UIA Atlas of Learning Environments

Questions and Answers

09 March 2026

UIA Atlas
of Learning Environments
a global catalog of best practices in
educational architecture.
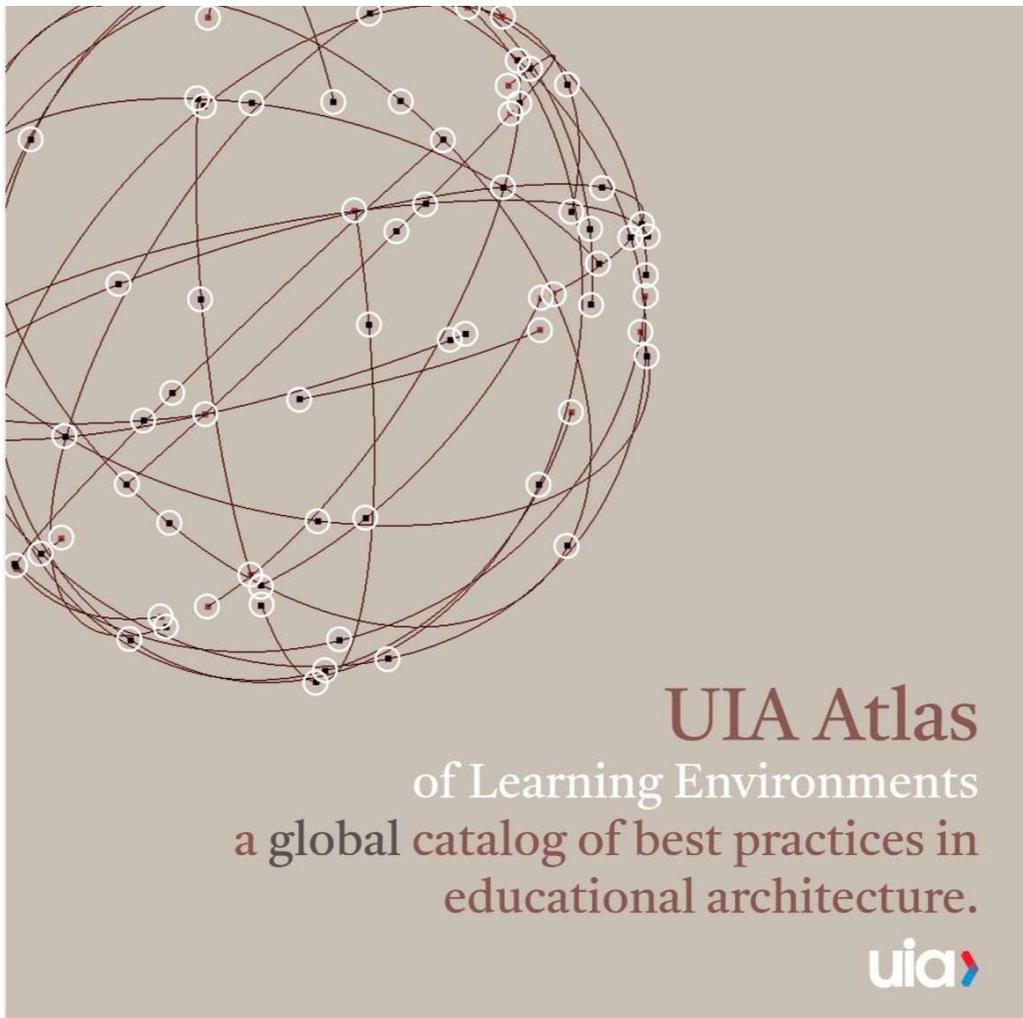
Questions and Answers:

1. **Can you provide a template for plans and photos in InDesign format?**

    A template for the plans and photos in InDesign format has been provided.

2. **Can I submit an English translation of interviews that were originally conducted in Hindi, or do you require the original Hindi transcripts as well?**
    Provide the English translation of the interviews and transcripts.

3. **Do you require forms of consent? Since we have conducted interviews with illiterate people they usually gave us their oral consent or a fingerprint instead.**

    Yes, forms of consent are required. Provide the fingerprint consent for the people with whom you have conducted the interview.

4. **Does the submission format only accept built projects, or is it also possible to submit an innovative transdisciplinary teaching format in which architecture students develop and implement projects together with real-world partners?**

    Ultimately, all projects must lead to built outcomes which means that the architecture students' work must result in their work being constructed / completed in some built form.

5. **We believe our project demonstrates design excellence in both of the below categories:**
    • Learning environments supporting quality education, human health and human dignity
    • Learning environments for a just global climate system
    Could this project then be submitted twice – once for each of the above categories?

    Yes, it can be submitted twice. You may submit the project per category.

6. **We're considering applying with a design studio that ended in the last three years with an exhibition designed and built by us in mountain villages and open to citizens and schools. The work for this year has been completed by December with the students, but the opening to the public and their feedback would be marked as January - February 2026. Would that be considered as acceptable, or we'd better limit the submission to what was built in February 2025?**

    Provided the built work was completed in 2025 the entry will be acceptable for the atlas. Built work that was completed later than 2025 should not form a part of the submission. It is ok if you seek public feedback / interviews this year.

7. **Currently, the template provided is in an uncompressed folder format, which is making the workflow somewhat difficult to manage. Would it be possible to provide the template as a single .idml file instead of the full folder?**

    The template document has been provided as a single .IDML file.