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- A total of 16 member institutes were represented at the meeting other than Bhutan, China and Macau

Committee members representing:

- **Zone A:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- **Zone B:** Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
- **Zone C:** China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, Mongolia
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The topics discussed were as follows:

- Adoption of the Proposed CSR Charter

- Adoption of Resolution passed @ACSR Roundtable at Islamabad Pakistan in August 2015

- Update on Public Toilet Project in Kathmandu Nepal

- Update on Post-Earthquake Relief Effort in Kathmandu

- Update by members on CSR projects undertaken in 2015

- Formation of Sub-committees

- Tasks for the year ahead
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- Adoption of Proposed CSR Charter

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The ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility (ACSR)

THE CHARTER
2015

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Accountability

ARCASIA supports initiatives to encourage individual professionals and companies engaged in architectural practice to conform to socially responsible standards.

Transparency

ARCASIA supports a policy of total transparency with all stakeholders in order to build trust, create a positive brand image and reduce reputational risks in times of crisis.

Respect for Stakeholder Interests

ARCASIA supports respect for the interests of all stakeholders, including ongoing engagement and formal acknowledgement of stakeholders’ expectations.

Respect for the Rule of Law

ARCASIA respects the rule of law and the legal systems as applied in all respective Member Institute countries.

Respect for International Norms of Behaviour

ARCASIA supports respect for international norms of behaviour in order to promote and protect the implementation of adequate environmental and social safeguards.
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Social responsibility: 7 core subjects

Source: ISO 26000:2010

*The figures denote the corresponding clause numbers in ISO 26000
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- Adoption of Resolution passed : ACSR Roundtable @Islamabad Pakistan
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ARCASIA ROUNDTABLE SUMMIT FOR POST-DISASTER RECONSTRUCTION IN NEPAL

RESOLUTION:

The ARCASIA Round Table Summit on Post Disaster reconstruction in Nepal meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan on August 2-3 2015 was attended by

The roundtable summit hereby resolves:

That on the basis of a comprehensive presentation made by the society of Nepalese architects (SONA) on the Nepal earthquake 2015 and the proposals of SONA in areas of disaster mitigation, recovery, reconstruction, rehabilitation and conservation of valuable built heritage, this round Table Summit strongly supports the initiatives taken by SONA and at the same time lays emphasis on the following:

1. **Sustainability**: To guide the community to build a safer environment using locally available materials employing indigenous technologies that respect the vernacular tradition with low carbon footprints and complying to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and prevailing building codes including latest seismic provisions.

2. That **Community Driven**, socially responsive architectural solutions for poverty alleviation must be encouraged and
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3. Education and Training in Disaster and Heritage Management: It was strongly recommended that fundamentals of Disaster and Heritage management to be included in the syllabus of architecture schools in ARCASIA countries in order to face increasing frequency and intensity of natural disasters in the Asian region. In addition, young architects and allied professionals from the ARCASIA countries must be encouraged to receive training in areas of documentation, condition survey, assessments, remedial measures, conservation strategies, conservation and research from organizations offering such training within the ARCASIA countries.

4. This Roundtable Summit endorses the strategies and extends the support of ARCASIA for the pilot projects to be undertaken by SONA in reconstruction and rehabilitation of selected communities.
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5. The International donor support would be welcomed provided the strategies of reconstruction and rehabilitation proposed by SONA which have been endorsed by this Round Table Summit are adhered to. Proposals such as pre-fabricated structures should only be allowed for temporary facilities.

6. That the location of re-settlements must be in consultation with the affected communities.

7. In the reconstruction process, particular consideration must be given to multiple hazard and vulnerability risk assessment (MHVRA) and their categorization.

8. Damage assessment for structural integrity as well as health and safety aspects of all affected buildings have to be undertaken by independent experts.

9. The Roundtable Summit strongly recommends to the ARCASIA Council to set up ARCASIA Disaster Management Network (ADMN) which maintains a register of architects and other professionals who are specialists or have been trained in various aspects of pre and post-disaster management, who would form a cadre of specialists.
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available for advise and mobilization at short notice to respond to natural calamities in the Asian region. ADMN should also actively maintain and update the archives which contain a large body of research and work on ground carried out in member countries in areas of disaster prevention, rapid response, temporary shelter, reconstruction and rehabilitation, policies and papers.
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Summary of points noted:

- **Sustainability**
  - Build greener environment that respect the vernacular traditions

- **Community Focus**
  - Socially responsive solutions that provides empowerment

- **Education & Training**
  - Especially in Disaster & Heritage Management

- **On any Disaster Reconstruction Relief Effort:**
  - Work with the domestic member institute
  - Damage Assessment be done by Independent Experts
  - Set up the ‘ARCASIA Emergency Architects’
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- Update on Public Toilet Project in Kathmandu Nepal by SONA

SONA informed that the preparatory work to start on the project was affected by the sudden earthquake in early 2015. Presently the toilet project will be undertaken as part of the overall reconstruction work in the designated area. As the government is currently reviewing the plans, the construction of the proposed toilet will be done in sync with the reconstruction programme.
- Update on Post-Earthquake Relief Effort in Kathmandu by SONA

This was presented in detail by SONA President
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Tasks ahead:

Work with other ARCASIA Committees to promote / encourage adoption of CSR principles; ACAE, ACPP, ACGSA, Young Architects.

**Education:**
- To collaborate with ACAE to inculcate CSR principles & promote its inclusion in architectural educations in Schools through ARCASIA Member Institutes.

**Profession:**
- To continue promotion of social responsibility topics through architectural competitions for professionals & students.
- To promote Good Practice Designs embodying CSR principles through ARCASIA Awards.
- To encourage commitment from Member Institutes to promote socially responsible architecture in their CPD Programmes.
- To assist all ARCASIA future Congress/Forums Committees to include social responsibility topics & issues within ACA & Forum programmes, & at the institute’s level
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Tasks ahead (cont’d):

Community:
• To further explore with AGSA to do a **proto-type of a sustainable toilet;** a self-contained unit which harness rainwater and solar energy as well as provide for decomposition of organic waste to compost. This unit can be **mobile and scalable**

Industry:
• Establish **AEA – ‘ARCASIA Emergency Architects’** entity to provide aids & assistance to our region in emergencies on an immediate basis before seeking assistance from outside our region.

On Disaster Management and Mitigation:
• Prepare a **Directory of the Architects/Experts** with experience on various aspects of natural disaster management – design, pre and post-disaster, mitigation, reconstruction, supervision, training, etc.
• Compile **Resource Database** on codes, design guidelines, research & literature on disaster recovery, design for rural and urban context, natural & man-made disasters. with websites contact on International & Regional NGOs.
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• ACSR needs Council’s Approval on the following:

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- As a separate entity; a body corporate to raise funds;

- Work under ARCASIA’s direction to provide aids & assistance to our region in emergencies on an immediate basis

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As ACSR concerns are diverse in scope, there is a need to provide a framework to facilitate participation amongst members and to intensify research & solution development:

Hence the creation of the following **Sub-committees:**

- Emergency Architects
- Inclusive Design / Design for All
- Preservation & Conservation
- Social / Public Housing
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