# ACTION PLAN and RESOURCE REQUEST FORM for Professional Units 2017 - 2018

# Action plan 2017 – 2018 Introduction

Governments, intergovernmental organizations and public non-governmental organizations generate large quantities of documents and information which shape our lives and mould the societies in which we live. The Section promotes the discovery, collection, bibliographic control, preservation and dissemination of information from and about all these public bodies. Persons interested in the Section are drawn from the world community of specialists in access to public documents and public policy. They share the mission of promoting free and equitable access to quality information in order to assure accountability from governments and other public bodies to the people they serve.

**Name of Professional Unit: *Government Information and Official Publications***

**Objectives of Professional Unit 2017-18:**

1. ***Work to strengthen and enhance the UN System of Depository Libraries and UN Library system***  
   *Strategic Direction: Libraries in Society. Key Initiative: Introducing Libraries on the agenda of International Organizations*.
2. ***Advocate for the importance of expertise in libraries relating to Government Information, data and knowledge.****Strategic Direction: Information and Knowledge. Key Initiative: Defining a Long-Term sustainable information environment*
3. ***Advocate for the long-term preservation and open access to international government information***

*Strategic Direction: Information and Knowledge: Key Initiative: Defining a Long-Term sustainable information environment*

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| Objectives  *What do you want to achieve.* | Project or activity  *What project or activity are you going to do?* | Main tasks  *What are the specific things you need to do?* | Responsibilities and timeline  *Who will do them and by when?* | Resources  *Do you need specific skills, money or technology?* | Communications  *How will you communicate your achievements? To whom? By when?* | Measures of success  *How will you show the impact of your work?* | Progress  *Report here briefly the progress of your work, at least every month.* |
| *1. Work to strengthen and enhance the UN System of Depository Libraries and UN Depository Library system.* | Strengthen and clarify role of UN Depository libraries in the UN system of information dissemination and service. | 1.1 Invite international organization publishers to participate in GIOPS events and open sessions. | 1.1.1. Jim Church, Kate Tallman  1.2.1. Jim Church, Kate Tallman, Kris  Kasianovitz. | No | GIOPS and other government lists and social media, articles, and other publications. | Policy changes reflected in the UN’s Principles governing United Nations Depository Libraries. |  |
| 2. *Advocate for the importance of expertise in libraries relating to Government Information, data and knowledge.* | Complete draft Advocacy Document “The Importance of Expertise in Libraries Relating to Government Information, Data and Knowledge” | 2.1. Assign and complete remaining chapters, introduction and conclusion. | 2.1.1 Kay Cassell. (editor)  2.1.2 Jim Church  (facilitator) | No | Ongoing communication with chapter contributors and GIOPS standing committee. Report to IFLA Professional Committee by August 2018. | Completion of draft by August 2018 |  |
| 3. *Advocate for the long-term preservation open access of international government information.* | Work with IFLA Advocacy to adopt a formal government information open access policy. | 3.1. Work with IFLA advocacy to analyse IGO Licensing terms.  3.2 Publish a report and recommendations | 3.1.1 Jim Church  3.1.2 Kate Tallman  3.1.3 Name | No | GIOPS and other government lists and social media, articles, and other publications. | Adoption of a formal international government information open access policy |  |