

**CDNL  
CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES**

**MINUTES OF 2011 CDNL ANNUAL MEETING**

Held on 15 August 2011 at the National Library of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Time 8:30

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**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

- 1.1 The Chairperson**, Mr John Tsebe, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates, especially those who were attending CDNL meeting for the first time. He thanked the Secretariat and local organisers for their preparations and introduced Mrs Josefina Hillyer, the Director of the National Library of Puerto Rico to make housekeeping announcements. He also thanked the former CDNL Secretary Winston Roberts as well as and Andy Stephens for their assistance in ensuring a smooth transition of new Secretariat into office. He requested them to continue to work with Rachel as part of Secretariat Team.
- 1.2 Our Host** Ms Josefina Hillyer welcomed the delegates to the National Library of Puerto Rico and informed the delegates that the building was previously a rum factory and build in 1885. She then introduced Prof Mercedes Gomez, the Executive Director- Institute of Puerto Culture to formerly welcome delegates on behalf of the Governor of Puerto Rico.
- 1.3 Prof Mercedes Gomez** welcomed all the delegates to Puerto Rico and extended a warm welcome to Mr John Tsebe, Chairperson of CDNL and the two Vice-chairs: Dame Lynne Brindley of the British Library and Ms Ngian Lek Choh of the National Library of Singapore. She informed the delegates that their National Library has invaluable collection of maps dating back to 1600. They are in the process of digitising all their cultural and historical collections to make them globally accessible. She thanked the Secretary, Ms Rachel More and Ms Hillyer as well as the local organisers for all preparations to make this meeting a success.

**2. INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE**

**2.1 Attendance**

A total of 80 delegates attended the annual meeting. They represented 51 member Libraries as follows (in country order):

Angola, Aruba, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada (LAC and BAnQ), Chile, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark (Royal Library, and the Danish Agency for Libraries and Media), Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Lithuania, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia (National Library, State Library, and B. Yeltsin Presidential Library), Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, UK (British Library, NL of Wales, NL of Scotland), USA (Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library), Vietnam.

**2.2 Apologies**

The Chair noted apologies for absence from Dr Joana Escobedo of the Biblioteca de Catalunya, Director of the National Library of Indonesia, Ms Sri Sularsih represented by Mr Bambang Supriyo Utomo, and Mr Woro Titi Haryanti. Apologies were also received from the National Librarians for Botswana and Sudan.

**2.2 Introduction of New National Library Directors**

The Chairperson requested the National Library Directors who have been appointed since the previous CDNL meeting to introduce themselves. Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, the Director- General of the National Library of Australia, Mr Bill Macnaught, the National Librarian of the National Library of New Zealand.

**3. Confirmation of the Agenda**

The agenda was confirmed as it was. Request to move item 11 to 3.

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes were approved without any amendments. Mr Bill Macnaught proposed that his predecessor, Ms Penny Carnaby, the immediate past Chair of CDNL, be thanked for her leadership and the job well done. Dame Lynne Brindley noted that Item 12 of Minutes included a note of thanks to Penny. The CDNL Secretary also informed the meeting that she sent a letter of appreciation and thanks to Penny on behalf CDNL.

#### **5. Matters Arising from Minutes:**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting .

#### **6. Report by Chairman**

Mr Tsebe presented his reports under the following headings:

##### **6.1 Historical background of CDNL**

- The Conference of Directors for National Libraries (CDNL) was established in 1974.
- Its main purpose is to discuss policies and carry out activities that could be performed most effectively by national libraries on the understanding that its work will be coordinated with the IFLA section of National Libraries.
- It grew with from a rather loose organisation in the late 1970's to a much more structured body in the late 1990's
- Under the leadership of Marianne Scott, the National Librarian of Canada some significant improvements were made.
- CDNL established its present statutes and rules of procedure which gave the organisation a much clearer and stronger foundation for its activities.
- The statutes were revised in 2008.

##### **6.2 CDNL Executive**

He introduced the current leadership: Mr John Tsebe, Chairperson of CDNL, the two Vice-chairs: Dame Lynne Brindley of the British Library and Ms Ngian Lek Choh of the National Library of Singapore and the Secretary, Mrs Rachel More, National Library of South Africa.

##### **6.3 CDNL Objectives**

He explained the objectives of CDNL is to facilitate discussion, promote understanding, collaboration and cooperation on matters of common interest to national libraries worldwide.

CDNL pursues its objectives through annual meetings of its members, sharing of expertise, as well as the initiation, support and promotion of research and development activities by its committees, ad hoc groups, and individual members.

##### **6.4 CDNL global Vision**

The CDNL global vision is the Development of digital national library accessible to everyone world-wide. In order to achieve this global vision, Mr Tsebe pointed out that CDNL should focus on the following:

- Increase membership
- Mobilise National libraries in Africa to establish regional structure
- Promote regional cooperation
- Develop and link regional databases of national libraries
- Offer Advice and assistance with establishment of national libraries.
- Develop implementation plans for the Global Digital National Library

#### **7. REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES**

##### **7.1 IFLA National Libraries Section- Martyn Wade**

He reported on the meeting of IFLA Standing committee of National libraries which was held on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011. New Office bearers were elected. He was elected as Chair of the Standing Committee and Andy Stephens as Information Officer. He invited members to attend the IFLA Conference National libraries' sessions which will be dealing Literacy and reading, e-legal Deposit and other topics of interest to CDNL. He also invited delegates to the next IFLA Standing Committee OF National Libraries meeting which will held on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The meeting will focus on the strategic plans and also plan for its activities in Finland in 2012.

#### **7.2 Report on RDA (Resource Description Access) – Deanna Marcum**

She reported that the full report on RDA can be read on the Library of Congress(LC) website. There are challenges around RDA and implementation may be around 2013. Remedial work needs to be done before 2013 and a Remedial committee has been set up to look at all the challenges. RDA is difficult to implement in MARC environment. It means there is a need to work on successor to MARC. RDA Training Sessions are also on LC website. She will keep CDNL updated on RDA. She also brought packets of bookmarks for delegates to take home.

#### **7.2 Report on ICADS – Caroline Brazier**

She reported on the outcomes of the consultation meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011 with IFLA on the future role of ICADS. The original objectives of ICADS were to address new ways in which CDNL could support Bibliographic standards as well as the concerns expressed in 2003 by IFLA/CDNL that libraries were not yet fully aware of digital developments. The question raised was are these objectives still valid? After discussions the Advisory Board endorsed the recommendation that ICADS should cease to exist because the concept of digital libraries was now in the mainstream for libraries. There was no need to continue with ICADS. This does not mean that CDNL can no longer contribute. National libraries are at the cutting edge of digitisation of collections. CDNL can continue to promote digital developments through IFLA Sections such as National Libraries as well as Information Technology. CDNL will also continue to offer leadership. The ICADS website was in practice also not heavily used, it was agreed that it be discontinued. IFLA still want to continue to work with CDNL on joint collaborations.

CDNL also accepted the decision. The Vice-chair – Lynne Brindley – assured CDNL that this was a positive step which opens new ways of sharing information, exchanging new ideas, experiences and expertise. It is also an opportunity to form new alliances which will contribute the achievement of CDNL vision and objectives.

#### **7.4 Report on FAIFE - Kai Ekholm - Chair of FAIFE and National Librarian of Finland.**

He did not give his presentation, **FAIFE in Action**, because he had to leave for another meeting. He invited delegates to the meeting next year in Finland and requested to have of FAIFE on the 2012 CDNL agenda. He recommended that CDNL focus on Freedom of expression, Digital rights and National libraries in 2012.

He briefly shared his thoughts on banning of books and freedom of expression. He encouraged national libraries to be involved in Open Access.

#### **8. Presentation Results: e-Legal Deposit Survey -Lynne Brindley**

She shared the results of the survey which has been updated and broadened in scope. The power-point presentation of the results will be on posted on the website. There was a suggestion that the presentation be translated into German, Spanish, French and Russian.

The British library will develop Advocacy Pack for presentation in next CDNL meeting.

Members suggested that other CDNL presentations should also be translated in other languages and put on the website. It was agreed volunteers to translate and forward to Secretariat to post on Website.

#### **9.Panel discussion : Recovering from Natural disasters-Chair: Deanna Marcum**

**Panellists: Bill Macnaught -New Zealand, Roberto Aguirre Bello -Chile**

## **Françoise Thybulle - Haiti and Mitsuaki Amino – Japan**

Deanna as Chair of the Panel, drew the attention of delegates to the hand-out on "The recovery of National libraries from natural disasters" distributed during the meeting. It summarises lessons learnt from these natural disasters. Each panellist was given time to present a disaster in their countries

### **9.1 Presentation by National Library of New Zealand : Bill Macnaught**

The National library's Regional Centre in Christchurch suffered structural damage from a series of earthquakes. Collections and equipment were recovered and moved to other locations. Services were also redistributed to other regional centres. Operations were affected by the government's declaration of a state of national emergency. Staff offered some digital services from home using wireless broadband connectivity. Public libraries suffered damage and many were still closed including the Central Library. There was concern that the heritage collection in the Central Library could be exposed to winter elements. The National Library was concerned about the heritage collection in Wellington (print and digital, stored in one building), should such an event happen there. They cannot be complacent about this collection. Digitisation is perhaps a solution.

### **9.2 Presentation by National Library of Chile-Roberto Aguirre Bello**

The earthquake they had was followed by a Tsunami. National library suffered damage to building and collections. The library had recovery plans which they could implement. The library offered services electronically. All the services are now operating.

**9.3 Presentation by National Library of Haiti : Françoise Thybulle -Haiti.** The earthquake occurred on 12 January 2010. She showed a Short video followed by power-point presentation of before and after earthquake. The National Library suffered damage to its structure and collections. The library has since been repaired and re-opened in March 2011. Only one third of users returned. Most of them lost their lives during the disaster. The presentation will be posted on the website.

### **9.4 Presentation by National Diet Library: Mitsuaki Amino- Japan**

The National Diet Library is situated far away in Tokyo. The only damage was its 1.8m of books on higher floors falling off the shelves. There were electricity and public transport problems which impacted on services. The hardest hit were libraries in coastal areas which were swept away, collections soaked or lost and lives lost. National library was engaged in technical assistance to libraries in affected areas by dispatching specialists from their preservation division. They are archiving related websites, initiating inter-government meetings, drawing of model disaster plans, etc. He stressed that National libraries must prepare themselves for natural disasters. He thanked everyone for sympathy received during the disaster.

The Chair thanked the panellists and agreed that there were lessons to be learned by all. **What should CDNL do?**

- We need to develop guidelines to prepare for Disasters.
- Each National Library must have a disaster plan. Those who have them should avail them in order to share the knowledge and expertise
- In times of disaster, we need to offer support by contacting those affected to find out how they are doing and how we could assist.

## **10. IFLA DELEGATION PRESENTATIONS**

Mr Tsebe welcomed the IFLA delegation which was represented by IFLA President, Ellen Tise, IFLA President –Elect Ingrid Parent, IFLA General Secretary Jenneffer Nicholson and Sinikka Sapila and Trevor Clarke from WIPO. He informed them that the delegates were looking forward to the presentations.

### **10.1 Address by the President of IFLA – Ellen Tise.**

She shared with CDNL the new strategic plan of IFLA 2010-2015. She said IFLA was a leading international body representing the interest of the library and information services and its users. It is the global voice of the LIS profession the Strategic plan has four strategic directions.

- Empowering libraries to enable their user communities to have equitable access to information.
- Build strategic capacity for IFLA and that of its members
- Transforming the profile and standing of the profession
- Representing the interest of IFLA members throughout the world

The IFLA 2010-2012 Key initiatives are as follows

- Digital content programme
- International librarianship leadership development programme
- Outreach programme for advocacy and advancement of the profession
- Cultural Heritage Disaster reconstruction programme
- Multilingualism programmes

She concluded that IFLA look forward to cooperate and collaborate with CDNL as a In the implementation of the initiatives.

### **10.2 Address by President-elect: Ms Ingrid Parent, President- Elect, IFLA**

She announced her IFLA Presidential theme as **Libraries: A force for change**. She shared with CDNL that she chose the theme because libraries play many roles that benefit individuals, communities and society in general. To release their full potential, libraries must provide inclusive and transformative services, innovate and forge new collaborative alliances. She also looked forward to working with CDNL as a strategic partner to contribute towards the achievement of some of the IFLA key initiatives.

### **10.3 Presentation :Copyright and IP Issues- Trevor Clark (Barbados) –WIPO**

Intellectual property is also changing everything. Legal Professionals now include copyright as part of their law practices. WIPO is committed to find balance. To achieve your objectives IFLA has drafted a treaty. He is committed to work with libraries. Encouraged delegates to work with their governments to find solutions to the present challenges.

Mr Tsebe thanked the IFLA Delegation for their informative and though-provoking presentations. He invited the CDNL members to ask questions to the leadership of IFLA and WIPO. Lynne Brindley wanted more information on the collapse of the agreement in Europe. She asked for advice on how libraries should go about lobbying government on the matter.

Clarke advised libraries to work with government on the matter because it is of national interest. Unfortunately Publishers has Commercial strength. The law is on their side. There are still lots of uncertainty. He advised that libraries should accept some limitations, allow some exceptions.

### **10.4 Other Matters:**

IFLA still look forward to work with CDNL. They will hold a meeting with CDNL Executive on issues to cooperate and collaborate jointly.

## **11. DISCUSSION GROUPS SESSION- BREAK-OUT ROOMS**

Delegates divided into Three Groups: A, B and C. Each Group discussed and reported back as follows:

### **11.1 Group A: Literacy - Facilitator: John Tsebe**

#### **Report back by Maria- National Library of Angola:**

- NL have a role to play in partnerships with other libraries in the country
- Every National library should put literacy on the Agenda and take leadership. They should encourage government to have an integrated approach on the development of Literacy Policy
- National libraries to advocate for Literacy in local languages
- Literacy and reading to be positioned as core tools for social integration, job creation, job market, education, nation-building.

- National libraries to support digital literacy and assist in bridging the digital divide with appropriate programmes.

#### 11.2 **Group B: e-Legal Deposit : Facilitator: Lynne Brindley Report back by Andy Stephens of British Library.**

- The discussions were lively and engaging. The key points raised were
- There is a need to gain the trust of publishers
- We need to convince governments about the need for digital emergence
- Digitisation will assist in preserving material for future generations
- Preservation and access, format independence, need for harmonisation between Legal Deposit and copyright.
- Value of creating Advocacy Pack. It will be very useful
- Barriers to exchanging knowledge – laws to be on CDNL website
- Principles of Advocacy – Case studies, Successful strategies, use of survey to convince governments

Way forward for Group B – BL agree to write up discussion and develop advocacy pack .  
To use participants as discussion group for next year.

#### 11.3 **Group C: Digitisation – Facilitator: Ngian Lek Choh Report by Ngian – National Library of Singapore**

There was interest in the discussions

- Digitisation of different formats including audio, oral, videos and scientific material.
- Is it good to legislate digitisation.
- National libraries are key to preservation
- How can we attract publishers to partner with us as we preserve for posterity
- Publishers are talking to writers who own copyright for digitisation
- High costs of digitisation
- How to access external funding for example from EU.
- Goal is to digitise what has not been digitised yet.
- CDNL to meet with IFLA leadership to discuss and align plans.

Way forward for Group B : Digitisation of National Library Collections to be taken forward in the next year.

Chair requested the groups to send their recommendations to CDNL executive. The Group Feedbacks to be send to Secretariat for posting on the website.

#### 12. **ACTIONS FOR 2012 – RECOMMENDATIONS TO TAKE FORWARD**

- Lessons learned from Disasters to be put on website
- Examples of on disaster plans to be send to Secretariat to be put on the website
- CDNL to bring to IFLA `s attention the WIPO issues, that might be more important to National libraries for advice from Trevor Clarke.
- More focus be on web archiving, collected harvesting and domain harvesting
- Digitisation of National library collections
- Digital rights and National libraries
- Development of e-legal advocacy pack

#### 13. **PRESENTATION FROM 2012 HOST:NATIONAL LIBRARY OF FINLAND**

**The next meeting** will be hosted by the National Library of Finland in Helsinki. Finland on the 13 August 2012. The venue will be announced as soon as possible. The Contact person for local organisation is Kai Ekholm and Kristina

#### 13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None

**14. VOTE OF THANKS**

Mr Tsebe thanked all delegates for attending the meeting and participating in the discussions. Special thanks went to Josephine and her colleagues for organising the successful meeting. Thanks to Rachel, in particular ,for her dedication and hard-work as new CDNL Secretary and to Winston Roberts, Andy Stephens and Susanne for supporting and assisting her. He also thanked all the Presenters, Panellists, including Deanne Marcum. He also expressed his gratitude to Group Facilitators and Reporters. He also thanked the CDNL Vice chairs Lynne and Ngian for their guidance and their leadership throughout the year. Thank you to IFLA leadership in their absence and everybody for attendance and their participation.

Lynne also thanked John Chairing the meeting professionally with great charm, sense of humour and inclusiveness.

**15. Closure**

Meeting adjourned at 17:00. Everyone was invited to a reception by the National Library of Puerto Rico immediately after the meeting

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**Minutes Approved and signed .....**

**Mr John Tsebe  
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