

**Arcasia Committee on Green & Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA)  
Minutes of Meeting held at The Soaltee Crown Plaza Hotel, Kathmandu  
on Saturday, 05 October 2013, at 9.00am**

<b>Present</b>	Ashvinkumar (SIA) Manokham Vongsay (ALACE) Franky Choi (HKIA) Fawad Suhali Abbasi (IAP) Terakazu Nii (JIA) Sakar Shreotra (SONA) S.R. Tiwari (SONA)	A/P Xiao Wei (ACS) Atch Sreshthaputra (ASA) Qazi M Arif (IAB) Debatosh Sahu (IIA) Chan Seong Aun (PAM) Sarita Maskey (SONA) Batjav Bathkuyag (UMA)
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<b>1.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes of Meeting</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<p>The previous 31 October 2012 Bali meeting minutes were read in tandem with the Agenda and passed accordingly.</p> <p><b>Issues Discussed</b></p> <p><b>2.0 General</b></p> <p>2.1 The meeting noted that not all country reports are posted on the ARCASIA website hosted by PAM. Chairman requested that all ARCASIA members post their report so that knowledge / information is shared.</p> <p><b>3.0 Agenda</b></p> <p>The agenda, (<i>Appendix A</i>) was issued to all present at the meeting.</p> <p>3.1 <u>Results of the UIA's Sustainability by Design Survey</u></p> <p>The meeting noted that the ACGSA Chair had tabulated the updated results of the UIA's Sustainability by Design Survey and posted it on the ARCASIA website.</p> <p>The above survey is an important milestone and step forward in the journey ahead to share and exchange information. The Chair requested all member institutes to update their respective information on an annual basis and to have it posted onto the Arcasia website.</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>For info</p> <p>For info</p> <p>All to note</p>

3.2	<u>Islamabad Roundtable (SR) handed over to IAB</u>	For info
	IAB requested for support for the Roundtable to be held in Dhaka in June 2014. This will be before the ACA in KL (23-29 Jun 2014).	
3.3	<u>Towards a more successful ACGSA</u>	For info
	ACGSA Chair re-iterated on the following in order that ACGSA can be more successful:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Communication and Continuity</li> <li>2) Constant sharing of information</li> </ul>	
3.4	<u>New Directions</u>	
(i)	IAB informed that they are in the midst of formulating a specific Green Rating tool in response to an earlier generic proposal by others.	IAB
	The Chair informed IAB that should IAB require assistance, then IAB should not hesitate to reach out to ARCAISA.	
	The same for other ARCASIA Member Institutes who are developing similar Green Rating tools.	
(ii)	UMA raised the issue that whilst much effort has been researched into efficient cooling methods, not much effort have been made in looking at efficient heating approaches / method.	UMA
	Mongolia has tremendous amount of natural resources but harnessing green energy is expensive.	
	UMA requested if ARCSIA can take a lead in this field.	
(iii)	SONA raised the issue that beyond passive design, cultural practices and social norms are a strong influence in the way design approaches are crafted.	For info
	This issue should not be overlooked as Green Rating tools are more focused on active engineering solutions rather than passive design approaches.	

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| (iv) JIA highlighted that with Japan’s recent experience in a tsunami, coupled with a nuclear accident, the awareness of sustainable approaches has been sensitised and this has positively led to the public becoming more demanding in the need to embrace sustainability.   | For info |
| (v) ASA did a comparative study in Green approaches and the results has prompted ASA to work towards an “incentive” based approach in promoting Green Architecture.  | For info |
| (vi) HKIA updated members on the strategies that HKIA has embarked in furthering the promotion of new and sustainable practices in architecture. The strategies cut across the spectrum from school to professionals to industry.  | For info |
| (vii) IIA who shared both the progress and specific examples made in India with respect to their effects in promoting / refining GREHA.  | For info |
| (viii) IAP updated the meeting on the robust discussions and excellent presentations at the recently concluded Islamabad Roundtable held in Pakistan (previously known as Singapore and then Manila Roundtables) and the salient resolution passed to foster greater co-operation and synergy between Arcasia members and APWG members of the Asian GBCs in the sharing and flow of information on green and sustainable approaches. | For info |
| IAP also elaborated on the progress made in Pakistan wrt to adopting Green & Sustainable as second nature.   |          |

\*Please see respective country report for detail.

### 3.5 Presentations of Country Report

Country report presentations were made by ASA, HKIA, IAB, IAP, IIA, JIA, SIA, UMA and the Chair requested that these presentations be posted onto the ARCASIA website by the respective member institutes on an individual basis. For the other countries, the Chair requested for similar posting.	For info
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**4.0 Any Other Business**

4.1 AAA Sustainable Awards

The meeting noted that the above has been implemented.

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4.2 Sustainability and BIM

The meeting noted that SUSTAINABILITY and BIM are inter-twined issues and that this requires more research and deliberation in order to address how best to co-relate the 2 issues to yield maximum value-add.

Chair

ACGSA Chair will update all on progress.

Prepared by:



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# Agenda

1. Member Institutes Update on Green and Sustainable Architecture (45mins)
2. Action Plan on ACGSA Initiatives (60mins)
  - Short term review
  - Mid term review
  - Long term review
3. Proposal for ACA 2014 (30mins)
4. Election of Deputy Chair who will take over Chair in 2015/2016 term (15mins)
5. AOB (15mins)