



ALIA and international relations statement

ALIA Constitution Objects addressed:

- To promote the free flow of information and ideas in the interest of all Australians and a thriving culture, economy, environment and democracy;
- To endorse the principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 19 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in response to the many challenges faced by the world today and into the future.

Principle

The Australian library and information profession is committed to increasing the Australian Library and Information Association's presence in the global library community, to providing leadership through ALIA's expertise and to promoting greater understanding of international librarianship and library issues in the global information environment.

Statement

ALIA recognises the global information environment in which its members now operate and the importance of the Australian profession making a vigorous international professional contribution. It believes that:

1. The Association will promote and pursue collaboration with library and information organisations throughout the world to ensure equity of access to information worldwide and to highlight the key role of library and information services and practitioners
2. The Australian profession has a particular interest in the Asia, Pacific and Oceania regions, and also benefits from active involvement in regional professional activities and developments. We have much to contribute, and much to learn, through strong involvement with our regional colleagues in appropriate programs and activities. In recognising this, ALIA will encourage involvement of members in international library activities and in the



development of solutions to library service issues that span national boundaries

3. The Association will use advocacy to influence government and other bodies on matters of international concern to the library and information services sector
4. The Association will work to influence the foreign and trade policies of the Australian Government, its aid agencies and key national consultative bodies, including the Australian National Commission for UNESCO, to encourage the support of libraries throughout the world, the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to create opportunities for participation in appropriate programs by Australian professionals
5. The Association is a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and encourages active involvement by ALIA members in IFLA's work and activities.

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