As a partner of UN-Habitat, initiators of the Urban Thinkers Campus, the UIA will host a webinar on 24 October 2020 at 12h00 GMT. Moderated by UIA Council Member Kevin Bingham, the event will seek to discuss the theme, Healthy Environments through Architecture. It will include presentations from global experts and opening remarks from UIA President Thomas Vonier.

Register for the webinar [here](#)
WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY 2020 WEBINAR NOW ON YOUTUBE

On 5 October 2020, more than 600 people attended the UIA’s webinar for World Architecture Day with the theme of “Toward a better urban future”.

Moderated by UIA President Thomas Vonier and Secretary General Serban Tiganas, it began with a roundtable between Thomas Vonier, Victor Kisob representing UN-Habitat, UNESCO’s Jyoti Hosagrahar and Kai-Uwe Bergmann, architect at BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group, followed by 6 panels of global experts discussing how architects can address Water and Sanitation, Public Spaces, Air Quality, and Housing in today’s cities and how UN Sustainable Development Goal 11 can be realised.

View a recording of the webinar on the UIA’s YouTube channel.
THE UIA GOLD MEDAL (1984-2021)

Created in 1984, the UIA Gold Medal recognises outstanding architectural achievement by an architect or group of architects, taking into account all aspects of a body of work constructed over an extended period. Past winners include Toyo Ito (above pictured, at the Prize Ceremony at the 2017 UIA World Congress in Seoul, Korea), Renzo Piano, I.M. Pei, Álvaro Siza Vieira, Hassan Fathy and Rafael Moneo. The next winner will be announced at the 27th UIA World Congress of Architects, taking place the 18-22 July 2021 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). UIA Member Sections & elected officials may upload nominations for the 2021 UIA Gold Medal as well as for the UIA Prizes on the UIA Awards Platform by 2 April 2021.

For more information on the 2021 UIA Gold Medal and Prizes

UIA WORKING BODIES ▼

ROAD TO RIO: UIA EDUCATION COMMISSION

The UIA Education Commission acts as a think-tank for architectural education policy, proposing guidelines, research and best practices for architectural education. It makes recommendations for excellence in architectural education and leads the UNESCO-UIA Study Programme Validation. The UIA Education Commission recently launched a new international award for Excellence & Innovation in Architectural Education, for which the submissions deadline is 20 October 2020.

Find out more about this Commission here

Read Activity Report
UIA HERITAGE & CULTURAL IDENTITY WORK PROGRAMME WEBINAR

Co-Directors In-Souk Cho (Korea) & Rizvan Bayaramov (Azerbaijan) organised the Work Programme’s first webinar on 6 October 2020 on “Adaptive Re-Use of Heritage in a Changing World”, now available on the UIA’s YouTube Channel.

Opened by UIA President Thomas Vonier & UIA Vice-Presidents Nikos Fintikakis (Region II, Greece), Roberto Simon (Region III, Brazil), and Jong Ruhl Hahn (Region IV, Korea), the webinar spotlighted architects Jad Tabet, Daniel Mangabeira da Vinha (Brazil) and Roger Wu (Hong Kong).

See it here
UIA PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP

The UIA’s Public Health Group (PHG) has issued a new publication, *Breathing New Life in the 21st Century Hospital*, based on the UIA-PHG Congress, which took place in Paris in 2018.

The work addresses timely questions concerning the hospital of the future, digital hospitals and emerging trends in hospital design. The book also includes a special focus on new architectural design concepts specially tailored to accommodate the trend of ageing populations.

Take a look [here](#).

UIA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS COMMISSION

The PDF version of *An Architecture Guide, Vol. 2*, compiled by the UIA’s SDG Commission is now available. It is an impressive piece of work with contributions from all over the world, thanks to the hard work and global connection of the SDG network.

The printed version will be ready for the launch webinar on 30 October, but it will be printed in a fairly limited number. and will be an inspiration to students, practicing architects, politicians and investors.

See it [here](#).

COMPETITIONS & PRIZES ▼
WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE UIA2021RIO MARE-CIDADE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Zhao Yuanchen with co-authors Ma Yue and Wu Wanling under the direction of advisors Li Hao and Wu Shanshan from Xi'an University of Architecture And Technology (China) have won First Prize for their project "SIHI — Small Industry & Home Industry".

Organised by the Institute of Architects of Brazil (IAB) with the support of the International Union of Architects (UIA) and UN-Habitat, the competition sought sustainable design solutions for the integration of the Maré-Cidade, one of Rio de Janeiro's largest informal settlements, to the city of Rio.

For more info, see the press release.
NIGERIA: 60TH ANNIVERSARY

This year, the Nigerian Institute of Architects (NIA) celebrates the 60th anniversary of its founding in 1960. NIA is currently accepting registrations for its Annual General Meeting in Benue, Makurdi from the 25 to 28 November.

Early bird registration began on 1 October 2020 and continues through 24 November 2020.

For more information

MAURITIUS: NEW COUNCIL

The Mauritius Association of Architects has elected a new Council for 2020-2021. Congratulations to President Divesh Guttee, Vice President Xavier Maurel, Secretary Vineet Luckoo, Vice Secretary Arkam Gunness, Treasurer Ashwin Saulick, Vice Treasurer Hasan Mohamedally among others. The Association anticipates soon resuming gatherings in person.

For more info, contact
KENYA: AAK 2020 CONVENTION

The Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) is organising its annual convention physically and virtually from 5-6 November with the theme, "Covid-19: The Built Environment in Africa Amidst a Global Pandemic." The physical convention will be held at the Great Rift Valley Lodge in Naivasha, Kenya. East African Community and Regional Development CS Adan Mohamed, Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui, AAK President Mugure Njendu and AUA President Victor Miguel will be speaking at the official opening.

More information

FRANCE: CNOA's LIVRE BLANC 2.0

The National Council of the Order of French Architects (CNOA) has launched Le Livre blanc 2.0 (the White Book 2.0), a digital collaborative tool for stimulating reflection on the architectural, cultural, social and economic aspects of the built environment. Regularly updated and enriched, its content will fall into sections “Architecture and urbanism: motors for the ecological transition”, “Architecture and the equilibrium between territories”, “Architecture and Culture”, Quality and value of architectural production,” “to be an architect.”

Check it out here
SWEDEN: NILS CARLSON, FORMER UIA SECRETARY GENERAL

It is our great regret to announce the passing of former Secretary General of the UIA (1985-1993), Nils Carlson (Sweden) at the age of 87. In a call for Long Term Action in the UIA Newsletter in March 1986, he wrote that architecture is “the expression or reflection of the environment and framework of life society is capable of creating.”

We remember with gratitude his years of service to our Union, as well as his personal warmth and kindness, and our thoughts go out to his family, friends and colleagues.

The International Union of Architects (UIA) is an international non-governmental organisation based in Paris. Established in 1948, it is the only organisation representing architects across the globe working to unify architects, influence public policies on construction and development, and advance architecture in service to the needs of society.