

13th Round Table Conference

**Hotel Radisson, Lazimpat
Kathmandu, Nepal**

MINUTES OF MEETING

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ARCASIA's 13th Round Table Conference was hosted by The Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA) in Hotel Radisson, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal on January 18, 2023. The conference invited architects from many different countries divided into 03 main committees namely - ARCASIA Committee on Green & Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA), ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA) & ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP).

- A. The inaugural ceremony of the 13th Round Table Conference included special addresses and introduction of the present delegates in the conference by Ar. Pranita Sharma Pandey (Coordinator - SCGSA/ Treasurer - SONA) and the following Chairpersons and Past Chairs:
- ❖ Ar. Tushar Sogani (Chairman - ACGSA)
 - ❖ Ar. Acharawan Chutarat (Immediate Past Chair - ACGSA)
 - ❖ Ar. Qazi Arif (Bangladesh - Past Chair)
- B. The theme of the ACGSA conference was entitled - 'Resilient Architecture in Asia'. A topic chosen specifically to discuss the ability of today's incredibly complex building system and settlements, either rural or urban, to absorb shocks of climate change, resource depletion and destruction, natural disaster or energy crisis and bounce back to earlier stable state or flip to another more stable state. Design solutions that incorporate adaptation strategies while dealing with disturbance/ shocks was the focal point of this conference topic. The following members presented their views for a brief period of 10-15 minutes each on the chosen topic:
- ❖ Ar. Gaurav Agrawal (The Indian Institute of Architects - IIA)
 - ❖ Ar. Dip Pandey (Society of Nepalese Architects - SONA)
 - ❖ Ar. Prof. Zebun Nasreen Ahmed (Institute of Architects Bangladesh - IAB)
 - ❖ Ar. Terukazu NII (The Japan Institute of Architects - JIA)
 - ❖ Ar. Vasanti (The Japan Institute of Architects - JIA)
 - ❖ Ar. Sunny Drukia (Bhutan Institute of Architects - BIA)

- C. The discussion of ACGSA Conference on 'Resilient Architecture in Asia' was followed by Special Addresses and Presentations by the following members of the committee:
- ❖ Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed (President - ARCASIA)
 - ❖ Ar. Bibhuti Man Singh (Advisor - ACGSA)
 - ❖ Ar. Sameer Bajracharya (Representative - SONA)
- D. Ar. Tushar Sogani (Chairman, ACGSA) guided the gathering through the further actions and paths to be taken (the way forward) to achieve the discussed pointers in the meeting. Concluding notes in the conference were given by Dr. Sanjay Upreti (Chairman - SCGSA)
- E. This conference was followed by a combined photo session with the present delegates and the distribution of certificates for attending the 13th Round Table Conference.

