

COMMUNICATION – THE BASIS OF OUR SERVICE TO MEMBERS

As you are aware, the current IFLA AFRICA Executive Committee of IFLA AFRICA started its mandate in November 2017.

One of its goals is to improve communication between the member associations on the continent, and between IFLA and the member associations in both directions, both bottom-up and top-down. In order to do this, we have begun to edit a short monthly Newsletter, this being the first edition.

The intention is that each Newsletter will contain updates from each of the IFLA portfolios in the region, as well as news from each of the national associations.

While the newsletters will be posted on social media and on the IFLA Website, we still rely on the IFLA Delegate in each association to share information directly with its members. If, as an individual member, you are not receiving information from IFLA or IFLA Africa on a fairly regular basis, please take this up with your Delegate, or let us know.

CLIMATE CHANGE – AN IMPORTANT PRIORITY

On the policy and professional practice front, we have identified the need, as seen by the Rabat Declaration (attached), to raise awareness around climate change and environmental challenges, and the role that landscape architects can play to respond to these issues. We will continue to finalise the African Landscape Convention, first mooted in Cape Town in 2012, and to present it to the African Union for validation. This is a complex procedure!

The future of our African cities depends on finding the right balance between climate change mitigation and development. Linked to our priority on education and online learning opportunities, there are some excellent courses available on the subject through Coursera.

Try, for example, [Climate Change Mitigation in Developing Countries](#) offered by the University of Cape Town



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Related to climate change challenges and the question of resilience, you will have seen that IFLA AFRICA is co-organising the IFLA AAPME awards, a regional initiative of IFLA with the theme RESILIENCE BY DESIGN. Entries to this closed at the beginning of February and first stage judging is underway. There were 164 entries from 17 countries, among them Kenya, South Africa, Morocco and Angola. Winners will be announced at the IFLA 2018 World Congress to be held in Singapore in July.

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BIOPHILIA SMART RESILIENCE



**IFLA WORLD CONGRESS
SINGAPORE 2018**

18 – 21 JULY 2018

BIOPHILIC CITY | SMART NATION | FUTURE RESILIENCE
Held in conjunction with Singapore Garden Festival

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ILASA
Institute for Landscape
Architecture in South Africa

ILASA CONFERENCE 2018
13 & 14 August 2018
Champagne Sports Resort, Drakensberg

Call for Submissions
Landscape, medium for Connectivity

<http://www.ilasa.co.za/national-events/>

EDUCATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – CENTRAL TO THE IFLA AFRICA AGENDA

The 2017 symposium under the theme “LEARNING THE LANDSCAPE // LANDSCAPES OF LEARNING” concluded that a focus on educating tomorrow's landscape architects, through the development of new and improved curricula in landscape architecture for Africa, must be a priority for the African continent. This is therefore the central core of the IFLA AFRICA action plan for the next two years.

We are exploring the possibilities of IFLA approval for education programmes in countries not equipped to do their own institutionalised accreditation, as well as the possibilities of capacity building in these countries to improve exchange and teaching resources. Along with this, we are promoting on-line learning experiences for both students and professionals looking to continue their professional development. The LE:NOTRE institute programme for LANDSCAPE EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY (LED) kicks off in March with personal tutoring offered to 8 African students from Kenya, Morocco and South Africa. More information can be obtained from the [LED website](#). Registration closes on 21st March and the seminar begins on the 28th March.



OBITUARY - OLANIYI KEHINDE

It was with sadness that we heard last week of the unexpected passing of our friend and professional colleague Olaniyi Kehinde from Nigeria at the age of 66.

He was the former President of SLAN (Society of Landscape Architects of Nigeria) and was instrumental in the creation of the association in 2003. He was a member of the IFLA AFRICA Forum held in Dubai, UAE in 2008 under the chairmanship of Professor James Taylor with the mandate to strategize the development of landscape architecture in Africa. Following from that, he was elected to serve on the first IFLA AFRICA Executive Committee in 2011.

Mr Niyi Kehinde retired as Director of Parks and Recreation at Abuja in 2012. He continued to give maximum commitment to the service to SLAN. He joined the Department of Architecture as Adjunct Lecturer to stabilize the Master of Landscape Architecture program at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He continued to teach right up until his death on Sunday 25th February 2018. IFLA appreciates his years of investment in growing the profession of Landscape Architecture in Nigeria, indeed in Africa. The Executive Committees of IFLA and IFLA AFRICA wish to express their heartfelt condolences to SLAN and to Niyi's family.

Adieu, dear friend, RIP.

IFLA WORLD ELECTIONS

IFLA has opened the voting procedures for the 2018 World Level elections for:

- IFLA President
- IFLA Treasurer
- IFLA Standing Committee Chair on Communications and External Relations (CER)
- IFLA Standing Committee Chair on Education and Academic Affairs (EAA)
- IFLA Standing Committee Chair on Professional Practice and Policy (PPP) (eligible for a further term)

The call for nominations closed on 28 February 2018 at 19h00 (Brussels Time, Central European Time Zone).

Once the validity of nominations has been confirmed by the IFLA officers involved, voting will be open to delegates using an online voting platform open to Delegates. Please consider carefully for whom you will be voting and make sure your association participates when the time comes.

World Events : <http://iflaonline.org/events/>

RABAT DECLARATION ON LANDSCAPE

The Presidents of IFLA and IFLA AFRICA congratulate AAPM on a successful 5th edition of their African Symposium on Landscape and the Environment held on 13th and 14th of July 2017 in Rabat.

Recognizing the right to a healthy environment enshrined in the Constitution of the Kingdom of Morocco,

Affirming the importance of **safeguarding and improving landscape to:**

- ensure quality of daily life, cultural identity and enhancing well being
- combat many global crises, including climate change, land degradation, inequality, sustainability and resilience, sociological, economic or political migrations, desertification, food and water security, cultural depletion and diminishing bio diversity

And noting the requirement of all member states to fulfill their obligations to meet the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations

The symposium concludes that a focus on educating tomorrow's landscape architects, through the development of new and improved programmes in landscape architecture for Africa as discussed, must be a priority for the African continent.

In line with the Abuja Declaration and given the involvement and motivation of Morocco in this goal and the agreement of all interested parties present at the conference, IFLA Africa names the AAPM Delegate as President of IFLA Africa with effect from 1 November 2017 for a term of 2 years



The image shows a dense collection of handwritten signatures in black ink, representing the delegates who signed the Rabat Declaration. Some legible names include 'D. Hugile', 'D. S. TERDUGO', 'C. Hanoune', and 'C. Hanoune'. There are also some illegible signatures and initials scattered throughout the area.