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IFLA Strategy for Capacity Building in Education - Teleconferencing Option in Nigeria

One of the main strategic goals of IFLA is to advance landscape architecture education globally, especially in developing countries. This is necessary in Africa with vast space to cover, very few landscape architects across the length and breadth of the continent, continuous degradation of productive land resources compounded by recent erratic climatic anomalies. There is urgent need to play the game of numbers so as to enable the landscape architecture profession to benefit a very hostile built environment terrain. Reasoning along these lines an education action plan will certainly increase the number and quality of landscape architects in the region.

The IFLA Strategy for Capacity Building in Education has four strands including a Teleconferencing Option. This option looks at bringing students and lecturers in direct contact with contemporary paradigms, developmental skills and tools used in landscape architecture profession in the global north via electronic means. We test ran the option at the University of Lagos, Nigeria. For two hours Hitesh Mehta shared his rich experience with 20 students (12 MLA; 8 Master of Urban Design students; and two faculty members) on basic principles of Ecotourism planning and Eco-lodge design. Hitesh operated from his design studio in Tampa Florida, USA. The acceptance level was high. Much more the exercise triggered students' interest to learn more on community participatory approaches in Eco-lodge design. This option is cost efficient and realises IFLA's current vision of global relevance on a local scale.

Andreja Tutundžić (IFLA EAA Chair) and Jim Taylor (IFLA Strategy for Capacity Building in Education Committee Chair) are perfecting the modalities in facilitating landscape

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architecture resource persons to share their experience with willing students and professional bodies in global south especially in Africa. Compilation of areas of interest by contact persons in host universities and Member Association Presidents will enhance the choice of resource persons.

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