



UIA MEETING WITH REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

UIA – ACE – ARCASIA – AUA – FPAA

9 April 2024, online

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UIA MISSION / WILL BE PRECISED IN THE FRAME OF THE REVISION

The UIA is a federation of national professional organisations working to:

unify architects, influence public policies and advance architecture in service to the needs of society.

CUP Motto 2023-26

- **COOPERATE** for a solidary, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, peaceful world
- **UNITE** architects on common professional goals and ethical values
- **PROFESSIONALISE** in order to produce valuable professional outcomes

GOAL 2023-2026

reboot the UIA and ensure its future

GOAL always valid

follow the evolution of the profession of architect
contribute with architectural expertise

What should the UIA be and do:

what the Member Sections cannot be and cannot do
The goal of UIA is to bring added value to its Member Sections

Most Member Sections of the Regional Organisations are also Member Sections of the UIA. We should therefore try to better coordinate our actions and be complementary in order to achieve more efficient results for the profession. Together we are stronger.

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UIA MISSION / EXPAND MISSION AND INCREASE RELEVANCE

Preamble of the Statues and Bylaws reflects the historical context the UIA was founded and the evolution of the present challenges

- **Unite across political, economic and aesthetic frontiers**
- **Facilitate contact between architects irrespective of nationality, race, religion, professional training and architectural doctrine**
- **Exchange mutual experiences and enrich each other through differences**
- **Advocate for human dignity and eradication of all forms of violence, discrimination and inequity**
- **Promote environmental and climate conditions that allow life in ecosystem balance and the well-being of humanity**

Global Professional Representative / Lobbying Organization

- **Partner of the International Organizations and global representative of the profession with a voice that counts**
- **Policy maker with influence on world decision makers**

Setting International Professional Standards

- **Elaborate reference documents and standards of universal validity**
- **Collaborate with other International Organizations and influence standards**

Professional Knowledge Hub

- **Catalyzer of worldwide knowledge in the domain of architecture** (synthesize and produce knowledge)
- **Center for Information on the profession worldwide** (elaborate and maintain updated databank and conduct regular worldwide surveys)
- **Network facilitating contacts between professionals** (create lists of relevant contacts in member sections, have antennas in relevant domains)

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UIA MISSION / INTENSIFY RELATION INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The intensification of the relation of the UIA with the International Organisations will become a major chapter of UIA activities.

We are in the process of

- getting the overview of the existing organisations, their goals and activities
- analysing the particular interest they represent, for the UIA, setting priorities and developing a strategy. This task belongs to V&S Committee.

The new structure of the Secretariat will have a policy officer responsible international organisations.

- As a first step during this transitional period Coordinator Carla Vieira will be in charge of the coordination of all relevant information.
- We need to review existing MoU's, analyse new requests, decide which we want to activate and which new to conclude.
- We decided to link our working bodies to international Organisations who operate in the same thematic area.

The goal is to make a step forwards

- bring concrete and meaningful professional contributions
- try to have some influence and political impact

What makes sense are CONCRETE COLLABORATIONS not just participation in events

Some UIA Working bodies already collaborate with International organisations, others not yet.

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OVERVIEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS / UIA REPRESENTATIVES

UNESCO (Paris) UIA Partner organisation with Association status

ECOSOC UN Economic and Social Council (N.Y.) Special Consultative Status since 1949

UN GENEVA The United Nations Office in Geneva

UN - HABITAT (Nairobi)

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UNFCCC-UN - Framework Convention on climate change (Bonn) UIA Observer Status

UNWTO - World Tourism Organisation

WHO - World Health Organisation (Geneva) UIA consultative status since 1949

WIPO - World Intellectual property Organisation (Geneva) UIA consultative status since 1983

ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation (Geneva) Category B Liaison

IOC - International Olympic committee (Lausanne)

COUNCIL OF EUROPE (Strassburg)

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

GlobalABC - Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction

WORLD BANK

OECD - Office for Economic Co-operation and Development

WTO - World Trade organisation (Geneva) contact lost, only states are members

WUC - World Urban Campaign MoU since 2011, reconducted every 2 years

WUF - World Urban Forum

UTC - Urban thinkers Campus

HPF - Habitat Forum of Professionals Chair Mona Rady UIA co-founder in 1993

UIA President, Regina Gonthier

UIA Secretary General, Rui Leao

Nikos Fintikakis (one year mission)

Vity Nsalambi (one year mission)

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Gaetan Siew + Iman Gawad or Cid Bianco

Jose Luis Cortes/establish connection with Heritage WP

Teresa Taboas + Karin Immoberdorf (WP PH)

Charles Pictet + Tillman Prinz

Fionnuala Rogerson (AfA)

Doris Wälchli + Harald Fux (S&L)

Albert Dubler

G. Siew + C. Bianco

goal: establish contact (UIA representation is not an issue)

goal: collaboration of experts and MoU (UIA representation is not an issue)

ad hoc UIA delegation when necessary

Isthiaque Zahir Titas since 2015 (termination 2024) nominate successor

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Mona Rady (termination 2024)



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OVERVIEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS / UIA REPRESENTATIVES

DAVOS BAUKULTUR ALLIANCE (UIA is member since 2024)

ARCHITECTURE 2030

Global ABC Passive Cooling Workgroup

Global ABC Adaptation Workgroup

UHPH Urban Housing Practitioners Hub

Sustainable Construction Observatory by Saint-Gobain

Daniel Fügenschuh

UN 17SDG's Task Force

Iman Gawad

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MoU proposed by UIA COP28 Delegation

Gaetan Siew, Iman Gawad



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- ACE-CAE Architects Council of Europe** MoU signed in 2006 **R1**
- ACCEE The Architects Council of Central and Eastern Europe** **R2**
- V4AF Architectural Foundation of the 4 Visegrad Countries** (Czech, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary) MoU signed in 2008 **R2**
- FABSR Forum of Architects of the Black Sea Region** **R2**
- MASA International Association of Eurasian Unions of Architects** MoU signed in 2010 **R2**
- UMAR Union of Mediterranean Architects** MoU signed in 2013 for 5 years **R1,R2,R5**
- FPAA /FAPA Pan American Federation of Architects** MoU signed in 2016 for 5 years **R3**
- RAGA Regionl de Architectos del grupo Andino** (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela) **R3**
- ARCASIA Architects Council of Asia** MoU signed in 2011 **R4**
- OAA Organisation of Arab Architects** MoU signed in 2011 **R4**
- SAARCH –South Asian association for regional cooperation of Architects** (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Butan, India, Pakistan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka) **R4**
- AUA African Union of Architects** MoU signed in 2007 **R5**
- CIALP – International Council of Portuguese speaking Architects** MoU signed in 2010 **R1,R3,R4,R5**
- CAA-Commonwealth Association of Architects** MoU signed in 2010



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4 MAJOR REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS / HISTORY OF MoU's

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| ACE-CAE – Architects' Council of Europe | MoU: 29 April 2006, Brussels, Belgium
Duration: Permanent |
| FPAA/ FAPA – Pan-American Federation of Architects | MoU Renewal 2022-2027
1st MoU: 02/05/2007, San Antonio, USA
2nd MoU 2016 / 5 years;
Duration: 5 years |
| ARCASIA – Architects Council of Asia | 1st MoU: 18/09/2006, Beijing, China (5 years)
2nd MoU: 16/08/2011, Da Nang, Viet Nam;
Up-dated in 2016, Hong-Kong |
| AUA – Africa Union of Architects | MoU: 01/03/2007, Khartoum, Sudan
Duration: Permanent |



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UIA THEMATIC STRUCTURE/ WORKING BODIES AND THEMATIC AREAS

THEMATIC AREA 1: EDUCATION

EDUCOM Education Commission *permanent commission*

UIA-UNESCO Validation Board *permanent task*

WP Architecture and Children

WP Educational and Cultural Spaces

THEMATIC AREA 2: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

PPC Professional Practice Commission *permanent commission*

ICC (International Competitions Consultancy) Board *permanent task*

Focus on building typology

WP Public Health

WP Sports and Leisure

Focus on Methodology and actions

WP Natural and Human Disasters

WP Architecture for All

THEMATIC AREA 3: SUSTAINABILITY

SC Sustainability Commission *permanent commission*

UN17SDG's Commission *time deadline 2030*

Focus on Urbanisation

WP Public Spaces

WP Architecture, Cities and Territories

Focus on Cultural aspects

WP Heritage and Cultural identity

WP Indigenous Peoples

Focus on Social aspects

WP Social Habitat

WP Informal settlements

WP Community Architecture and Social rights

In order for the UIA work to be relevant and effective all working bodies should collaborate with International Organisation working in the same thematic area

UIA WORKING BODIES / RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

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UNICEF United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

WP Educational and Cultural Spaces

EDUFI Finnish national Agency for Education

CEB Council of Europe Development Bank

WB World Bank Group

THEMATIC AREA 2: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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WTO World Trade organisation

WIPO World International Property Organisation

ISO International Standard Organisation

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WP Public Health

WHO World Health Organisation

UNEP United Nations Environmental Programme

WP Sports and Leisure

IOC International Olympic committee

IAKS International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities

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Architectes de l'Urgence

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C40 Cities

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UNEP

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UCLG United Cities and Local Governments

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AGA Khan Development Fund
ECOSOC UN-Economic and Social Council

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TERM 2023-2026 / MAJOR PROJECTS IN ELABORATION

FOCUS ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

- Revision of Statutes and Bylaws
- Restructure and Reinforcement of Secretariat
- Intensification and concretization of collaboration with Regional and International Organizations

FOCUS UPDATE AND RELEVANCE INCREASE

- Review of Professional Practice Accord
- Data Bank and World Survey on the profession
- Guidelines on Intellectual property with focus on digitalisation and AI (PPC in collaboration with WIPO)
- Review of Education Charter UNESCO /UIA
- Further development of UNESCO/UIA Validation of Schools and Educational Systems

THEMATIC FOCUS

- Charter on Urbanization (envisaged collaboration with UNESCO and WH and Barcelona Congress)

ACTIONS

- UIA own Student Competition on „ Rebuilding an urban area destroyed by a disaster “
(ICC in collaboration with WP Natural and Human Disasters, Architectes de l'Urgence, IMO, UNEP)
- UIA own Young Architects Competition for the Venice Biennale 2025.
Exhibition concept with the theme future of the Profession of Architect (ICC, Italian Section)
Goal is to mark the presence of the UIA at the Biennale and give the word to the young generation
2024 World Habitat Day Theme: Engaging youth to create a better Urban Future

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BUILDING AND CLIMATE GLOBAL FORUM / JOINT UIA-ACE-CNOA DECLARATION

Sustainable Architecture to Turn the World of Today into the World of Tomorrow Declaration:

We, architects, leaders and representatives of the architectural profession

Recalling our multiple commitments previously made towards sustainable development and responsible practice,

Recognising that reducing greenhouse gas emissions on a path to near-zero emissions by 2030 and decarbonisation by 2050 are ambitious, yet achievable, goals,

Aware of the importance of the entire building sector value chain towards influencing ethical, socially responsible and sustainable development throughout the world,

We pledge to make architecture an economic lever at the service of inhabitants and the planet by abiding by the following guidelines:

- **Prioritise rehabilitation of existing buildings in a virtuous way instead of building new.** The most effective waste management is to prevent waste from being generated.
- **Decarbonise construction by encouraging the development of new channels for materials.** Transition away from carbon- and energy-intensive towards carbon-neutral and renewable materials. Implement short supply chain architecture by promoting the use of local production channels for building eco-materials based on local resources.
- **Prioritise responsible land use** by influencing urban planning to prevent urban sprawl, promoting innovative solutions, encouraging the renovation and use of existing urban stock, and implementing multi-disciplinary expertise.
- **Protect and promote biodiversity** by influencing urban planning to develop and maintain agricultural land and natural areas, as well as green areas in urban spaces.
- **Highlight the urgent need for high-quality Baukultur, which puts culture on centre stage** in order to achieve sustainable and vibrant communities with a better quality of life and well-being for all.
- **Advocate appropriate funding and public aid** to cover any additional costs induced by the introduction of new sustainable architecture construction techniques. Support academic research in ecodesign and innovative sustainable solutions.

This is our renewed commitment for a more sustainable architecture to **turn the world of today into the world of tomorrow.**

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CALENDAR OF PARTNER EVENTS

Date(s)	Organisation	Event	Theme	Place
26 Feb.-1 Mar. 2024	UNEP-UNEA	Sixth Session		Nairobi, Kenya
7-8 Mar. 2024	UNEP-French Government-GlobalABC	Buildings and Climate Global Forum	Buildings and Climate	Paris, France
21-22 Mar. 2024	UN-Habitat/WUC	Second Round of the Urban Thinkers Campus	Transforming the Urban Future	Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos (Ecuador)
8 May 2024	UN-Habitat/WUC	Urban Thinkers Campus	Land-Value Capture	Buenos Aires, Argentina
7 Oct. 2024	UN-Habitat	World Habitat Day	Engaging Youth to Create a Better Urban Future	
28-31 Oct. 2024	WHO	2 nd Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health	Accelerating Action for Clean Air, Clean Energy Access and Climate Mitigation	Accra, Ghana
4-8 Nov. 2024	UN-Habitat	WUF12	It All Starts at Home: Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities	Cairo, Egypt
11-24 Nov. 2024	UNFCCC	COP29		Baku, Azerbaijan

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REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS / MAJOR CONCERNS AND PROJECTS

What are the main preoccupations and major projects of each of the regional organisations?

Short presentation from each of the Organisations.

- **ACE-CAE** – Architects' Council of Europe
- **ARCASIA** – Architects Council of Asia
- **AUA** – Africa Union of Architects
- **FPAA/ FAPA** – Pan-American Federation of Architects

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UIA + REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

- **POLITICAL LEVEL**
- **THEMATIC AREA 1: EDUCATION**
- **THEMATIC AREA 2: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**
- **THEMATIC AREA 3: SUSTAINABILITY**

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UIA + REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS / MEETINGS

PROPOSAL FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

As opportunity to:

- discuss common concerns, progress on common projects, opportunities for collaboration
- share experience and profit from each other
- unite and coordinate efforts
- better understand and represent different contexts
- act together at a political level to be stronger and more effective

RHYTHM FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

- Every 6 months (?)
- Once a year? (?)
- Date for next meeting

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3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



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