Let’s GROW Together!
What is ACYA?

The ARCASIA committee on young architects was formed in 2015 with the aim to promote Arcasian leadership through the development of YOUNG ARCHITECTS, for architects under the age of 40.
OBJECTIVE
• Encourage youth to join ARCASIA
• Grooming young architects as ARCASIA future leaders
• Continuity to other committees

TARGET
PERSONAL SKILLS
LEADERSHIP SKILLS
ADVOCACY SKILLS
IOT SKILLS
Leadership [past]

1st ACYA Chairman (2015 & 2016)
AR. Fawad Suhail Abbasi (IAP)

2nd ACYA Chairman (2017 & 2018)
AR. Tan Szue Hann (SIA)

3rd ACYA Chairman (2019, 2020 & 2021)
AR. Ridha Razak (PAM)
Keep on *sowing* your *seed*, for you never know which will *grow* - perhaps it all will.

*Albert Einstein*
PRESIDENT’S VISION

... nurturing the seed of the original vision initiated 50 years back at the early inception of ARCASIA. Learning from the past is a major goal. The past resides in our head forming ideas/visions and the future is in our hands, should lead us to actions in accordance with the ideas. “

ARCASIA PRESIDENT (2022 & 2023)
AR. ABU SAYEED M. AHMED (IAB)
Synthesis of change & continuity for the evolution of Young Architects...
Sowing the seeds of the future

Social Awareness and responsibility
Education & Life Long Learning
Environmental Sustainability
Design Excellence & Expertise
Stewardship in the use of Natural Resources

FOCUS THEMATICS
- Cross border
- Quicken pace
- Preservation / conservation
- Leverage on IT, IOT, AI
Vision

Focusing on the synthesis of change & continuity for the evolution of young architects

TARGET

- Resiliency
- Adaptability
- Interdisciplinary Hybridity
- Diversity
- Sustainability

ENHANCE

- Leadership // mentorship // collaboration // diversification // archi-preneurship // hybridity // heritage // cross-border // technology // digitization // nft // blockchain // metaverse...

...for a multi-faceted, adaptable & sustainable approach to architecture beyond the 'new normal'
THE INTERGRATION

ACAE  We have the SEEDS and PLANT,
ACGSA  We have AIR,
ACPP  We put our PASSION,
ACSR  And spread them to the COMMUNITY,
ACYA  Lets GROW together.
BUT WHAT IS THE GROW MODEL?

G - GOAL // What does ACYA want?

R - REALITY // Where is ACYA now?

O - OPTIONS // What can ACYA do?

W - WAY FORWARD // What will ACYA do?
The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

Phil Jackson
LEADERSHIP

Structuring of ACYA to give members an opportunity to take on roles to facilitate leadership within young architects and increase representation & teamwork.

SOCIAL MEDIA
AR. AFNAN (IAI)
AR. DESTA (IAI)

SECRETARIAT
AR. BECCA (UAP)

ZONAL REPS
ZONE A
AR. MASUD (IAB)
&
AR. NAFLA (SLIA)
ZONE B
AR. WEN TIAN (SIA)
ZONE C
AR. YUKI (JIA)
Activities & Collaborations

INDEPENDENT ACYA PROGRAMS
STORMATHON / DESIGN COMPETITIONS / WEBINARS / ALUMNI TALKS / FORUMS / WORKSHOPS / BULLETINS / SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES / YOUTUBE CHANNEL ACTIVITIES

COLLABORATIONS
CROSS COMMITTEE COLLABORATIONS
ACYA X ACPP
ACYA X ACAE
ACYA X ACGSA
ACYA X ACSR

COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS
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| 1 Quickening pace of conserving Asian natural build Heritage | - Heritage Place Making  
- Promote & encourage Architectural heritage tour with technological adoption |
| 2 Increase adoption of technology to empower architects     | Creating Archi-prenuer of the future  
- holistic technological application in Architectural business  
- Branding, marketing, business procurements, reinvestment, pivots, software's and new tech innovations  
- Empowering Architects with crypto currency and NFT |
| 3 Increase focus on sustainable practice                   | - think holistically with SDG, NUA and AFINUA  
- Think sharing economy through blockchain in bed in Architectural Practice  
- Research on Architecture X Carbon sequestration and capture |
| 4 Cross border collaborations across nations                | - creating standard guidelines to work international & collaborate like ACE  
- Creating standard collaboration agreements like AIA |
THEME // FOCUS
The active role, young architects are playing in transforming today’s design scenario, globally.

S.NO: TIME: DETAIL: REPRESENTATIVE: DURATION: MODE:
1 09:00-09:10 Informal meet & greet Official representatives 10 mins In person
2 09:10-09:20 Photo session All members 10 mins In person
3 09:20-09:30 Introductions of Delegates All members 10 mins Hybrid
4 09:30-09:40 Welcome address & introduction to ACYA Chairperson ACYA 10 mins In person
5 09:40-09:50 Minutes of last meetings To be approved by all members 10 mins Hybrid
6 09:50-10:00 Address by Immediate Past Chair Ar. Ridha Razak 10 mins Hybrid
7 10:00-12:00 Presentation on theme & country report Official representatives 10 mins each Hybrid

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 - 13:00
8 13:00-14:00 Presentation on theme & country report Official representatives 10 mins each Hybrid
9 14:00-14:45 Architecture in the Metaverse Ar. Qhawairizmi 45 mins Online
10 14:45-15:00 Address by President ARCASIA Dr. Prof. Abu Sayeed 15 mins Online

TEA BREAK 15:00 - 15:30
11 15:30-16:00 Mission 2050 - future thinking, deliberation & planning of the profession in the context of young architects Chairperson ACYA in dialogue with all members 30 mins Hybrid
12 16:00-16:30 ACYA Calendar of activities, events and potential collaborations Chairperson ACYA 30 mins In person
13 16:30-16:50 Any other matter for discussion All members 20 mins Hybrid
14 16:50-17:00 Closures remarks Chairperson ACYA 10 mins In person
15 17:00-17:15 Group photos All members 15 mins Hybrid
ACYA Forum 2.0 //

ACYA Forum, originally launched in 2019, in Dhaka, Bangladesh during ARCASIA Forum 21, was developed as a platform, to promote young architects present their ideas on various aspects of architecture, exchange ideas and form new connections for future collaborations.

ACYA Forum 2.0 had 7 speakers, talking and presenting on topics ranging from archipreneurship to environment of gers & ger settlements, leadership qualities to utilization of resources to design green buildings and sustainable practices. The forum allowed ACYA members to interact and connect with the young architects of Union of Mongolian Architects (UMA) as well as show them a glimpse of ACYA.
The ACYA Committee meeting in hybrid format, was attended by 30 members, representing 14 different member institutes including; Pakistan (IAP), Philippines (UAP), Indonesia (IAI), Bangladesh (IAB), Japan (JIA), Mongolia (UMA), Malaysia (PAM), Thailand (ASA), India (IIA), Lao (ALACE), Nepal (SONA), Sri Lanka (SLIA), Singapore (SIA) and South Korea (KIRA).

Chairperson ACYA, Ar. Bisma Askari welcomed all the members and spoke about ACYA's vision in 2022-2023; post pandemic. She highlighted the problems faced by young architects during this time and how young architects need to be empowered and sustained to rise up from these difficult times.

All members presented and discussed issues faced by the young architects in their respective institutes and what remedies their member institute is taking to facilitate the young architects. These included; sustainability of architects & practice, means to collaborate, optimism, enthusiasm, developing change agents, vigour, authenticity, inter learning, talks for exposure, workshops for preparation, celebrating and highlighting young architects on social media, mentorship programs, live design discourse, online classes, young architects exhibitions, seminars, webinars, archi-talks, architectural tours, sustainability with creativity, professional practice sessions, design competitions, collaborating with designers & co-creators, festivals for young architects, awards, looking at history, traditions & sustainability to develop the future, sustainability, unity, collaborations to empower, growth through research, workshare, networking sessions, technological advancements, place-making, young peoples lab workshop, informal discussions on thoughts and issues, heritage walks and much more.

In conclusion the members felt it is pertinent to develop multiple platforms for exchange ideas & thoughts, developing programs & opportunities, to make better, self sustaining young architects and leaders.
On 9th November 2022, Chairman ACGSA, Ar. Tushar Sogani and Chairperson ACYA, Ar. Bisma Askari, signed a MoU (memorandum of understanding) between their respective committees, during the OBCC meeting held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

According to this MoU, both the committees mutually agreed on collaborating on 6 points which include, working on the objectives of ARCASIA, promote Sustainable Development Goals & Green Building Movement, knowledge sharing of vernacular practices, developing healthier public spaces & community living and any other collaboration that will help both the committees develop and grow collectively and independently.

This MOU is entered between ACGSA and ACYA to jointly work in close collaboration over the following areas of mutual working:

1. Both the committees are willing to work closely on the objectives of ARCASIA. They wish to take up assignments that foster and maintain professional contacts, mutual cooperation and assistance among Member Institutes that benefits the entire fraternity in the Asian region.

2. In order to promote sustainable development goals, it’s been agreed to promote Green Building movement for betterment of the society in the Asian Region.

3. In order to promote continuous learning, they wish to have numerous knowledge sharing sessions to mutually help develop better understanding of the latest technology in the field of construction & real estate focusing the learning from Vernacular practices in the Asian Region.

4. Both the committees wish to take up the cause of developing & delivering better public spaces for a healthier community living.

5. They wish to take up assignments as a part of their responsibility to help the other committees in meaningful & creative initiatives.

6. Both the committees will not put any financial liabilities on ARCASIA for fulfilling the above agendas and will be self-reliant to achieve all their goals.

Ar. Tushar Sogani
Chairman-ACGSA

Ar. Bisma S. Askari
Chairperson-ACYA
The inaugural ceremony started with a warm Nepalese welcome despite the chilling temperatures; all members were presented with the quintessentially Nepalese cap (Dhaka Topi) & stole (Khata).

The ceremony proceeded with an introductory speech by President ARCASIA, Ar. Abu Sayeed, followed by Chairman ACPP, Ar. Mukul Goyal, Chairman ACGSA, Ar. Tushar Sogani, Chairperson ACYA, Ar. Bisma Askari, who all spoke about their plans for their respective Roundtable Meetings. Chairman ACAE, Ar. Adrianta Aziz & Chairman ACSR, Ar. Thomas Cheung also spoke about their committee plans for the rest of the term.

The ceremony was concluded with a speech by the host, President of SONA, Society of Nepalese Architects, Ar. Rajesh Thapa, followed by group pictures to mark the occasion.
ROUNDTABLE

ATTENDEES

Ar. Ridha Razak
Immediate Past Chair ACYA
PAM

Ar. Masud Ur Rashid
Representative IAB

Ar. Nur e Zannat Jui
Observer IAB

Ar. Umer Sajjad
Representative IAP

Ar. Yuki Ito
Representative JIA

Ar. Mohammed Afnan
Representative IIA

Ar. Anupam Deb
Observer IIA

Ar. Khaulah Adnan
Representative PUJA

Ar. Abhishek Barjacharya
Representative SONA

Ar. Lokendra Acharya
Observer SONA

Ar. Bisma Sami Askari
Chairperson ACYA

Let’s grow together!
RESILIENT, ADAPTIVE, SUSTAINABLE & INNOVATIVE –
THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARCHITECTS

The meeting initiated with photographs and a round of general introductions about members attending. Chairperson ACYA, Ar. Bisma Askari elaborated on the theme of the meeting stating; that the pandemic has changed the way we all think, the way we design and the way we construct. It has taught us a number of lessons; which include being resilient, adaptive, sustainable and innovative architects. Members were asked to talk and discuss with regards to the four topics independently.

SUSTAINABILITY / /
Ar. Zannat spoke that now students & younger architects are less sensitive to nature & tend to feel superior that they are architects. An awareness needs to be created with regards to nature & sustainability. Being contextual & natural/local is being true to architecture. We are losing bio-diversity with this insensitivity of nature. She proposed that ACYA should work towards launching a program where ACYA & its member countries pledge to plant a number of trees with a minimum of 100 trees in each country. This initiative can also be launched to other committees and eventually grow into an ARCASIA initiative. The types of trees planted need to promote bio-diversity & help the eco system at large. At the end of the year data needs to be compiled with regards to the impact. Climate change is a burning issue & this could be a starting point for ACYA to be a game changer in this aspect.

Project would be spearheaded by Ar. Zannat (IAB), in collaboration with Ar. Anupam (IIA) & Ar. Lokendra (SONA).

RESILIENCY / /
Ar. Ridha spoke about the fact that after the pandemic a great number of people are loosing interest in studying architecture as they feel it lacks scope & financially not very viable. He went on to talk about promoting architecture back to people for the sake of the profession as people may not have much awareness or correct information about it with the changing times. Ar. Afnan added that with the resiliency of architecture and the field, we also need to focus on the architects & their well being as well, in terms of physical & mental health. ACYA could potentially develop a platform, a safe space of sorts for young architects. The design vs business balance aspect is important. Failure is also part of the learning curve but with societal pressures young architects succumb to. Work / life balance is very important. Ar. Afnan proposed a seminar series on the business aspect of architecture, sharing the experiences of failure & the ability to rise after that. The balance between passion & patience in architecture is prime along with management. Factors pertaining to archipreneurship need to be discussed & shared.

Project would be spearheaded by Ar. Afnan (IIA), in collaboration with Ar. Khaulah (PUJA) & Ar. Abhishek (SONA).

ADAPTABILITY / /
Ar. Bisma spoke about the need to change the narrative in the field of architecture, where young architects & their works need to be celebrated equally, across the 22 countries in ARCASIA. Ar. Zannat added that the struggle of young architects is immense but they need a platform to go forward. An online program / seminar series or a 40 under 40 exhibition to be executed across the ARCASIA countries to celebrate young architects.

Project would be spearheaded by Ar. Bisma(IAP), in collaboration with Ar. Becca (UAP), Ar. Umer (IAP) & Ar. Yuki (JIA).
WELCOME TO ACYA’s WORLD CAFÉ //

During the second half of the Roundtable Meeting, members were welcomed to ACYA’s World Café, with the aim of creating a living network of collaborative dialogue around questions that matter, resulting in idea creation & an interactive discussion around the topic.

The members were divided into 4 groups of RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE, ADAPTIVE & INNOVATIVE; with 3 members per group, 1 host, 1 facilitator & 1 traveler. Each round a number of questions were asked & the members would discuss & note down within themselves pertaining to their respective topics. After the round, the traveler from the group would move on to another café & add on to the perspective there.

Café Resilient – Umer (Host), Prabha (Facilitator), Ridha (Traveler), Abhishek
Café Sustainable – Masud (Host), Anupam (Facilitator), Lokendra (Traveler)
Café Adaptive – Khaulah (Host), Yuki (Facilitator), Sahasarah (Traveler)
Café Innovative – Afnan (Host), Monali (Facilitator), Zannat (Traveler)

ROUND 01 // QUESTIONS THAT FOCUS ON COLLECTIVE ATTENTION
Q. What is important to you about this situation, with regards to young architects & why do you care?
Q. What opportunities can we see in this situation?
Q. What do we know so far or still need to learn about the situation?
Q. What would someone with a different set of beliefs than we do say about this situation?

ROUND 02 // QUESTIONS THAT CONNECT IDEAS FOR DEEPER INSIGHT
Q. What’s emerging that is new for you? What connections are you making?
Q. What is missing from the picture so far? What are we not seeing? Where do we need more clarity?
Q. What is the next level of thinking we need to address?

ROUND 03 // QUESTIONS THAT CREATE FORWARD MOMENTUM
Q. What would it take to create change on the issue?
Q. If success was completely guaranteed, what bold steps would you choose pertaining to your issue?
Q. How can we support each other in taking the next steps? What unique contribution can each issue make to each other?
Q. What seed might we plant together today that could make the most difference to the future of young architects with regards to your issue?

ROUND 04 // CONCLUSIONS
There are numerous issues around us, faced on a daily basis, which include; climate change, housing, emotions, mental health issues, disasters. Ideas discussed included innovation and adaptability especially adaptive reuse. Being human centric and flexible along with the process and small details are important to resiliency. For resiliency to flourish, social interaction and the discussion of issues are pertinent. The major take away with regards to resiliency are the 3 p’s of personal satisfaction, patience and passion, after throwing away your ego.
Sustainability = traditional / vernacular but there will always be a conflict between sustainable technologies and smart technologies. There needs to be a balance and collaboration between sustainable and smart technologies, however local and global politics plays a role in economic and social life. Research coupled with social awareness, along with financial stability and shifting of technologies can bring sustainability to the forefront.
There are numerous ways to adapt, but we cannot change anything without know what it is or what it was. Once we know the value of it, can we assess what can be conserved or sustained of it. Anything that cannot be sustained we adapt, while anything that cannot be adapted is sustained, giving ultimate productivity. Every time there will be numerous new architects acting as the variables in the equation, hence no fixed formula can be applied but instead an assessment of what needs to be sustained or adapted adds to the resiliency of the equation. Once all these factors are integrated, we innovate – by breaking boundaries. You can always follow something by rule, but we can always break the rules because; Resilience (Adaptability + Sustainability) < Innovation.
There are 5 key points that play an innovative role in the future of young architects. Innovative thinking creates an ability to move forward for any kind of transformation to take place. Rethinking the past by solving mistakes made in the past. Sharing knowledge and ideas, by showing others empathy and mentorship, to act and implement. To have flexibility and acceptance of change. Survival = Innovation = Survival, as to survive young architects need to innovate. You have to choose your own destiny, whether you prefer to proceed with a traditional practice vs a futuristic practice, either way innovation will be constant.
In Kathmandu, President ARCASIA, Ar. Abu Sayeed, launched the first Cross Committee Collaboration panel discussion. This discussion allowed the president and his 5 committee chairs; Chairman ACAE, Ar. Adrianta Azis, Chairman ACSR, Ar. Thomas Cheung, Chairman ACPP, Ar. Mukul Goyal, Chairman ACGSA, Ar. Tushar Sogani & Chairperson ACYA, Ar. Bisma Askari, to discuss the vision & missions of their respective committees, cross committee integration & cohesive working plans for ARCASIA. The floor was then opened to attending members to give their feedback & comments to facilitate the president & committee chairs in their defined missions.

The Cross Committee Collaboration ended with the signing of the Kathmandu Charter, focusing on the collective mission of ARCASIA under President, Ar. Abu Sayeed’s vision for his term.
ACYA x IAI Young Architects Exhibition //

ACYA in collaboration with IAI Yogyakarta hosted the Young Architects Exhibition under the umbrella of YAE. “YAE is a platform for young architects to share information, to broaden networks, to top up the game, to open more opportunities, together with communities. Through YAE events, there will be many professionals invited to share new and numerous points of views for the young architects to consider, in order to calculate their steps and envision their future and space in architecture professional world. The Exhibitions (Design, Architecture, and Building materials) is to educate people of architecture awareness, why should people use architects’ service, what do architects offer, and how architects hold an important position for society”. 
ACYA in collaboration with YAE launched season 2.0 of Sustainable Architecture – a Webinar Series. This webinar celebrates the female architects and focuses on the views of ACYA ‘wonder women in architecture’ with regards to sustainability. Reigning from different countries and regions within ARCASIA, all speakers highlighted different aspects of sustainability – people, planet and profit – within architecture. Sustainability and its humanistic scale in comparison to the urban scale were also highlighted.

From Japan to Hong Kong to Singapore to Pakistan, sustainability is of utmost importance and value to the young architects of ARCASIA, for a better tomorrow.
Programs (current)

RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS by ACYA

Rooting for the Future
A pledge by the ACYA members to yearly plant 22 trees in each country while rooting for a better future.

CALLING ALL... students fresh graduates young architects

Mentorship Program
sign up now!
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UNITED IN ONE VISION

SCAN TO READ
We are working on ...

Work closely on the objectives of ARCASIA to foster inter-institutes collaboration ...

Promote Social Responsibility Activities to Young Architects and Maintain SR in the Continue Professional Development ...

Jointly promote Heritage Preservation, Universal Design and Wellness Design to the Community ...
ACYA x ACSR MoU

We are working on...

Work closely on the objectives of ARCASIA to foster inter-institutes collaboration...

Promote better understanding of Professional Practice to Young Architects...

Jointly to establish a basis to discuss and promote cross border internships and jobs for Young Architects among member countries, given the rise in globalisation.
Let’s GROW Together!