

# World Architecture Day 2018

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## International Union of Architects Statement of the President



Thomas Vonier, UIA President

### **Architecture . . . for a better world.**

Architecture can help our planet face two of its gravest problems—environmental degradation and ever greater human needs. Architects can help to reverse patterns that destroy heritage, degrade habitat, squander resources and perpetuate social imbalances.

Architecture can make our world better, for all people. Through design, we can help stop the destruction of natural landscapes and valuable agricultural land. Through design, we can help meet the staggering global scale of human need, much of it concentrated in our largest cities.

The world's architects—now numbering some 3.2 million in all—share a commitment to providing basic services for all people; to making our cities cleaner and stronger; to helping people in need; and to providing safer, more accessible public spaces for everyone.

We know the power of architecture, and we will share it . . . for all, for a better world. On behalf of the UIA Bureau, the UIA Council and our Member Sections across the globe, please join us.

**THOMAS VONIER FAIA RIBA**  
President, UIA / International Union of Architects

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*The UIA established **World Architecture Day** on the first Monday of every October, to venerate the power and value of architecture. It is an occasion for our member sections throughout the world to stage events and actions that advance architecture in the public eye. This year, for the first time, the UIA held an international competition for design of the 2018 **World Architecture Day** poster. We received hundreds of entries, from which a distinguished jury of graphic designers chose the winner, attached, by Ana Rute Costa and Rúben Ferreira Duarte of Portugal.*



2018 World Architecture Day poster by Ana Rute Costa and Rúben Ferreira Duarte (Portugal)