



ARCASIA CHARTER on SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Status Update

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INTRODUCTION

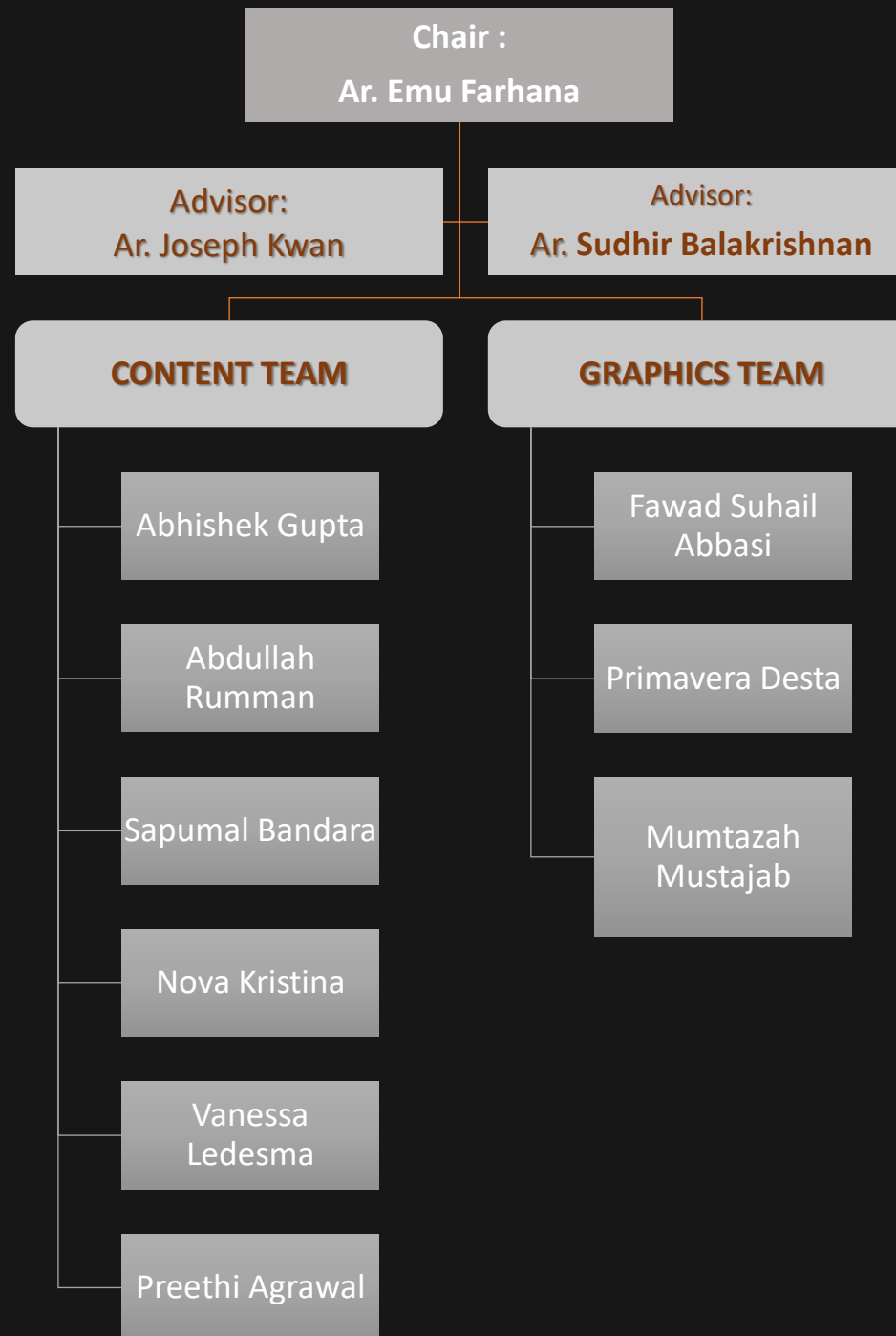
- **BRIEF OVER VIEW**

The Task Force team was established with the mandate to **review and update** the ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility. This involves **assessing** the current charter, **identifying** areas for **improvement or clarification**, and **proposing amendments** to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in promoting social responsibility in architecture.

- **IMPORTANCE OF UPDATING THE CHARTER**

Reviewing and updating the Charter is crucial to ensure that it **remains relevant and effective** in guiding architects and member organizations towards promoting social responsibility in architecture. Updating the Charter allows for the **incorporation of new developments, best practices, and emerging global issues** that have arisen since its first initiation. This ensures that the Charter continues to serve as a meaningful and impactful framework for promoting ethical and socially responsible architectural practices within the ARCASIA community.

TEAM COMPOSITION



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THE CONTENT TEAM

- **RESPONSIBILITY:** reviewing and updating the actual content of the Charter. This includes **examining the existing principles, definitions, and guidelines**, as well as **incorporating new information and perspectives** that have emerged since the first initiation.
- **GOALS:** ensuring that the revised Charter **reflects the current state of social responsibility** in architecture and provides practical and relevant guidance to architects and member organizations.

THE GRAPHICS TEAM

- **RESPONSIBILITY:** redesigning the visual presentation of the Charter. This includes **creating new layouts, graphics, and illustrations to enhance the readability and accessibility** of the document.
- **GOALS:** making the Charter **visually engaging and user-friendly**, ensuring that the information is presented in a **clear and impactful manner**.

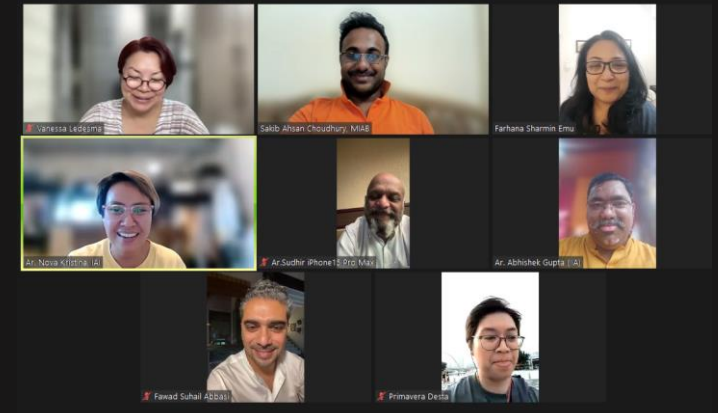
PROGRESS UPDATE



Meeting 01 : Formation of the Charter Task Force
Date: March 27, 2024



Meeting 02 : Strategy Planning & Task Distribution
Date: April 04, 2024



Meeting 03 : Review on Initial Brainstorming
Date: April 15, 2024



Meeting 04 : Review on Initial Report
Date: April 27, 2024

PROGRESS UPDATE

OVERVIEW OF THE WORK DONE SO FAR

Content Team Progress:

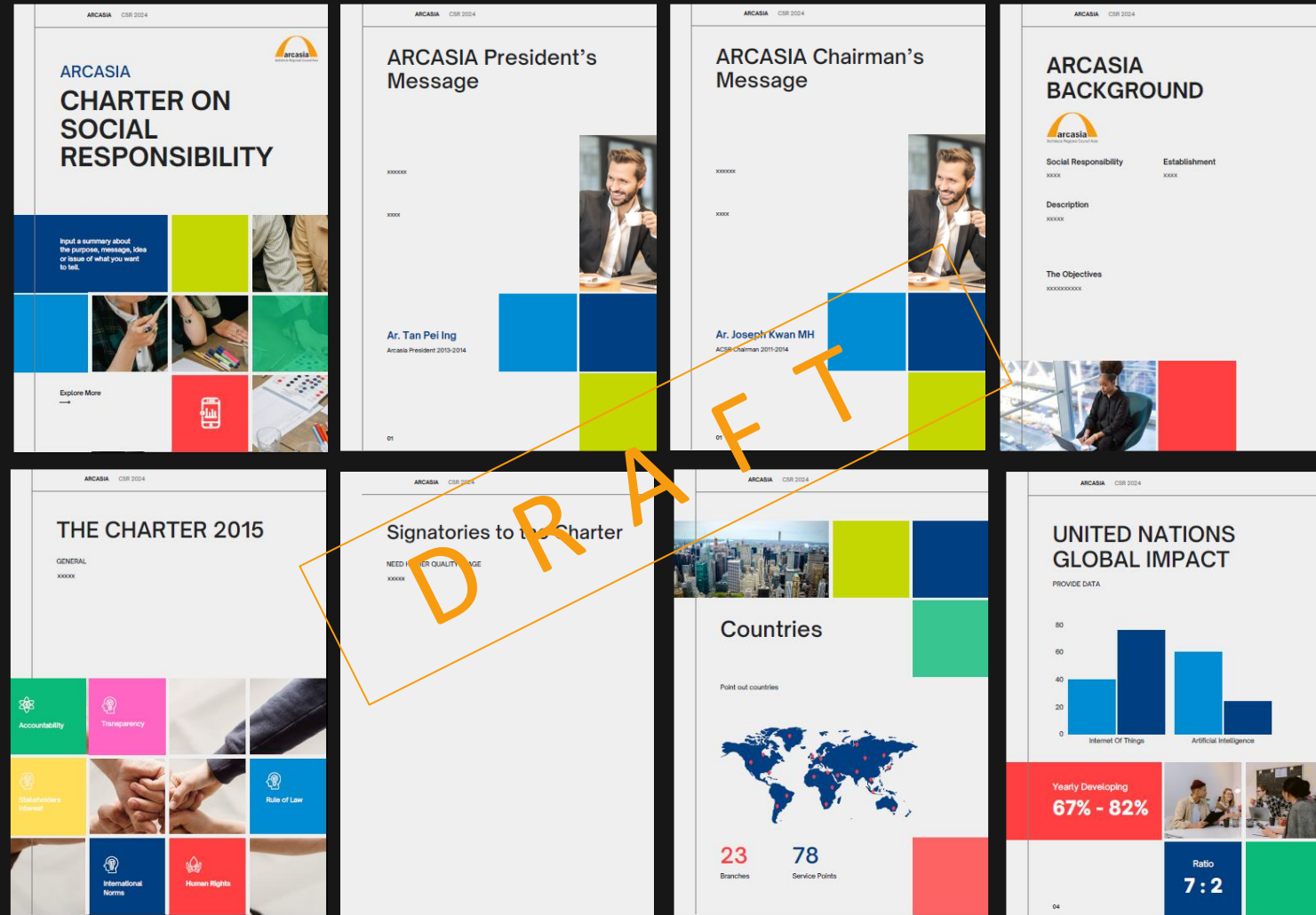
1. Proposed integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN-CRPD), and climate change considerations into the Charter.
2. Suggested adding new examples of Socially Responsible (SR) Architecture projects.
3. Recommended providing explanations for each SR project showcased.
4. Advocated for a dedicated chapter outlining the operational framework for the ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR) and its groups, task forces, and sub-committees, including guidelines for mandatory or optional representation.
5. Noted that the list of signatories lacks readability due to poor resolution; suggested adding names and positions of signatories for clarity.

Graphics Team Progress:

1. Developed a draft visual layout for the Charter.
2. Identified key points suitable for infographic representation.
3. Selected / identified appropriate colors to convey the intended message effectively.

PROGRESS UPDATE

Draft of the Revised Charter 2024



PROGRESS UPDATE

Proposed graphics/infographics



2) **Human Rights Responsibility** includes addressing the issue of unfairly treated workers, promoting demand for fair trade products and ensuring that strict labour standards are applied to and by suppliers.



1) **Environmental Responsibility** includes taking responsibility for reducing carbon emissions, global warming, pollution and the consumption of non-renewable resources. It also includes taking the steps necessary to do so, namely, to reduce carbon footprints, limit pollution and obtain materials from sustainable sources.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



PROGRESS UPDATE

Colored Graphics

KEY PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

	1.Accountability: <u>Green</u> is often associated with growth, harmony, and balance. It can symbolize accountability and responsibility.
	2.Transparency: <u>Blue</u> is often associated with trust, honesty, and transparency. It can convey a sense of clarity and openness.
	3.Respect for Stakeholder Interests: <u>Purple</u> is often associated with wisdom, dignity, and respect. It can symbolize consideration for stakeholders' interests.
	4.Respect for the Rule of Law: <u>Gray</u> is often associated with neutrality, balance, and professionalism. It can symbolize adherence to rules and regulations.
	5.Respect for International Norms of Behavior: <u>Gold</u> is often associated with luxury, wisdom, and tradition. It can symbolize adherence to international standards and norms.
	6.Respect for Human Rights: <u>Red</u> is often associated with passion, strength, and vitality. It can symbolize the importance of human rights and dignity.

STILL ON GOING
DISCUSSION

PROGRESS UPDATE

Statement to the Project Examples

5-1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Post-construction

a. Flood Reconstruction Project

Location: Pakistan Award: GOLD Award in ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2014
Year Construction: xxxxx Architect: Ar. Yawar Jilani
Year Completion: xxxxx Affiliation: (company name/organization)

The project involved rebuilding infrastructure and homes in areas affected by flooding, with a focus on resilience and sustainable design. *(this explanation can be expanded a bit)*



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b. AFRCs Community Centre for Tsunami Affected Community (2009)

Location: Sri Lanka Award: GOLD Award in ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2013
Year Construction: xxxxxx Architect: Ar. Chinthaka Chaminda Wickramage
Year Completion: xxxxxx Affiliation: (company name/organization)

This project provided a safe space for communities affected by the tsunami to gather, seek support, and engage in activities that promote healing and resilience. *(this explanation can be expanded a bit)*



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c. Resettling the Indus (2010)

Location: Pakistan Award: HONOURABLE MENTION in ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2013
Year Construction: xxxxxx Architect: Ar. Nayar Ali Dada
Year Completion: xxxxxx Affiliation: (company name/organization)

The project focused on designing sustainable and resilient housing solutions for communities displaced by the Indus River, ensuring that their new homes are safe and suitable for their needs. *(this explanation can be expanded a bit)*



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5-1. Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Post-construction (cont.)

a. Earthquake Reconstruction in Northern Pakistan

Location: Northern Pakistan Award: MENTION in ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2014
Year Construction: xxxxx Architect: Ar. Yawar Jilani
Year Completion: xxxxx Affiliation: (company name/organization)

This project involved rebuilding efforts in areas affected by earthquakes, with a focus on sustainable and earthquake-resistant design. *(this explanation can be expanded a bit)*



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5-2. Planning with the Local Community to Re-generate and Re-vitalize the Community through Cultural Heritage

a. Communal Bath & Toilets

Location: Pahang, Malaysia Award: HONOURABLE MENTION in ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2014
Year Construction: xxxxx Architect: Ar. Ang Wen Hsia
Year Completion: xxxxx Affiliation: (company name/organization)

The project incorporated modern architectural features while preserving the local Jah Hut identity, demonstrating a connection with the indigenous culture. Villagers were actively involved in the construction process, which was completed in a short span of 8 weeks. *(this explanation can be expanded a bit)*



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PROGRESS UPDATE

MILESTONES ACHIEVED

1. Partly completed the draft visual layout for the Charter, providing a clear framework for content presentation.
2. Identified and selected some key points for infographic representation, enhancing the Charter's accessibility and visual appeal. More key points will be selected if there are any additional information to be added.
3. Developed explanations for each SR project showcased, enhancing the educational value of the Charter.

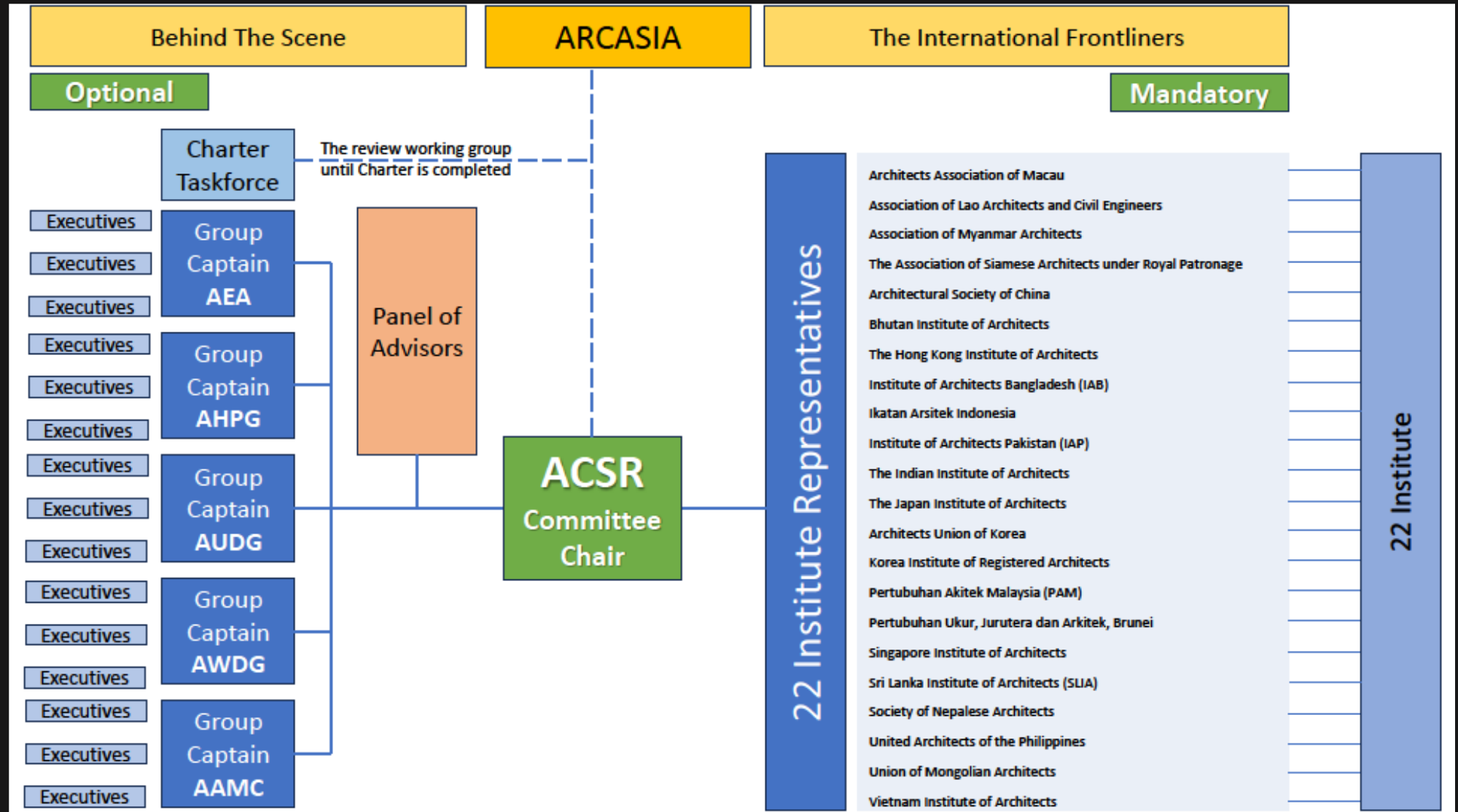
PROGRESS UPDATE

CHALLENGES FACED

- 1. Integration of Complex Concepts:** Incorporating concepts such as SDGs, ESG, DEI, UN-CRPD, and climate change into the Charter required careful consideration and simplification to ensure clarity for all stakeholders.
- 2. Graphic Design Alignment:** Aligning the visual elements with the content and ensuring that the graphics accurately represent the principles and examples of Socially Responsible Architecture posed a design challenge.
- 3. Content Expansion:** Adding new examples of SR Architecture projects and detailed explanations increased the content volume, requiring effective organization and layout to maintain readability.
- 4. Operational Framework Definition:** Defining the operational framework for ACSR and its groups, task forces, and sub-committees posed challenges in balancing specificity and flexibility.
- 5. Signatories Resolution:** Improving the readability of the signatories list and adding names and positions required addressing resolution issues and ensuring accurate representation.
- 6. Holistic Inclusion:** Ensuring that all aspects of social responsibility, including disaster responsibility and equality responsibility, were adequately covered without overwhelming the audience with information.
- 7. Revision and Consensus:** Revising the Charter content to align with current global agendas and securing consensus among stakeholders on the proposed changes required extensive collaboration and discussion.

PROGRESS UPDATE

Proposed Operational Framework for ACSR and its groups, task forces, sub-committees, including guidelines for mandatory or optional representation



KEY FINDINGS

- **AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR POTENTIAL CHANGES OR UPDATES**
 - Proposed integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),
 - Proposed integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles,
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI),
 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN-CRPD),
 - Climate change consideration
 - Community engagement and co-design
 - Equity, diversity, and inclusion
 - Health and well-being
 - Resilient urban planning
 - Ethical business practices
 - Global partnerships and collaboration
 - Digitalization and data security
 - Examples of SR Projects

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- **ENGAGEMENT WITH ARCASIA MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**
 - This will be carried out once the Draft of the Revised Charter 2024 is completed.
- **FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM STAKEHOLDERS**
 - This will be carried out once members approved of the Charter

NEXT STEP (TIMELINE)

PLANS FOR DISSEMINATION

AND

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UPDATED CHARTER

- The First Draft of the revised Charter 2024 will be shared with the Office Bearers and ARCASIA member organizations on 1 July 2024 for their feedback.
- The Second Draft of the revised Charter 2024 will be shared with the Office Bearers and ARCASIA member organizations on 1 August 2024 for further feedback.
- The updated final Charter will be sent to the Office Bearers and ARCASIA member organizations on 15 September 2024 for their final approval.
- The updated Charter will be signed at the time of ARCASIA Forum 22 in Sri Lanka.

CONCLUSION

