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Garden of Human Rights, Tunis. Design office Cypress.
AN ASSOCIATION OF TUNISIAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO PROMOTE AN EMERGING PROFESSION

The Tunisian Association of Landscape Architects and Engineers was officially launched on April 20, 2013. Its main mission is to promote Landscape Architecture both in Tunisia and abroad and to promote Landscape-related activities. As a professional association, TALAE aims to promote the profession and aspires to make its members' voices heard through their engagement in the public debate and their know-how

TALAE's main mission is to defend and promote the profession but also to advance the activities related to Landscape Architecture and contribute to the academic and professional training of Landscape architects.

#### **OBJECTS OF TALAE**

All TALAE members have elaborated and agreed on the following objects in order to uphold the Standards of the Landscape Architecture Profession in Tunisia:

- To establish high standards of professional practice in design and planning of the Landscape, its management, conservation and development.
- To provide a continuing professional education to all members through national and international cooperation with IFLA recognized Associations, Training Bodies and Universities.
- To establish an academic accreditation system for universities to ensure they meet professional standards.
- To present recommendations to the Tunisian Government in order to improve legislation relating to the profession of Landscape Architect/Engineer and all matters relating to the protection planning and classification of Tunisian Natural and built Landscape heritage and landscaped areas.
- To organize information sessions, conferences, workshops and professional presentations in front of representants of all concerned national governmental and non governmental agencies and professionals working in the same field with systematic publication of the Proceedings.
- To publish and distribute all documents received by subscribed members and related bodies and associations relating to the landscape architecture field.
- To create and enrich an online library that includes all academic and professional documents and references accessible to all subscribed

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### **ILASA CONFERENCE 2018**

13 & 14 August 2018 Champagne Sports Resort, Drakensberg

Landscape, medium for Connectivity

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

# A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A RURAL COMMUNITY

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The Tunisian Association of Landscape Architects and Engineers (TALAE) has elaborated, with its partners the Association of Civil Society of Thibar (ASSOCIT) and the Special delegation of Thibar a Sustainable Local Planning for the Locality of Thibar. This project has been conducted as a show case to promote the role of landscape architects and engineers in land planning and especially in rural areas. Indeed, it is the first time in Tunisia that such document is established by a team leaded by landscape engineers. The concept of the project is to meet a sustainable development for the locality of Thibar based on its natural resources, its specific culture and its tangible and intangible heritage. Moreover it is a community based project that has considered through a participatory approach, the local community as its fundamental pillar. This has been achieved through conducting a social survey, focus groups to meet local people in their daily life and through mediation workshop with schooled children (aged from 6 to 18). In the other hand several meetings had been conducted with authorities, experts and citizens to meet a common vision for the development of Thibar.

It is important to mention that The locality of Thibar which had been enacted as municipality in March 2015 is one among 82 other rural municipality recently enacted in Tunisia. As part of the project TALAE has established a best practices guide in matter of rural municipalities planning, this guide is an innovative and useful tool for planners as well as for authorities to support them in planning similar municipalities.

This project is funded by SouthMed Cultue Value and co-funded by the European Union in the framework of the regional programme Med Culture. It has also beneficiated from the technical support of the Association of Landscape Architects of Quebec.



Initiating Schooled children to land planning through mediation workshops

TALAE and IFLA Africa: for a better connection of our continent TALAE is the 72nd association to join IFLA and only the 6th to join the Africa region. At the African level, the association works for a better recognition of the profession of landscape architect on the African continent and the possibility of multiplying the collaboration of TALAE with representatives of other member states and to act with African government representations.

# PARTICIPATION IN IFLA ACTIONS

Presence and participation of three members of TALAE at the 5th edition of the African Symposium on Landscape and the Environment.

TALAE Participates in Votes for IFLA Africa Office Establishment

IFLA Africa Region (Sondès Zaier in charge of communication of TALAE elected Treasurer IFLA Africa in 2017).

IFLA delegate: Mohamed Hedi Star

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## 18 - 21 JULY 2018

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

The 55th IFLA World Congress 2018 will take place this July. IFLA members will get to enjoy the IFLA Member's rate upon attending the congress, simply register under "IFLA Member's Rate" before 30 April to enjoy the Early Bird promotion.

http://iflaonline.org/event/55th-ifla-world-congress-2018/

TALAE will organize in 2019 the 6th African Symposium The Landscape, Landscape Architects and Sustainable cities

Tunisian Landscape Architects in numbers The training of Landscape Architects in Tunisia has been taken care of since the 1980s. The diploma of landscape engineer just celebrated 20 years in 2017.

Since its creation in 1995, the landscape architecture section has trained more than 250 landscape engineers.

The total number of Tunisian landscapers is estimated at 280 (of whom 30 are graduates of the Versailles ENSP).

The average graduate graduated from 7 graduates per year in 2000 to 20 graduates per year in 2017.

The main problem in Tunisia is that everyone can call themselves "landscaper" without having either the training, the qualifications or the experience to be. This is mainly at Lack of adequate legal framework preconceived ideas of the project owners



https://www.coursera.org/learn/landscape-restoration-sustainable-development



# **NEWS FROM EXCO** This month's ExCo news come from IFLA Africa President. Carey Duncan

A month has passed since IFLA Africa's inaugural newsletter. this means spring for those of us above the equator and autumn for those down Email: p.africa@online.org below.



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Those in the middle, sorry for missing the pleasure of changing seasons!

April is the International Landscape Architecture Month. Maybe we missed an opportunity here to promote our profession along with other global partners, but perhaps next year we will be more prepared. Anyway, autumn or spring, we can still wish you happy landscaping!

This doesn't mean the ExCo has been sitting back doing nothing!

We are still looking at connecting landscape architects in Africa, and thanks to the upcoming ILASA conference in South Africa under the theme LANDSCAPE medium for Connectivity, we hope to present a paper on the role of IFLA Africa in connecting landscape architects across the continent. For more information, and what promises to be an excellent conference to be held from 13-14 August 2018, in beautiful surroundings, please visit https://www.ilasa.co.za/ilasa-corobrik-2018-conference/

It is appropriate that this month's association news comes from Tunisia as The National Association, TALAE, has just announced to us the theme and tentative date for the 6<sup>th</sup> IFLA AFRICA Sympoisum, which will be held in October 2019, under the theme The Landscape, Landscape Architects and Sustainable Cities.

On the communications front, we are still experiencing issues over the (non) circulation of relevant information, whether it be from IFLA Africa or IFLA World, via the delegates, to individual members of the national associations. If you are one of the people affected, we'd like to hear from you in a bid to improve communication. Should you wish to subscribe personally to IFLA news items, please send an email to exco.ifla.africa@gmail.com and we will try to rectify this problem at our level.

We are hoping to have the first draft of a joint Landscape Architecture curriculum which our Education and Academic Affairs committee has been working on, by the end of the month. This is a merger of the IFLA recommendations on curricula and the South African model, in an attempt to guide new and established courses in Africa to align themselves with international standards. If you are interested in receiving a copy for comment, please contact exco.ifla.africa@gmail.com

Last but not least for this month, there are still a few days left to benefit from the Early Bird registration fee for the IFLA 2018 World Congress which takes place from the 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 in Singapore. Please note there are preferential rates for people from countries considered as emerging economies. I hope to see you there! For more information, please visit http://www.ifla2018.com/



Dear Friends of South Africa,

Mauritius is hosting the 12th Africa Union of Architects Congress under the theme AFRICA RISE "Research, Investment, Sustainability, Empowerment" scheduled for 26th and 27th June 2018.

The 12<sup>th</sup> AUA Congress will bring together architects, planners, researchers, policy makers, finance institutions and legal experts amongst other to discuss matters related to Research and innovation, Investment, Sustainability and Empowerment for the African continent. Registration to the congress is now open through the following link:

### https://www.auacongress.org/register

The programme will propose sessions related to the challenges and opportunities that new trends are bringing to Africa, investment strategies, models of economic partnership, funding, strategies and opportunities for sustainable resource management, conservation of local identities, resilient cities, promotion of gender equality and sharing of local knowledge.

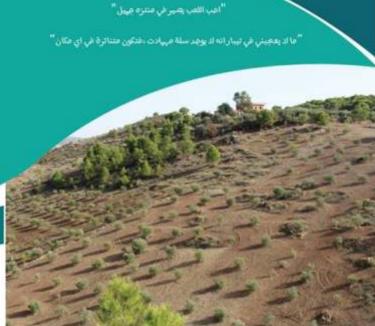
We look forward to welcoming you in Mauritius! REGISTRATION TEAM register@auacongress.org for and on behalf of Vinesh CHINTARAM Chair, Organising Committee – AUA **CONGRESS 2018 Mauritius** 45, Saint Georges Street - 11324 Port-Louis, Mauritius T: (230) 208 9394 / F: (230) 212 5766

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Sustainable Local Planning Locality Of Thibar, TALAE 2017

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