**UIA Side event** @ China Corporate Pavilion

@ United Nations COP26 Climate Change Conference, 8 November 2021, Glasgow, UK.

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**Title of the side event:**
Transforming Action to Practice
- Sustainable built environment and Climate solutions
International Union of Architects (UIA),

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**Date:** 08 November 2021  
**Time:** 16:00 – 18:00 (GMT+1, UK) (120’ minutes)  
**Room Location:** CHINA Corporate Pavilion  
**Focal points :** Ishtiaque ZAHR & Natalie Mossin; Co Directors UIA SDG Commission

The UIA is the only international organization for the architects of the world for the last 72 years. It unites more than 100 countries with the strength of diversity & partnership from the five (5) regions, Asia and Oceania, Americas, Africa, Europe I and Europe II. Since COP21, the UIA made calls to action to halt climate change. In Cop26 UIA joins the race to Zero, to achieve carbon neutrality in Built environment by 2050. UIA SDG Commission working on this global issue and mobilizing architects in action since 2017.

The World Urban Campaign (WUC) is an advocacy and partnership platform to raise awareness about positive urban change in order to achieve green, productive, safe, healthy, inclusive, and well planned cities. Its goal is to place the Urban Agenda at the highest level in development policies. It is coordinated by UN-Habitat and driven by a large number of committed partners from around the world. The World Urban Campaign promotes the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to achieve the SDGs. It does so through a set of principles and drivers of change as defined in The City We Need.

This is the Decade of action. We have only 8 years to go, to implement the 2030 agenda. Now is the time to Transform Action into Practice, in terms to deliver Sustainable built environment and attain Climate solutions. The joint discourse by UIA and WUC will talk about the initiatives of action oriented research & practice.

**4. Format of the panel discussion (60’ + 60’)**

Round table with open chair 6 persons sitting – presentation dais. The session lasts 120’ minute and organized in Panel format with presentations by 2 of the panelist from the stakeholder group. Than panel discussion by the panelists. The session is organised in 2 parts:

Welcome Note  by **Jose Luis cortes**, UIA president & **Christine Auclair – Online**  
(10’)

1. **Part1- Ongoing initiatives:** Professionals addressing challenges of integration of climate change, accountability, and responsibility: results and lessons from ongoing initiatives . Presentation by **NATALIE** - 20’ (presentation from Architects SDG Guide book on goal 7) – 20 min presentation + 30 min panel discussion

2. **Part 2 - Discussion on new initiatives and demands:** identifying the gaps. Innovative solution for the increased demand for climate change adaptation and mitigation. Presentation by **SUSAN ROAF - 20’**. (presentation from the upcoming book ‘Resilient Building Design’) – 20 min presentation + 30 min panel discussion

Summary and identification of key messages from the two session session (10’)

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Welcome notes

Jose Luis cortes, UIA president (5’)
Christine Auclair, Head, Advocacy and Campaigns Unit, UN Habitat. (5’)

The panelists

Natalie Mossin. (Presenter) (20’)
Head of Institute at the Royal Danish Academy - Institute of Architecture and Technology, KADK, Copenhagen
Vice president, UIA Region II

Susan Roaf, (Presenter) (20’)
Emeritus Professor of Architectural Engineering at Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh.
Member, PCG2 Research and Academy, WUC

Thomas Vonier
Architect,
Immediate Past president, UIA.

Dr. Chris Elisara
Director Creation Care Taskforce, World Evangelical Alliance
Co-Chair, PCG, Civil Society, WUC.

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