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IFLA Global Educational Accreditation Procedure

Following the acceptance of the ideas proposed at the 2016 IFLA World Councils in Turin and discussions during the 2017 Councils in Montreal, IFLA continues to prepare Global Educational Accreditation Procedure Policy. Systems of formal national accreditations exist in North America, Australia, New Zealand, as well as some other countries across the world. The same goes for more than a few European countries, while there is also a procedure called "School Recognition" procedure, conducted successfully for many years by IFLA Europe School recognition panel (former EFLA). On the other side, there are regions and countries that still miss a system for accreditation or recognition. Having in mind requests from some national member associations and, particularly increased international movement and global activity of the profession which asks for the recognition of the common educational standards, IFLA's intention is to provide a procedure for those countries and regions.

IFLA recognizes that formal accreditation processes require a framework of principles for the recognition of individual educational programmes. Fortunately, that framework exists in the commonly agreed minimal educational standards, defined in two main educational documents developed and updated in the recent years: IFLA/UNESCO Charter for Landscape Architectural Education and IFLA Guidance Document for Recognition or Accreditation, which can be found on [IFLA website](#).

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Asia Pacific Region (APR), covering education policy, standards and accreditation procedures for professional programmes of landscape architecture in APR. It is agreed at the Montreal World Council that IFLA APR will test the procedures during the following year, together with IFLA Education and Academic Affairs Committee, and report on the forthcoming World Council in Singapore, scheduled for July 2018. IFLA Global Accreditation Working group, at the moment conducted from Chairs of regional educational committees, have planned the similar schedule.

From our members: NZILA has just launched a new website to replace various magazine and digital formats they have used to communicate with landscape and other professionals, clients and the public over the years, **Landscape Architecture Aotearoa** can be found [here](#).

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