership and Global Librarianship: Opportunities and Challenges

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM

- **Closing Remarks and Summary of Day 1**
Summary of key takeaways and a preview of Day 2's workshops and lectures.

Interpretation from English to Arabic will be available for all events on Day 1 in the Special Events Area.

This event will be streamed online, the streaming link will be sent to the registered list.

Profile of the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Peter Lor:

Dr. Peter Lor is a well-known figure in the field of library and information science, both in South Africa and internationally. In South Africa he played a leading role in creating the country's post-apartheid and non-racial Library and Information Association of South Africa, and he led the merger of two former national libraries to create the National Library of South Africa, of which he was the first chief executive. He is especially recognized for his contributions to international librarianship and library policy. He has been active in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) since 1992, serving in various IFLA professional units. He served as IFLA's Secretary General from 2005 to 2008. He chaired the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (1996-2000), and authored UNESCO's guidelines for legislation for

national library services. With a rich academic and professional background, Dr. Lor has worked to shape global library standards, advocating for information access and cultural preservation across diverse contexts.

As a keynote speaker, author, teacher, and researcher, Dr. Lor has contributed to the understanding of the global roles of libraries, global information flows, the place of libraries in the international political economy of information, and the intersection of libraries with international development. The author of the leading monograph on international and comparative librarianship at this time, he is widely respected for his expertise on the challenges and opportunities facing libraries in the context of globalization. Dr. Lor's insights are highly valued and have been recognized in South Africa and internationally through awards such as the IFLA Medal and the American Library Association's Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award. We present him as a key thought leader in fostering cross-border collaborations and advancing the mission of libraries worldwide.

Day 2: 16 December 2024 (Workshops and Lectures)

Location:

- **Workshops: Auditorium, Qatar National Library**
- **Lectures: Special Events Area, Qatar National Library**

9:00 - 9:30 AM

- Welcome Coffee and Networking – Auditorium.

9:30 - 11:00 AM (Simultaneous Events)

- Workshop 1: Partnership in Libraries
 - Facilitator: Eman Bushulaibi, Director of the SPL and Vice-Chair, MENA Regional Division Committee IFLA
Location: Auditorium
 - Description: In this lecture, we will explore the diverse capabilities of libraries across the MENA region. Participants will gain insights into how libraries are evolving to meet the changing needs of their communities in areas such as technology integration, resource sharing and community engagement. The session will highlight innovative programs and services that showcase the critical role libraries play in fostering education, culture and information access. Attendees will also have the opportunity to

discuss the challenges and opportunities faced by libraries in the MENA region and share their experiences in adapting to the digital age.

- Language: Arabic

- Lecture 1: Approaching a Century of Leadership: IFLA's Journey from a 1920s 'Gentlemen's Club' to the 21st Century's Global Voice of Libraries
 - Speaker: Dr. Peter Lor
Location: Special Events Area
 - Description: This lecture will explore the rich history of IFLA and its impact on the global library community. Dr. Lor will take us through the significant milestones, challenges and achievements that have shaped IFLA's journey. Looking ahead, he will discuss the future direction of librarianship, emphasizing the role of libraries in an evolving world and the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead for library professionals.
- Language: English with Arabic interpretation
- Streaming: This event will be streamed online. The streaming link will be sent to the registered list.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (Simultaneous Events)

- Workshop 2: MENA Libraries' Capabilities
 - Facilitator: Dina Youssef, Director of the IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries (IFLA-CASL)
Location: Auditorium
Description: Enhancing the capabilities of libraries in the MENA region, including practical examples and hands-on activities.
 - Language: Arabic

- Lecture 2: Libraries in the MENA Region: Catalysts for Social and Cultural Impact
Speaker: Dr. Zuheir Bakleh, ESCWA Chief Librarian

Location: Special Events Area

Title: How Libraries in the MENA Region Are Driving Social and Cultural Impact

- Description: This lecture will explore the vital role libraries play in fostering community development and engagement in the MENA region. It will examine how libraries serve as hubs for information, education and cultural exchange, positively impacting social cohesion and community well-being. Attendees will gain insights into innovative programs and partnerships that enhance library services and meet the evolving needs of diverse populations. The discussion will also highlight success stories and best practices from various libraries across the region.
- Language: English with Arabic interpretation
- Streaming: This event will be streamed online. The streaming link will be sent to the registered list.

12:30 - 1:30 PM

- Break

1:30 - 3:00 PM

- Title: Networking and Future Collaboration Planning Session
Facilitator: Peter Upton, IFLA Consultant and Director of K2P2
Location: Special Events Area
 - Description: This open-floor session will provide participants with an opportunity to discuss potential collaborations, future projects and long-term partnerships.
 - Language: English with Arabic interpretation

This session will also serve as the closing ceremony.

Closing Ceremony

- Distribution of Certificates of Participation
- Final remarks