

**ICMA Local Government-Public Libraries Partnership Initiative  
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**Advisory Committee Agenda  
August 16-17, 2007  
Harold Washington Library Center (HWLC)- Chicago, IL**

**Wednesday, August 15 – Hilton Chicago Reception Room 4D**

7:00 – 8:30 pm      Welcome Reception  
*Please join us and meet your fellow colleagues on this initiative.*

**Thursday, August 16 – HWLC Multi-Purpose Room A**

8:30 – 9:00 am      CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:20              ICMA Welcome & Staff Introductions  
*Sue Cosner, Sr. Governance Advisor, ICMA*

Project Background & Overview  
*Susan Benton, Strategic Partners Executive, ICMA*

9:20 – 10:30          Advisory Committee Self-Introductions

10:30                      BREAK

10:45 – 10:55          Summary of Findings from Long Overdue  
*Allison Davis, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

10:55 – 11:30          Summary of Findings from Making Cities Stronger  
*Martín Gómez, Executive Director, Urban Libraries Council*

11:30                      Advisory Committee Reflections - Questions and Comments

12:00 noon              BREAK

12:15 – 2:30              WORKING LUNCH  
Committee Discussion #1 - Local Conditions/Current Connections  
*Sue Cosner, Facilitating*

*Central questions for discussion –*

- (1) How do the findings from Making Cities Stronger and Long Overdue compare with your community's experience?*
- (2) What are the current connections between your community's local government and public library?*
- (3) What are the key issues facing your community? And how might your public library contribute to addressing those issues?*
- (4) What kinds of community programs does your public library currently offer?*
- (5) What is the funding stream for your public library?*

2:30                      BREAK

2:45 pm                    The Chicago Experience: Creating a Partnership with the Chief Executive  
*Mary Dempsey, Chicago Public Library Commissioner*

3:30                        Committee Discussion #2 – Powerful Community Partnerships  
*Sue Cosner, Facilitating*

*Central questions for discussion –*

*(1) What is the traditional role between the local government manager and public library? How might that role evolve? And to what benefit to the community?*

*(2) What types of creative funding sources exist for public libraries?*

*(3) What kinds of leadership can local government managers bring to supporting public libraries? What are possible strategies for creating or strengthening the partnerships between local governments and public libraries?*

*(4) What is the role of the public library in the community and economic development arena?*

5:00                        Summary of Today's Work  
Introduction of the National Action Agenda

7:00                        Meet and leave for DINNER at the  
Chicago Firehouse Restaurant

**Friday, August 17 – HWLC Multi-Purpose Room A**

8:00 – 8:30 am            CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30                        Crafting the National Action Agenda for Public Libraries  
*Sue Cosner, Facilitating*

- Establishing a Values Statement
- Setting Our Goals
- A Call to Action
- Accountability
- Measuring Our Progress

10:30                      BREAK

10:45                      Project Discussion and  
Evaluation and Performance Measurement

11:30 am – 12:30 pm    Next Steps  
*Sue Cosner, Facilitating*

12:30                      Adjourn