



## DURBAN DECLARATION: 2050 IMPERATIVE UIA ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WITH ITS PARTNERS

A round table of the UIA's partners took place on 6 August 2014 during the UIA Congress in Durban, South Africa. It united the institutions with which the UIA maintains relations and exchanges based on protocols and reciprocal agreements.

The ensemble of partners, who represented United Nations agencies, regional organizations of architects, organizations for the preservation of heritage and the environment and humanitarian organizations committed to work together to phase out CO2 and fossil fuel emissions by 2050, by means of design strategies and socially responsible construction. The "Declaration 2050 Imperatives," put forward by the Director of the Australian Institute of Architects, David Parken, was discussed and amended by the partners for presentation before the UIA General Assembly on 8 August 2014, where it was unanimously adapted.

Learn more: [http://www.uia.archi/sites/default/files/EN\\_Declaration\\_Durban.pdf](http://www.uia.archi/sites/default/files/EN_Declaration_Durban.pdf)

## 26<sup>th</sup> UIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

The UIA general assembly met in Durban, South Africa on 7 – 10 August 2014, bringing together delegates from 70 countries. They welcomed new colleagues from the Libyan Institute of Architects and the National Association of Architects in Chinese Taipei, and returning colleagues from the College of Architects of Peru. For the first time since the creation of UIA, the assembly welcomed observers representing the world's young architects and students of architecture.

The delegates elected the UIA Bureau and Council members for the 2014-2017 triennial period, as well as the host city for the 2020 UIA congress. The bid from Rio de Janeiro, presented by the Institute of Architects of Brazil, was selected in this election. The theme for the 2020 Rio congress will be: All the worlds. Just one world. Architecture 21. The city of Seoul, Korea, will host the next UIA congress in July 2017, with the theme: Soul of the City.

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### WHO ARE THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE UIA BUREAU ?

Presentation of the UIA Bureau for the 2014-2017 period.

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The recently created Young architects and Architecture students committees were represented at the UIA congress and general assembly in Durban.

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## ESA MOHAMED UIA PRESIDENT

Malaysian architect and urban planner Esa Mohamed was elected president of the UIA during the UIA general assembly that took place in Durban, South Africa, on 7 - 9 August 2014. He succeeds French architect Albert Dubler.

He is the founder and managing director of Akitek Jururancang (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (AJM), his architecture and planning firm in Kuala Lumpur. Esa Mohamed has authored prestigious projects in Malaysia such as the Subang Jaya township Kuala Lumpur International Airport, and the master plans for Kuala Lumpur and the administrative capital, Putrajaya. He was also involved in major works in China, Pakistan, India, Australia, Kazakhstan and Saudi Arabia. He was architect in association with Kerry Hill Architects for the Datai Resort, Langkawi, which won one of the Aga Khan Awards for Architecture in 2001.

Esa Mohamed served as UIA Council member from 2008 to 2011, and as 1st vice-president of the Union from 2011 to 2014. He is a longstanding member of the UIA Professional Practice commission. He was the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) President from 1993-1995 and the Chairman of Architects Regional Council, Asia (ARCASIA) from 1995 - 1996 ; the Chairman of the ASEAN Architect Council from 2009 to 2011.

Read his UIA presidential programme online on the UIA website:

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## THOMAS VONIER UIA SECRETARY GENERAL

American architect Thomas Vonier became UIA secretary general. He succeeds Lebanese architect Michel Barmaki. He is the founder of an architectural consulting practice working from Paris and Washington DC, with projects throughout North America, East Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Thomas served as vice-president of the Union from 2011 to 2014 and he is an elected vice president of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

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## FABIAN LLISTERRI UIA TREASURER

Spanish architect Fabian Llisterri was elected UIA treasurer. He succeeds South African architect Patricia Emmett at this post. Fabian Llisterri is in private practice in Valencia since 1982, in the areas of building and urban planning, and also works as an advisor in real estate investment. He was appointed by the Spanish government to serve on the Valencia Port consortium from 2003 - 2011 and to oversee its expansion and connection with the city.

Fabian Llisterri served as a board member for the Superior Council of Colleges of Spanish Architects (CSCAE) and represented Spanish architects on the UIA Council from 2008 - 2014. Over the last ten years, he has occupied various posts in the Architects Council of Europe (ACE) and the Union of Mediterranean Architects (UMAR).

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### DAVID FALLA UIA REGION I VICE-PRESIDENT

British architect David Falla became the vice-president for UIA Region I (Western Europe) succeeding Antonio Rivero. He has been in private practice for forty years, and is the author of numerous realisations in London and in Guernsey where he lives. David has chaired the RIBA Council and served for five years as RIBA vice-president for international relations and European affairs. He has served as a member of the UIA Council (2011-2014) and is currently the treasurer for the Architects Council of Europe (ACE).



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### DENIZ INCEDAYI UIA REGION II VICE-PRESIDENT

Turkish architect Deniz Incedayi was selected for a second mandate at the post of vice-president for UIA Region II (Eastern Europe). President of the metropolitan Istanbul branch of the Chamber of Architects of Turkey since 2010, Deniz is in private practice, specialised in housing projects and restoring traditional wooden houses in Istanbul. She is vice-rector and professor at Mimar Sinan University and was a guest researcher at the Aarhus school of architecture in Denmark in 2003. Deniz served as UIA Council member (2009-2011) and is part of the UIA Architectural Education commission.



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### CARLOS ALVAREZ GUZMAN UIA REGION III VICE-PRESIDENT

Costa Rican architect Carlos Alvarez Guzman takes over as vice-president for UIA Region III (the Americas). He succeeds Thomas Vonier at this post. Carlos Alvarez is a practicing architect, highly active in various sectors linked with the profession in Costa Rica and throughout the Americas. Teacher, researcher, columnist and author, he is at the origin of prestigious events dedicated to architecture and urbanism. He is involved in the activities of the professional organisation in Costa Rica, as well as the Pan American Federation of Architects (FPAA). He served as UIA Council member (2011-2014), and directed the UIA Work Programme on Responsible Architecture in Region III.



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### YOLANDA DAVID REYES UIA REGION IV VICE-PRESIDENT

Philippine architect Yolanda Reyes became vice-president for UIA Region IV (Asia - Australia). She succeeds Esa Mohamed at this post. Yolanda Reyes is in private practice in Manila, where she specialises in facility designs and planning. Former Dean of the University of Santo Tomas College of Fine Arts and Architecture, she was the first woman to chair the Architects Regional Council, Asia (ARCASIA), and the Union of Architects of the Philippines. She served as UIA Council member (2011-2014), and directed the UIA Work Programme on Responsible Architecture in Region IV.



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### HAYDER ALI UIA REGION V VICE-PRESIDENT

Sudanese architect Hayder Ali was chosen for a second mandate as vice-president for UIA Region V (Africa). Hayder Ali is in private practice in a firm he founded, and works with architectural and engineering projects and well as urban planning operations on the national and international levels. Former secretary general for the Sudan Institute of Architects, he served as Council member in the UIA and the Africa Union of Architects.





## STUDENTS AND YOUNG ARCHITECTS IN DURBAN

The members of the recently created UIA committees for young architects and students of architecture participated for the first time in the Congress and General Assembly, demonstrating from the start their commitment to playing a determining role in the actions and future of the UIA.



**Joseph Lai** is coordinator of the Young Architects Committee. An American architect of Taiwanese origin, he is involved in the American Institute of Architect's activities (AIA), and in issues related to diplomas, access to the profession and commissions for young architects. He is secretary of the AIA Potomac Valley chapter. **Marine de la Guérande** is reporter for the YA Committee. She is a French architect who began her career in Tokyo alongside Shigeru Ban. She is in private practice in her own studio in Paris, and is vice-president of the Ile de France Regional council of architects.

The other committee members are **Meropi Karantaki** (Greece), **Joshua Morrin** (Australia), and **Sikhumbuzo Mtembu** (South Africa).

Read the article by Marine de la Guérande in the French magazine 'Le Moniteur'  
<http://www.lemoniteur.fr/153-profession/article/actualite/25306375-lettre-de-durban-par-marine-de-la-guerande-architecte>



## FIVE INSIGNIAS OF HONOUR ATTRIBUTED BY THE UIA PRESIDENT

During his mandate as president of the UIA, Albert Dubler chose to honour several personalities whose actions and charisma have served to promote architecture and the profession of architect around the world and to a wide audience, with the UIA Insignia of Honour.

Retired Anglican bishop **Desmond Tutu**, received the insignia for his commitment to the world's architects during the organisation of the 25th UIA congress in Durban, to which he gave his high patronage.

**Joan Clos**, executive director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat), was recognised for his expertise in related to cities and planning and his valuable support for architecture and urban planning professionals.

**Francisco Bandarin**, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture, received the insignia for his enlightened and erudite regard on architecture as well as on architectural and urban heritage, that he has always supported as fundamental expressions of culture.

**Rodney Harber**, for his engagement as an architect with rural communities in southern Africa and his implication in architectural education at the national and international levels and within the UIA Architectural Education Commission.

**Wolf Tochtermann**, was honoured for his dedicated contribution to the UIA Commissions on Architectural Education and International Competitions and for his sustained efforts in favour of relations between the UIA and UNESCO.

In Desmond Tutu's absence, **Hassan Asmal**, President of the Durban Congress Organising Committee, received the insignia in his name; **Christine Auclair**, head of the UN-Habitat world urban campaign, received the insignia for Joan Clos.





## BAREFOOT ARCHITECTURE THE NEWEST UIA WORK PROGRAMME

Barefoot Architecture or Architecture and human rights is the newest UIA work programme, initiated following the UIA Council’s workshop/think-tank in Beijing in October 2013. It was officially launched in Durban at the UIA Congress, along with an exhibition of projects nominated for the UIA prize that since 2008, recognises exemplary architectural actions and realisations in the context of extremely precarious human or social contexts. This prize’s founder, Vassilis Sgoutas, alongside with Patricia Emmett also organised a round table at the congress forum. In addition to the UIA personalities engaged for many years in the crusade for architecture for the poorest populations, like former UIA President Rod Hackney, the round table, chaired by UIA President Albert Dubler, was attended by field actors such as Rose Malokoane, coordinator of Slum Dwellers International. Christine Auclair reminded participants on behalf of UN Habitat that the world urban campaign \*(WUC) integrates the poorest communities and populations in the search for positive solutions to face today’s urban challenges. The UIA work programme will pursue these ambitious objectives and channel the enthusiasm generated in Durban towards long terms objectives.

(\*) UIA is a partner in the world urban campaign



## WARWICK JUNCTION INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE

Warwick Junction in the heart of Durban served as the backdrop for an international competition open to students of architecture from around the world. The hub of the city’s transportation network, it is a space of complex exchanges and a considerable centre for informal commerce. Based on the congress theme ‘Architecture Otherwhere’, the competition aimed to underline the complex ecology of Warwick Junction and its economic, social and cultural dynamic and propose solutions that would benefit and contribute to the well-being of the half million people who go through the junction every day.

Fifteen projects were shortlisted and on display at the Durban congress. The winners were announced at the Durban awards ceremony on 6 August 2014.

- First prize: Mingqi Wu, Dian Luo, Tong Niu, Zhelun Cui and Zhenzhen Feng from Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology (China) for their project “A stitch in the city”
- Second prize: Zhaosong Lu, Yue Gu, Yuan Gao, Zheng Zhou, Xi Ju and Shixiao Zhang Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology (China) for “Dignity of man, place, and city: creating a common territory”
- Third prize: Zhekun Xiong, Xuyang Wu and Fangshuo Liu, Tsinghua University school of architecture (China), for “Architecture on wheels”. One Honorable mention was awarded.



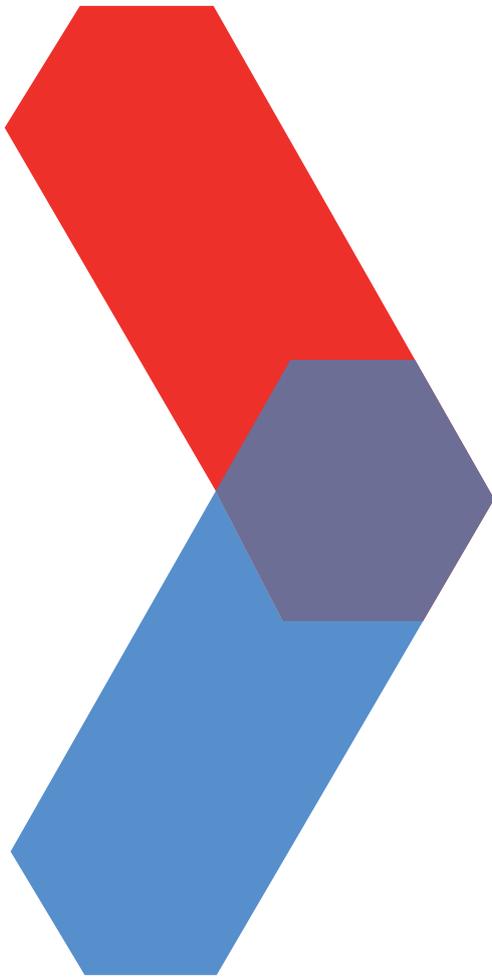
## UIA PARTNER MIDO HONOURS THE WINNERS IN DURBAN

As part of its partnership with UIA, prestigious Swiss watchmaker Mido honoured the winners of the UIA Prizes by offering watches from their collection. The watches were presented with the prizes on 6 August 2014, during the 25th UIA world Congress of architects in Durban, South Africa. Two unique, engraved models for Ieoh Ming Pei, UIA 2014 Gold Medallist, and Joseph Rykwert, Jean Tschumi prize winner for 2014, were presented respectively to George Miller, former AIA president and partner in Pei Cobb Freed & Partners and to Yasmin Shariff.



Learn more: <http://www.mido.ch/fr/content/mido-uia>





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