

Good afternoon. Before I proceed with the closing, I would like to ask all of the presenters to please stay after the closing so we can get a group photo.

Over the past two days as we heard amazing examples of how ***Libraries act as Catalysts for Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals***. From the expert keynote speakers and panelists, the invited speakers who have shared their interesting work, those who participated virtually, and the organizations who shared information at the booths, we have learned how we can engage with our respective communities to support the changemakers. Dr. Tok's presentation shared an old school approach of the librarian and the donkey and Mr. Maroud's presentation showed how library users are learning new technology. We can see that library professionals have been and continue to touch and change lives every day. As Ms. Lison mentioned and as Ms. Abeer reiterated yesterday during the panel, we need to be less modest. We need to share what we are doing and be proud of the impact we are making in our respective communities. After all each life changed has a ripple effect.

I am sure that everyone has a deeper knowledge and understanding of how your library can act as a community connector, and you will return to your respective organizations with new ideas to implement. Please stay in touch we would love to hear your amazing stories, and please share them with IFLA so they can add them to the Library Map of the World.

You can imagine the logistical challenges some of our presenters faced to get here with ever-changing covid restrictions. So please join me in a round of applause to thank all of the presenters and organizations who shared their expertise.

I would also like to thank everyone in the audience for joining us to make this forum a success. Please know that we would love to collaborate if we can help support your SDG initiatives.

I would like to extend a special thank you to His Excellency, Dr. Hamad Al Kuwari for his welcoming opening message, and Ms. Tan Huism, for her participation in the panel and her support. It is greatly appreciated.

We are extremely grateful and thankful to the advisory committee, Ms. Muneera Al Buainan, Ms. Latifa Al Amri, and Mr. Mohammed Sayeed Showkath and the

review committee, Ms. Najlaa Al Shawani, Ms. Asma Al Buainan, Ms. Rana Abdulrahman, and Mr. Marcin Werla.

Many Thanks also to the QNL Content team, Press team, IT team, FM team, and Communications team for their countless hours and their graciousness when accommodating many last minute requests. This wouldn't have been possible without a huge team in the background.

I also extend much gratitude and many thanks to the Research and Learning team who stepped up at every request to help make this forum a success.

There are two team members who were the instrumental in making this forum a success. Christine, Rana will you please come to the front?

I would like to extend an extra special thanks to the dream team, Ms. Rana Abdulrahman and Ms. Christine Afinidad, the forum team leads. They worked countless hours, and had many sleepless nights leading up to the conference.

And last, but certainly not least, Ms Abeer Al Kuwari, would you also come to the front? We extend a special heartfelt thank you to Our amazing and fearless leader, Ms. Abeer Al Kuwari, who had the vision, the drive, and the tenacity to implement the ***first annual*** Libraries Lead forum.

We hope you will join us next year for the **second** annual forum where we discuss the role libraries, museums and cultural centers play in cultural diplomacy

Although this is the end of the forum, and you may be eager to go, we would appreciate it if you could please scan this QR code and answer a very short feedback form. Also, feel free to send additional questions or suggestions to the email on the screen. Finally, We will email attendance certificates to each of you in a few days. If you do not find it in your inbox or junk folder, please let us know and we will resend it.

I thank you once again for your participation and wish you all a safe journey home.

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