# CALL FOR PAPERS: OPEN FORUM AFRICA SECTION, 24-30 August 2019, Athens, Greece, 2019

**THEME:***“****Libraries as Change Agents”***

IFLA Africa Section: Invites Librarians, Information Scientists and other interested professionals to submit proposals for the Open Forum to be held during the 85h IFLA WLIC, in Athens, Greece, from 24-30 August 2019.  In line with the main theme of the Congress, “Libraries: dialogue for change**”,**Africa Section proposes a Session on the theme: *“****Libraries as Change Agents.”***

African Libraries play a central role as in today’s information led economic, social and cultural development. Different types of libraries serve as “motors” that drive the creation; access and usage of information and knowledge needed for this societal transformation.

Africa section is inviting you to send in your projects, programmes, good practices to show case how Libraries play a central role in different dialogues on transformation of African societies.

# Sub-themes

* Libraries as agents of the 4th industrial revolution
* Libraries as motors of change in the LIS Sector
* Model change in your community- vehicle to change
* No Libraries no Change
* Professional volunteerism in Librarianship / libraries
* Libraries at the center of community transformation
* Libraries driving communities towards United Nations 2030 Agenda

Full details are on the [IFLA WLIC 2019 website](https://2018.ifla.org/cfp-calls/africa-section).

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

The proposal must be the original work of the author(s) and should be written in either English or French. Each abstract must contain:

1. Title of proposed presentation
2. Outline of the proposed presentation (no more than 350 words)
3. Name(s) of presenter(s)
4. Position or title of presenter(s)
5. Presenter(s) employer or affiliated institution
6. E-mail address, Telephone/fax numbers
7. Short biographical statement of the presenter/s, with digital photograph

**Please email ABSTRACTS (Proposals) by 8 February 2019** **to:**

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**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**8 February 2019:** Deadline for Submission of Abstracts  
**30 March 2019:** Notification of acceptance/rejection of papers  
**30 June 2019:** Deadline for Submission of Full Papers

**All proposals will be evaluated by a refereeing team of the Standing Committee of the IFLA Africa Section.**

**Please note**

At least one of the paper’s authors must be**present** to deliver a summary of the paper during the program in Malaysia. Abstracts should only be submitted with the understanding that the expenses of attending the conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers.

All papers that are presented at the WLIC 2019 will be made available online via the [IFLA Library](http://library.ifla.org/) under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/).

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All expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by IFLA, but a special invitation letter can be issued to authors.

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