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**Symposium on the Way Forward for an Egyptian Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty**

**Program**

**Sunday, 12 February 2017**

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| 8:30–9:00  | **Registration** |
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| 9:00–9:30  | **Opening Session** |
|  | *Welcome speeches by:*Lamia Abdelfattah, Head of Library Sector, Bibliotheca AlexandrinaKaren Keninger, Chair of IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Section, USA*Brief self-introductions by participants* |
| 9:00–10:45  | **Session 1: Problem (Book Famine) and Solution (Marrakesh Treaty)** |
|  | *Moderator*: Karen Keninger, Chair of IFLA/LPD***The Right to Read***Christopher Friend, Technical Advisor on the Marrakesh Treaty, WBU, UK***The Impact of the Book Famine for Visually Impaired and Other Print Disabled Readers in Egypt***Reda Sayed, Board Member, Fajr Al-Tanweer Association for the Blind in EgyptHeba Kholeif, Officer, Bibliotheca Alexandrina Cairo Embassy of Knowledge  |
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|  | Open floor for questions and comments from participants. |
| 10:45–12:00  | **Session 2: Legislative Requirements** |
|  | *Moderator*: Hala Essalmawi, Principal Attorney/IPR Officer, Egypt |
|  | ***The Importance of the Disability Bill and Egyptian Commitment to the UNCRPD***Khaled Hanafy, Parliament member, Egypt |
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|  | ***Process of Egypt Ratification of Marrakesh Treaty***Heba Mostafa, Director, Intellectual Property Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt Dr. Mohamed Mohsen el-Naggar, Professor of Law, University of Alexandria, Egypt |
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|  | Open floor for questions and comments from participants. |
| 12:00–12:30 | **Coffee break** |

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| 12:30–14:00  | **Session 3: Matching the Reading Needs of Egypt's Visually Impaired with the Marrakesh Treaty** |
|  | *Moderator*: Kirsi Ylanne, Accessibility Expert, Celia Library, Finland |
|  | ***The Role of Authorized Entities: Producing Accessible Format Titles for the Visually Impaired and Print Disabled*** |
|  | Amr Hegazy, Head of Digital Talking Books Section, Bibliotheca AlexandrinaBothaina Esmat Kamal, Technological Observatory Manager, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt |
|  | Dr. Mohamed Tohamy, Technical Director, Rafeeq al-Darb Library, University of Ain Shams, Egypt |
|  | Alaa Farid, HR Specialist, DAESN Association, Egypt |
|  | ***Exchanging of Accessible Titles Between Authorized Entities and Direct to Individual Print-Disabled Readers in Other Countries***Richard Orme, CEO, DAISY Consortium, UKAnthea Taylor, Manager, Accessible Information Library Services Vision, Australia |
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|  | Open floor for questions and comments from participants. |
| 14:00–15:00  | **Lunch break** |
| 15:00–15:30  | **Session 4: Developing the Way Forward***Moderator*: Dina Foda, Vice Chairman, Fajr al-Tanweer Association for the Blind, Egypt |
|  | ***Campaigning Towards Ratification***Christopher Friend, Technical Advisor on the Marrakesh Treaty, World Blind Union, UK  |
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|  | ***The Development of Accessible Title Libraries Network in Egypt*** |
|  | Richard Orme, CEO, DAISY Consortium, UK |
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| 15:30–17:00  | **Session 5: Formation of Working Groups** |
|   | (Stakeholder participants will volunteer to one of the two working groups below, which they are willing to join) |
|  | 1. Ratification Campaign Team (*Mentor*: Christopher Friend);
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|  | 1. Developing Accessible Book Libraries Network Team

(*Mentor*: Richard Orme). |
|  | Both teams will develop a first draft work plan and agree on leadership members. |
| 17:00–17:30  | **Closing Session** |
|  | *Moderators*: Karen Keninger, IFLA/LPD and Christopher Friend, WBU1. Report on work plans by team coordinators;
2. The Alexandria Declaration on the Marrakesh Treaty;
3. Future support from IFLA/LPD and WBU.
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| 17:30–18:00  | **Visit to the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Taha Hussein Library for the Blind** |