# Template email to invite organisations to sign the Lyon Declaration

(More information and the entire Lyon Declaration, in English as well as several other languages, can be found at [www.lyondeclaration.org](http://www.lyondeclaration.org))

Dear [INSERT NAME],

We have been delighted to be talking to you recently about our policy work appreciate your interest.

I am writing to ask you if [NAME OF ORGANISATION] will consider signing up to the Lyon Declaration, coordinated by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions ([IFLA](http://www.ifla.org)).

You may know that The United Nations is negotiating a new development agenda to succeed the Millennium Development Goals. The agenda will guide all countries on approaches to improving people’s lives, and outline a new set of goals to be reached during the period 2016-2030.

We believe that increasing access to information and knowledge across society, assisted by the availability of information and communications technologies (ICTs), supports sustainable development and improves people’s lives.

We are calling upon the Member States of the United Nations to make an international commitment to use the post-2015 development agenda to ensure that everyone has access to, and is able to understand, use and share the information that is necessary to promote sustainable development and democratic societies.

The Lyon Declaration is the information profession’s response to this agenda, and we have a duty to ask our partners and friends who believe in the power of libraries and information, to join us and sign up.

Please let me know if you will consider this.  Here is a link to the full declaration:

[http://www.lyondeclaration.org](http://www.lyondeclaration.org/)

With many thanks for your anticipated support.

Best wishes