The aim for the UIA International Women in Architecture Committee is to highlight the contributions of female architects to society, to share knowledge and advice, to encourage the young, and to foster camaraderie among women professionals and students.

Congratulations and thanks to the five UIA Council members, one from each of the UIA regions, who have launched this effort: Istelianna Atanassova (Bulgaria), the group’s originator and chair, Natalie Mossin (Denmark), Rim Safar Sakkal (Bolivia), Pei Ing Tan (Malaysia), who led in establishing UIA gender equity policy, and Jacinta Kabarungi (Uganda).

Thanks also to the many women from other countries who have joined them, to strengthen the global network of people working to underscore the roles and the influences of women in architecture.

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UIA President

REGION I
Fionnuala Rogerson (Ireland) & Suzanne de Laval (Sweden)
"Working internationally helps one realise just how small the world is and how much we all have in common. It is also enjoyable learning about other cultures and ways of practice as well as the major challenges facing us as a profession and as a society in the 21st century."

"For me, international volunteer engagement has been an important key to a worldwide network of people with the same interests as me. If you want to work voluntarily and international, I think it is important that it is a question near your own heart. Then the work is not a burden, but a joy."

**REGION II**

**DENIZ INCEDAYI (TURKEY) & LIZA SIOLA (GREECE)**
"I had the chance to get to know many architects and architectures of different countries and cultures, which I find very valuable for the vision of an architect."

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"As I come from a small country, I soon realized that it was absolutely necessary to be part of the international society of architects, as a one way path to collaboration and exchanging experience with our colleagues around the world."

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REGION III

NADIA SOMEKH (BRAZIL) & PATRICIA MORA MORALES (COSTA RICA)

"Be resilient. It's not an easy task, but we, as social actors, have the duty to ensure diversity in all possible instances if we want to accomplish effectiveness in both local and global policies and efforts."

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"What I like about international activities is sharing experiences with different cultures and learning about their interpretation and resolution of similar problems that we have in our country and region."

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REGION IV

IN-SOUK CHO (KOREA) & YOLANDA DAVID-REYES (PHILIPPINES)
"At every moment, in every circumstance and from everyone you meet, there are always things to learn. Do not hesitate to contribute your time, wisdom, knowledge and experience!"

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"Actually, I enjoyed my first encounter with the other leaders of the architectural societies around Asia. I felt very comfortable and welcomed because of the warm and special treatment I received."

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REGION V

MAGDA MOSTAFA (EGYPT) & TRISH EMMETT (SOUTH AFRICA)
"With all the perceived differences in the world, the need to learn, heal, belong and accept one another is universal, and it is something I am proud to be able to bring to fruition in my work."

"Becoming the Vice President for Region V and the 2nd UIA Vice President in 2008 and in the subsequent term, the UIA Treasurer, was enormously challenging."

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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