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Landscape architects: planning and design for a changing world

Since its inception in 2016, the IFLA Working Group on Climate Change has developed, ratified and published the *IFLA Global Accord-adaptation for a changing world*. The Accord commits IFLA and its members to the three basic principles of resilience, positive transformation and sustainability. The Accord challenges efforts in planning and design for current and anticipated changes in environmental conditions, and provides guidance for current and future decision-making.

IFLA formally adopted the Global Accord in May of 2017 and it has since been ratified by each of the five IFLA Regions as well as the IFLA World Council. At the October meeting of the IFLA in Montréal, Canada, World Council delegates expressed considerable enthusiasm for advancing the principles of the Accord in the policies and professional practice of their members, and in working collaboratively within IFLA and with like-minded organizations to ensure that resilience, positive transformation, and sustainability become the harbingers of a better future.

In the coming year, emphasis will be placed on advancing ratification of the Accord within national associations, building partnerships within international, national and local spheres of influence, and inspiring innovative approaches to the existing and emerging challenges of the world's shifting weather and climate.

Working with the Regions, the Working Group will seek to improve understanding of the pace of environmental change, and the ramifications globally, nationally and locally. We will promote the reduction of human

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contributions of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere as well as strategies to sequester carbon, especially through the protection and enhancement of natural systems (MITIGATION). To better prepare and outfit human society, we will support early planning and design that meets the current and anticipated changes to our environments and to our communities (ADAPTATION).

Please check us out [online](#), things are starting to get very interesting. Feel free to contact the Working Group and to share your ideas.

From our members: Gareth Doherty, assistant professor of landscape architecture and senior research associate at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design will lecture on "Landscapes as chromatic relationships", 12th December, ASLA Centre for Landscape Architecture, Washington, USA as part of the Landscape Architecture Magazine lecture series, in conjunction ASLA. More info [here](#).

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