



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The International Union of Architects (UIA)

and

The Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)

## **Preamble**

**Whereas**, the International Union of Architects hereinafter called UIA and the Architects Regional Council, Asia hereinafter called ARCASIA, having regard to the long standing cooperation that exists between them and to the expressed intention to further promote this cooperation where mutually agreed and possible;

**Whereas**, both the UIA President and the Chairman of ARCASIA reaffirmed this intention during the UIA and ARCASIA Meetings in the recent past;

**Whereas**, the UIA and ARCASIA recognize that a closer co-operation between them will prevent duplication of efforts and result in rationalization of resources;

**Whereas**, the UIA stands as the Body that represents the architectural profession internationally;

**Whereas**, the ARCASIA is the Body that represents the architectural profession in ASIA (many of its Member Institutes being recognized sections of UIA also);

**Whereas**, both Organizations enjoy their own statutes, bylaws, procedures and also their full independence;

**Whereas**, both Organizations are operating in different contexts and legal frameworks;

## **Now therefore,**

**Convinced that**, mutual cooperation described in this Memorandum of Understanding will not only help to promote harmonious coordination between the UIA and the ARCASIA but also help prevent duplication of efforts and consolidate resources in addressing mutual concerns and interests pertaining to architecture, architecture education, research, professional development and professional practice among other areas of common endeavours, determined by mutual consent, on a case by case basis;

## **Furthermore,**

**Being aware**, of the mutual benefit that can result for each of the two Organizations in adopting an approach that allows for the search for mutually beneficial complementarities and synergies that can be effectively pursued;

**The two organizations now agree to pursue the following:**

1. To rationalize the resources of the two Organizations in pertinent activities at all such levels as mutually agreed;
2. To reinforce the capacity for action of the both Organizations towards third parties where such a co-operation will be of mutual benefit to both organizations;
3. To explore opportunities for joint positions and/or joint actions of both Organizations towards third parties;
4. To co-operate in lobbying activities, if and when appropriate and as mutually agreed;
5. To ensure reciprocal representation at their respective working bodies;
6. To share information of mutual interest.

**And, finally,**

The two Organizations undertake to establish a closer cooperation between themselves, with the full knowledge and consent of the executive Councils of both Organizations and after their input and agreement, at all levels of proposed co-operation on a case-by-case basis;

**Be it known therefore that,**

This **Memorandum of Understanding** is effective when ratified by the Councils of each Organization, for a period of five years from the date of signature and can be continued, revised or discontinued, by mutual agreement at the end of that period.

**So agreed and signed in Da Nang, Vietnam on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011 by**



**Ar. Louise Cox**  
UIA President



**Ar. George Kunihiro**  
ARCASIA President