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**PRESS RELEASE**

**28 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**LIVE WEBINAR**  
**WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY**  
 MONDAY 5 OCTOBRE 2020  
 12h00 - 14h30 GMT

Moderators:



**Thomas Vonier**  
UIA President



**Serban Tigana**  
UIA Secretary General

With the participation of:



**Victor Kisob**  
Assistant Secretary-General  
Deputy Executive Director  
UN-Habitat



**Ernesto Ottone**  
Assistant Director-General  
for Culture  
UNESCO



**Kai-Uwe Bergmann**  
Architect Partner  
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**Toward a better urban future**

Panelists:



**Georg Pendl**  
President  
Architects' Council of Europe



**Max Maurer**  
Scientist and Professor  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology



**Nadia Tromp**  
Director  
UIA CACHR Work Programme



**Magda Mostafa**  
Co-director  
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**Joseph Kwan**  
Architecture for All  
Regional director Region IV



**Ishtiaque Zahir**  
Co-Director  
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**Natalie Mossin**  
Co-Director  
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## WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY WEBINAR

The UIA will mark World Architecture Day on Monday **5 October at 12h00 – 14h30 GMT** by holding a live webinar to discuss this year's theme: "**Toward a better urban future**".

Moderated by UIA President **Thomas Vonier** and UIA Secretary General **Serban Tiganas**, the webinar will begin with a virtual roundtable which will include the UN Habitat Assistant Secretary General and Executive Director **Victor Kisob**, Assistant Director-General for Culture of UNESCO **Ernesto Ottone Ramirez** and **Kai-Uwe Bergmann**, Architect, Partner, Business Development of BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group.

Six panels of global experts will then discuss how architects and professionals in related fields can address the challenges facing today's cities: Water and Sanitation, Public Spaces, Air Quality and Housing followed by a conversation about how architects can assist in the realisation of SDG Number 11, "Sustainable Cities and Communities".

Other confirmed speakers include:

- **Georg Pendl**, the President of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)
- **Max Maurer**, Scientist & Professor at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH)
- **Joseph Kwan**, director of Region IV (Asia) UIA Work Programme Architecture for All
- **Ishtiaque Zahir** and **Natalie Mossin**, Co-directors of the UIA SDG Commission
- **Magda Mostafa**, Co-director of the UIA Education Commission
- **Nadia Tromp**, Director of the UIA Community Architecture Work Programme.

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