

## REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & PARTNERS

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RO01-1

MONDAY

September 4 / 317ABC (3F)

15:00-18:00

### African Cities between Identity and Urban Development

ORGANIZER: **Africa Union of Architects**

CHAIR: KALAMBO, Kaisi (Tanzania)

Globally urban development is a vector of multiple changes touching different aspects of socio-political and economic space. African cities and landscapes experience remarkable complexities and opportunities incomparable to those of the developed world. The continent's unique cultural diversity of Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Africa commingled yet divided by European mediating languages, religions and indigenous spiritual beliefs, afford Africa a spectrum of transformation trajectories. These proliferating dynamics continually impact on the identity of the continent internally, within its respective localities and globally within the latter's non-homogenous village.

The Africa Union of Architects (AUA) presents a three-sessions seminar tackling the aspect of urban development and its impact on Africa's rural and urban settlements and landscapes; placing emphasis on the need to recognize the importance of diverse identities and culture adequate Architecture in Africa for its New millennium and beyond. The discussions reflect on the relevance of introducing and managing identity within the African urban context and how it would be a start point for sustainable urban and rural development

The seminar presents the vision of the AUA of empowering the profession and the Architect as change maker and develops this vision through what the AUA identifies as the continent's RICE Movement; Africa's 21st Century Architectural Movement as witnessed by Africa's unconventional post-colonial methods in Research, Innovation, Connectivity and Empowerment (RICE) and how

the movement influences the development of culturally diverse African cities and the ways they are conceptualized and interpreted and how knowledge and know-how would be developed to meet new needs and usages.

The seminar aims to bolster existing RICE initiatives whilst developing further road maps and recommendations of the movement to face the changes and demands of Africa's culturally diverse societies and the shifts in roles of Architects as relevant agents of change, contextualized in the global and the local vision of the sustainable city and rural village.

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MONDAY

September 4 / 320 (3F)

15:00-18:00

### The City and Its Essence, Looking Forward to a Better Future

ORGANIZER: **International Committee of Architectural Critics, CICA**

CHAIR: GRAS, Louise Noelle (Mexico)

With "Soul of City", the theme of the UIA Seoul 2017 Congress, in mind, the CICA Symposium will undertake a critical analysis of the city and its essence, with a particular focus on the future. The idea of analysing the current state of urbanism and architecture is of particular interest to the members of this Committee who have expressed their views through a critical approach with a theoretical and historical frame. The main purpose of this session is to take into consideration the multiplicity of voices and perspectives ranging from the formal and spatial, to the political, economic and social. In addition, it will analyse how in different localities there are various commitments to society and nature. Since 1978, these symposia take place alongside the UIA Congresses, providing a significant reasoned input and in this case it will bring forth an analytical reflection of the architecture and urbanism of today. The public session will focus on relevant cases and allow time for an in-depth discussion. The chair of the Symposium is Louise Noelle Gras (Mexico) and the Opening Address will be given by Joseph Rykwert (UK) with

## Seminar Program

presentations from Trevor Boddy (Canada), Manuel Cuadra (Germany), Karen Eicher (South Africa), Şengül Öymen Gür (Turkey), Xing Ruan (Australia/China), Yasmin Shariff (UK), Sara Topelson (Mexico), Wilfried Wang (Germany/US) and Li Xiangning (China).

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**RO01-2** **TUESDAY**  
September 5 / 317C (3F) 15:00-17:00

### African Cities between Identity and Urban Development

ORGANIZER: **Africa Union of Architects**

CHAIR: KALAMBO, Kaisi (Tanzania)

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**RO03** **TUESDAY**  
September 5 / 317B (3F) 15:00-17:00

### The CAA - Looking Into the Future

ORGANIZER: **Commonwealth Association of Architects**

It is well understood that continued sustainable development across the world improving the human condition is imperative for global stability; what is less understood is the current capacity of the profession of architecture to provide that development across the world. The Commonwealth Association of Architects, the association of architectural associations across the Commonwealth, is undertaking a survey across all Commonwealth countries in a view to measuring and revealing the strength and weaknesses of the profession regionally. The findings portray the range of difference across the Commonwealth in terms of capacity, highlight areas that need strengthening in order to best facilitate change in regard to new agendas such as carbon reduction, and illustrate opportunities for growth in the sector across these regions.

At the meeting, the results obtained so far from the survey (The State of the Architectural Profession in the Commonwealth) that is being undertaken by the Association,

will be highlighted and discussed with those present. The results of this survey will help the Association in formulating its programme of activities and vision for the coming years.

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**RO04** **TUESDAY**  
September 5 / 318A (3F) 14:00-17:00

### The Old Lady and the Tiger: Regional Cooperation between Europe and Asia

ORGANIZER: **ACE (Architects Council Europe) and ARCASIA (Architects Regional Council Asia)**

CHAIR: LAZZARI, Luciano (President, ACE) and KHAN, Jahangir (President, ARCASIA)

MODERATOR: BAIG, Ramiz (Honorary Secretary, ARCASIA)

SPEAKERS: LAZZARI, Luciano (Italy), KHAN, Jahangir (Pakistan), MUHAMMAD, Esa (Malaysia), KALAMBO, Kaisi (Tanzania), KALMAN, Erno (Hungary), LAVALLE, Arturo (Italy), GEROPANTA, Valina (Greece), SOARES, Nuno (Macau), FERNANDEZ, John Joseph (Philippines), HANN, Tan Szu (Singapore), SZUCS, Andras (Hungary)

The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is composed of 43 Member Organisations which are the national regulatory and professional representative bodies in the EU Member States, the accession countries, Switzerland and Norway. Through its members, the Architects' Council of Europe represents the interests of over 565,000 architects from 31 countries in Europe.

The ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL ASIA (ARCASIA) is the Council of Presidents of the following 21 members Institutes of Architects in the Asian Region. Each member of the Council is an extension and representative of his institute's regional policies and programs. The Council meets annually to deliberate and to give collective direction and representation on matters that affect the architectural profession, in general, and the professional, in particular, and to give a hearing to the reports of individual Office Bearers regarding Member Institutes' plans, proposals and accomplishments. The Council authorizes various projects and programs related to the profession in the Asia Region.

The above titled seminar is being organized as a first step for these regional organizations to come together and collaborate on various topics which are relevant to architects in both regions. We are looking to have joint events like

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Workshops/Roundtable/ trainings and Exchanges in the immediate future covering the areas of:

1. Architectural Education
2. Heritage
3. Green and Sustainability
4. Cross Border practice
5. Young Architects
6. Professional practice
7. Technology in architecture design

To begin with the focus of this seminar will be Architecture Education with special emphasis on the Asian perspective as to what the future holds and what is needed to be done.