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CALL FOR  
PROPOSALS

**UIA GUIDEBOOK  
FOR THE 2030  
AGENDA**

2026 Edition

The International Union of Architects (UIA), through the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals Commission (SDGC), is pleased to invite architects worldwide to participate in the selection of projects for the **2026 UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda**.

Proposals may be at any stage (design, implementation, or completed) and must relate to one or more of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in all categories, such as:

- architectural projects.
- urban, landscape and territorial plans.
- design projects.

Proposals for policies, public programmes or legislative bills will not be accepted.

Participation is conditional on meeting the requirements outline in this announcement by the application deadline.

### **Presentation**

This Call for Proposals forms part of a broader set of efforts that brings together world leaders from 193 countries, businesses, civil society, and professionals from many diverse backgrounds to jointly achieve the goals of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, established by the United Nations (UN) in 2015. These goals range from sustainable cities and communities to responsible consumption and production, as well as efforts to combating hunger and climate change.

At the UIA level, efforts began in 2018 with the establishment of the UIA Commission on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Commission aims to ensure that architects are not only responsive to the new Agenda for Sustainable Development, but prescriptive in its implementation and evolution.

In 2020, the UIA, in collaboration with the Institute of Architecture and Technology (KADK) and the Danish Association of Architects, published the “[Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#)”. This book aimed to provide an architectural interpretation of the Goals. Each of the 17 chapters outlines how a specific Goal is defined by the UN, how it relates to the built environment, and presents examples of realised projects that demonstrate architectural contributions.

In the following year, the UIA SDG Commission, the Royal Danish Academy – Architecture and the 2023 UIA World Congress of Architects collaborated to produce a second volume of the “[Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#)”. Both editions were translated in several languages, and a Brazilian version was produced by the Brazilian Institute of Architects. In subsequent years, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects launched its own version.

The practice of architecture, in the built environment, landscape architecture, and urban planning, intersects with every SDG, providing tangible solutions to global challenges such as poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, health, peace, and justice. Architects contribute to environmental sustainability and the quality of life through research and design, with many solutions already being implemented.

During the 2023 UIA World Congress of Architects, in Copenhagen, the results of the first edition of the [UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda](#) were announced, and the publication was launched in early 2024. That Call for Proposals received 147 submissions from more than 30 different countries. The resulting publication showcases 96 projects (six for each of the 16 SDGs – SDG 14 had no selection), developed by 70 different institutions or companies from 29 UIA Member Sections.

## **1. Objective**

**1.1.** This Call for Proposals for the 2026 UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda aims to collect effective architectural solutions that contribute to the 17 SDGs and brings to itself several objectives related to the expansion of knowledge and the dissemination of good practices. These are:

**1.1.1.** to present a global overview of architectural production by compiling solutions coming from various contexts and regions

**1.1.2.** to disseminate projects and, plans and approaches to building and territorial thinking that demonstrate their connections with the 17 SDGs and, in doing so, highlight responsible ways of acting in relation to the social and physical environment.

**1.1.3.** to become a valuable repository of architectural projects and a unique consultation resource for students, educators, policy-makers, and professionals in search of high-quality and environmentally appropriate solutions and references.

## **2. Submission Process**

**2.1.** Submission for the 2026 UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda will be carried out in a single step, as described below:

**2.1.1.** Architects from around the world with proposals, i.e. projects and plans, whose focus and proposed solution contribute to the achievement of the 17 SDGs, are invited to apply

**2.1.2.** In the case of proposals without a defined locations, the location of the institution submitting the proposal will be considered.

**2.1.3.** No submission fee is required

**2.1.4.** Proposals must adhere to the terms of this Call

**2.1.5.** Incomplete or non-compliant applications will be disqualified

**2.1.6.** Applicants may submit multiple proposals per SDG

**2.1.7.** All proposals must be submitted via the online form during the submission period stated in Section 7

**2.1.8.** Submissions must follow the format detailed in Section 5

**2.1.9.** The form must be completed by the lead architecture professional, who must be the main author or one of the main authors of the project. They will be responsible for the application and all the submitted information.

**2.1.10.** Only complete applications submitted through the official online will be accepted

### **3. Conditions of Participation**

**3.1.** Eligible participants include:

**3.1.1.** Individual architects, including self-employed professionals and those that are part of offices, consultancies, collectives, cooperatives, research groups, or extension groups **3.1.2.** Non-governmental organizations, public agencies and companies, private companies and collectives, provided they include at least one architect as an author or technical coordinator

**3.2.** Ineligible participants include:

**3.2.1.** Members of the Editorial Board or Organising Commission and their associates, business partners, employees, students, family members and close relatives

**3.2.2.** Projects and plans published in previous editions (Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals vols. 1 and 2; 2023 UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda; the 5 editions of the IAB Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda; and the UN SDGs – Hong Kong Architects in Action), even if updated

**3.3.** Eligible proposals:

**3.3.1.** Must have been developed or implemented since 2015

**3.3.2.** May relate to the same or different SDGs; there is no limit to the number of proposals per applicant

### **4. Rules for Submission**

**4.1.** Submission guidelines:

**4.1.1.** All entries must be submitted via the online form available [here](#)

**4.1.2.** Each proposal requires a separate submission

**4.1.3.** Proposals may be updated until the submission deadline

**4.1.4.** Only complete applications will be accepted

**4.1.5.** All entries must be in English

**4.2.** Required materials:

**4.2.1.** Up to eight (8) high-resolution (JPEG, minimum 300 dpi) most representative images of the project or plan

**4.2.2.** One synthesis text (approx. 500 characters with spaces) that will be used to publicise the selected proposals in digital publications and other media. The text should contain the main idea and meaning of the proposal and its most important design strategies. The UIA reserves the right to edit the text for the purposes of adapting it to the size of the publication (to be defined later), language homogenisation, standardisation, and orthographic and grammatical corrections, while maintaining the essence of its content.

**4.2.3.** One synthesis text (approx. 300 characters with spaces) for each indicated SDG that will help the Editorial Board to evaluate the relationship between the proposal and the indicated SDG(s). The text should highlight the existing connections between the proposal and the indicated SDG(s) and how the proposal responded to its targets. The UIA reserves the right to edit the text for the purposes of adapting it to the size of the publication (to be defined later), language homogenisation, standardisation, and orthographic and grammatical corrections, while maintaining the essence of its content.

**4.2.4.** Names and attributes of all professionals and collaborators who took part in the project or plan.

## **5. Criteria for selection of works**

**5.1.** The proposals to be submitted must be associated with, and respond to, at least one of the 17 UN SDGs through architectural solutions.

**5.2.** Up to five (05) of the most voted proposals in each of the 17 SDGs will be selected.

**5.3.** The selected proposals will be included in an online and printed publication, based on the information requested in Section 4 of this announcement.

**5.4.** The Editorial Board will have the prerogative of changing the classification of the SDGs indicated by the author(s).

**5.5.** The Editorial Board reserves the right to select fewer than five proposals, or none at all, if it considers that no project or plan adequately represents the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda.

## **6. Editorial Board**

**6.1.** The Editorial Board will be responsible for evaluating the submitted proposals and will be composed of independent members from the five regions of the UIA.

**6.2.** The members of the Editorial Board were appointed by the members of the UIA UN 17 SDGs Commission.

**6.3.** Each member of the Editorial Board shall nominate up to five (05) projects or plans per SDG, and will evaluate the SDGs indicated by the authors, with the right to review the nominations.

**6.4.** Editorial Board members will deliberate by simple majority, and their decisions shall be final. No appeals will be accepted.

**6.5.** The Editorial Board members are:

- a.** Alice Leong Pek Lian – Region IV (Malaysia)
- b.** Aysen Ciravoğlu – Region II (Turkey)
- c.** Carla Veras – Region III (Brazil)
- d.** Christine Auclair – President at AdP - Villes en développement
- e.** Diana Lopez Caramazana - Advisor, Cities and local governments at UNDP
- f.** Milica Vujošević – Region II (Czechia)
- g.** Nabil Mohareb – Region V (Egypt)
- h.** Pablo Mora Fallas – Region III (Costa Rica)

- i.** Rui Leão – UIA Secretary General
- j.** Sara Hoeflich – Assistant Secretary General at UCLG
- k.** Sergio García-Gasco Lominchar – Region I (Spain)
- l.** Suk Fun Mary Chan – Region IV (Hong Kong)
- m.** Vipin Yétundranathsingh Dhunnoo – Region V (Mauritius)

## **7. Timetable and Deadlines**

- 7.1.** Launch of the Call for Proposals: 28 April 2025.
- 7.2.** Deadline for Questions: 23 June 2025, 17:00 PM (CEST).
- 7.3.** Deadline for Answers: 30 June 2025, 17:00 PM (CEST).
- 7.4.** Deadline for submission of proposals: 30 July 2025, 17:00 PM (CEST).
- 7.5.** Validation of proposals: August 2025.
- 7.6.** Selection: September to November 2025.
- 7.7.** Result announcement: December 2025.
- 7.8.** Preparation of publication: January to May 2026.
- 7.9.** Guidebook Launch: 2026 UIA World Congress of Architects, in Barcelona (28/06 - 02/07/2026)

## **8. General Provisions**

- 8.1.** Registration and submission of proposals to the 2026 UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda implies full and unconditional agreement with the terms of this Call for Proposals.
- 8.2.** Cases not covered by this Call will be decided by the Organising Committee and communicated to the interested parties.
- 8.3.** Participant(s) of the 2026 UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda agree to allow the publication and dissemination of the submitted images of their work, whether selected or not, via any media or channel. They must also guarantee that the submitted content does not infringe the intellectual property rights of third parties.
- 8.4.** Questions will be answered until 30 June 2025, 17:00 PM (CEST) by the Organising Committee, through the e-mail: [sdg-guidebook@uia-architectes.org](mailto:sdg-guidebook@uia-architectes.org).
- 8.5.** Changes in the timetable and deadlines will be announced on the UIA website and social media platforms.