

MENA Hub for WLIC 2023

Fostering Change:

MENA Region Libraries and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

21 August 2023

2:00 - 3:30 PM Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) (5:00 – 6:30 PM Doha Time)

Agenda

2:00 - 2:25 PM: SDGs and the Protection of Documentary Heritage

Stephane Ipert, Director of Distinctive Collections at Qatar National Library

Learn about the challenges of SDGs in protecting Documentary Heritage. Discover the review of environmental preservation standards and sustainable preservation methods for collections in the MENA region.

Mr. Abd Al Nasser Amayri, an architect and specialist in the restoration and conservation of historical and archeological monuments, will also share insights on studying traditional construction techniques and how they can be adapted for libraries and archive buildings, offering sustainable solutions for collection preservation.

2:25 - 2:45 PM: Open Discussion

2:50 - 3:10 PM: How can MENA libraries support open access?

Presenter: Dr. Alwaleed Alkhaja, Head of Open Access and Copyright at Qatar National Library

Discover the significance of open access in supporting the UN's SDG goals, ensuring unrestricted access to research outputs. Explore various ways MENA libraries can promote open access, including:

- Raising awareness through outreach and community engagement
- Supporting the use of institutional repositories
- Promoting open educational resources
- Establishing services to support open-access publishing fees
- Adopting open licensing for library collections

3:10 - 3:30 PM: Open Discussion