

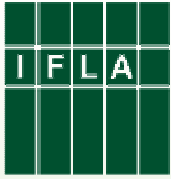
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# **Libraries Are the Main Gateway to Access Knowledge**

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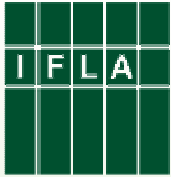




# Main items to be discussed

- IFLA
- The Role of Libraries
- Libraries are different all over the world (resources, expertise, legal frameworks, including copyright. (IFLA World Report 2010)
- Libraries using and promoting new tools to access knowledge (OA, CC,..)
- Some success stories from the Arab region
- What problems need to be addressed
- Conclusion





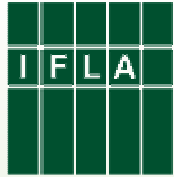
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## **IFLA:**

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

Founded in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1927 at an international conference, we celebrated our [75th birthday](#) at our conference in Glasgow, Scotland in 2002. We now have 1600 Members in approximately 150 countries around the world. IFLA was registered in the Netherlands in 1971. [The Royal Library, the national library of the Netherlands](#), in The Hague, generously provides the facilities for our headquarters.





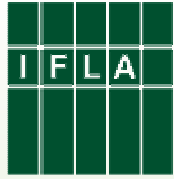
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# Libraries as part of the infrastructure to Access Knowledge

Libraries and archives are long-established institutions that play a unique role in collecting, preserving and providing access to knowledge.

Libraries and archives have a major role in helping people meet their work, study, research, and leisure needs. They support important public policy goals such as literacy, education, research, employability, and health awareness. Libraries and archives enable and encourage creativity and innovation, which are major goals of WIPO.

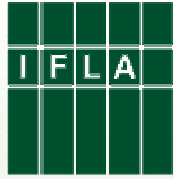




## Libraries are different all over the world

- with differing levels of resources, expertise, legal frameworks, including copyright. We can see this in the IFLA World Report 2010 <http://www.ifla-world-report.org>
- - -Libraries and the Internet
  - Libraries using new tools to access knowledge like OA
  - Copyright Laws and E & L (info from the IFLA World report 2010)
  - Towards copyright balance for libraries and archives



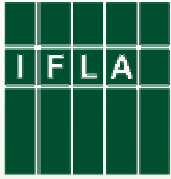


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# Success Stories from the Arab region

- OA projects: WIKI Arabi, The BA OA
- The digitization of old Arabic books
- Adopting Creative commons Licenses in the Arab world and harmonizing the Terms in Arabic
- Arabic Unported License





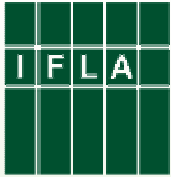
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## The WIPO Study on E&L;

Professor Kenneth Crews study shows 21 countries worldwide have no specific exception for libraries and archives etc.

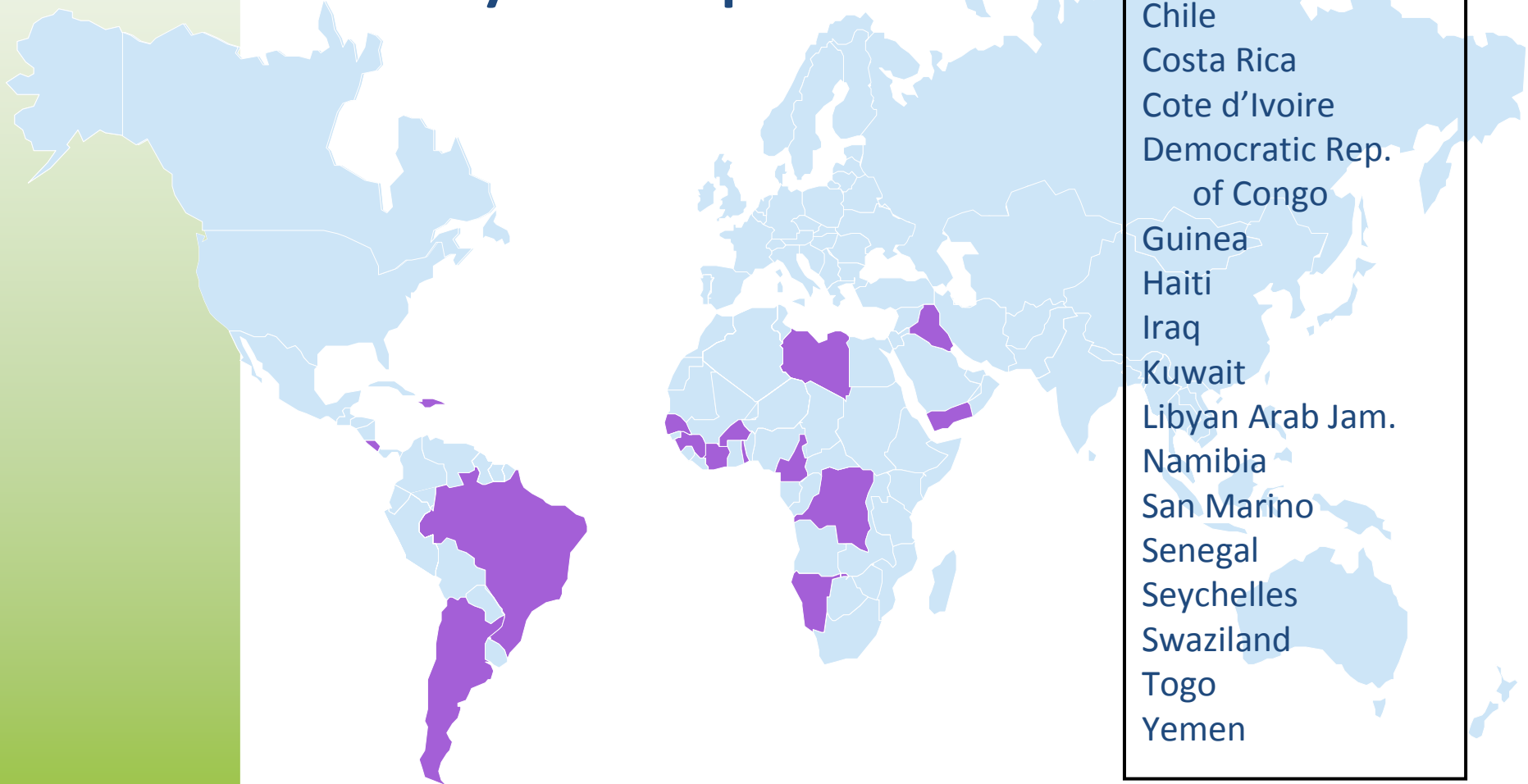
Point out how important it is to update national and international systems of copyright to cope with the digital environment



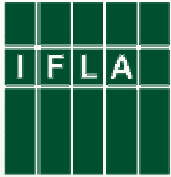


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# No Library Exception



- Argentina
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Democratic Rep.  
of Congo
- Guinea
- Haiti
- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Libyan Arab Jam.
- Namibia
- San Marino
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Swaziland
- Togo
- Yemen

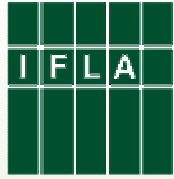


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# What Problems need to be addressed

- Absence of E& L for preservation..
- Contract law to prevail copyright law
- TPM and legal copying

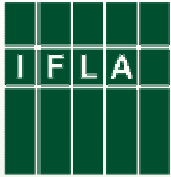




## Conclusion remarks (1)

- WIPO is taking the issue of libraries and Archives E&L seriously in the SCCR discussions, and it is on the agenda for SCCR 23 in November. And this is something appreciated by IFLA.
- thanks to the African Group for listening to Libraries and including E&L for Libraries in their proposal





## Concluding Remarks (2)

-IFLA has developed a draft treaty that can be useful to guide member states when considering these issues in the SCCR in Nov.

- IFLA would like to urge policy makers to sustain and consolidate its IFLA's efforts to in updating the Es and Ls for libraries and archives, so that alongside new tools and systems countries all over the world can take advantage of the best possible infrastructure for access to knowledge.

