

THE ILA FRANKFURT DECLARATION

ILA's Organizational Reform and Commitment to a Global Literacy Agenda

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Preamble: In April 2016, the International Literacy Association (ILA) convened a Global Taskforce in Frankfurt, Germany. The purpose was to elicit open dialogue with a representative member group to consider how ILA can progress its goal of advancing literacy learning throughout the world. The outcomes of this landmark meeting produced an ambitious and unheralded direction for reforming the ILA organization to emphasize a global agenda and matching model of governance.

Vision: The members of the ILA Frankfurt Global Taskforce are committed to working together through an open and transparent dialogue to ensure that a global network of like-minded autonomous national associations can join together to become the ILA that shares a vision of, and commitment to, advancing literacy learning in socially and culturally appropriate ways throughout the world. Given the common grounding of beliefs and visions of the nationally based Partner associations, we believe that a united Federation model provides a vehicle for collective action and collaboration.

Actions: To achieve this vision by April 2019, the ILA Frankfurt Global Taskforce proposes the following action is to be undertaken by an ILA Transition Taskforce Team: To investigate the model for an International Federation, formed by National Associations as partners of ILA and to make recommendations to the ILA Board of Directors for adoption. This process would include a focus on:

- Governance structures
- Regional groupings
- Nomenclature
- National partnership membership and membership standards
- Roles and responsibilities
- Support systems
- Fiduciary implications
- Integrated project work
- Resource sharing and dissemination

ILA Global Taskforce Members' Commitment: As signatories to this declaration, we commit to engage in a transparent and dialogic process, with a timely flow of information to achieve unprecedented collaboration across all prospective ILA National Partners.

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The Declaration is not a legally binding document. However, it is a clear statement by the members of this Global Task Force concerning that which they have agreed should be done to ensure that ILA is best positioned to support quality literacy education and development across the world.