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Project Charter

Task Force on the Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Project

September 2020

1. Project Name

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2. Objectives

- Identify and recommend the resources needed CARL and ARL members to implement the terms of the Marrakesh Treaty and to fulfil its promise of improving access and facilitating the cross-border exchange of works for people with print disabilities
- Design and undertake a pilot project with a small, international group of libraries, to test the recommended approach to implementing the treaty
- Recommend further steps to resolve issues revealed by the pilot and broaden implementation

3. Marrakesh Project Description

The CARL-ARL Marrakesh Implementation Project will introduce the provisions of the Marrakesh Treaty (MT) to CARL and ARL members, provide a clear understanding of the MT as enacted in each national law, train library staff in the pilot libraries on how to implement the MT, create an implementation plan to facilitate putting the MT into practice at more institutions, and provide accessible materials to students and faculty.

4. Assessment Projects' Scope

The Task Force on the Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Project scope is to design, pilot test and recommend the broad implementation of the MT.

5. Project Champion, Task Force and Accountabilities

Project Champions: Susan Haigh, Executive Director, CARL, and Judy Ruttenberg, Senior Director of Scholarship and Policy, ARL

Task Force Chair: Victoria Owen, Information Policy Scholar-Practitioner, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Visiting Program Officer, CARL and ARL

Task Force Members:

- Gerald Beasley, University Librarian, Cornell University (ARL Liaison)
- Pascal Calarco, University Librarian, University of Windsor (CARL Liaison)
- Julie Cardinal, Directrice, Traitement documentaire et métadonnées, Université de Montréal
- Greg Cram, Director, Copyright, Permissions and Information Policy, New York Public Library
- Meredith Fletcher, Manager, Metadata Sharing, Library and Archives Canada
- Katherine McColgan, Manager, Administration and Programs, CARL
- Lisa O'Hara, Vice Provost (Libraries) & University Librarian, University of Manitoba
- Christine Oliver, Head, Metadata and Processing, University of Ottawa

Pilot Project Team

TBD - participating libraries, Task Force specialists

6. Governance

The Task Force reports to the CARL Policy Committee and the ARL Advocacy and Public Policy Committee through the CARL and ARL Liaisons.

7. Project Deliverables and Schedule

- Formation of Task Force - August 2020
- Introductory information session for Task Force members - September 2020
- Monthly working meetings - August 2020 and ongoing
- Pilot project plan, recruitment of pilot institutions - October - November 2020
- Pilot project implementation, data collection, observations - January - June 2021
- Review and assessment of pilot project July - August 2021
- Recommendations for broader implementation - September 2021

8. Risks and Dependencies

Risk: Lack of high level of administrative support to ensure the resources are available for Task Force and for a successful pilot.

Risk: Pressure from COVID pandemic to allocate resources elsewhere

Risk: Unknown commitment of time and effort required for proper testing.

Dependency: Recommendations for broader rollout are dependent on a successful pilot project.

9. Expected Results

- Task Force members and participants in pilot project will develop a clear understanding of the Marrakesh Treaty, its enactment in national law, and its harmonization with other Marrakesh Treaty countries.
- A plan to create and share metadata to facilitate international exchange of works.
- A pilot project that enables cross-border exchange of works and provides results confirm/improve the implementation in other research institutions.

- A project plan for other institutions for follow for a successful implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty.