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MINUTES

The XXIXth General Assembly of the International Union of Architects took place on 6, 7, 8 and 9 July 2023 at the Bella Center in Copenhagen (Denmark). It was chaired by UIA President, José Luis Cortés (Mexico), who was assisted by the members of the Bureau: Secretary General Pei Ing Tan (Malaysia), Treasurer Seif Allah Alnaga (Egypt), Region I Vice-President Natalie Mossin (Nordic Section), Region II Vice-President Istelianna Atanassova (Bulgaria/Georgia), Region III Vice-President Sam Oboh (Canada), Region IV Vice-President Ishtiaque Zahir Titas (Bangladesh), Region V Vice-President Tokunbo Omisore (Nigeria) and Immediate Past President Thomas Vonier (USA).

The delegations of the following Member Sections participated in the Assembly:
Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Western Balkan Countries (Members of BAF), Baltic Countries, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, China PR, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Macau, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Nordic Section, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Congo, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Vietnam.

Also present at this General Assembly were:

Past Presidents

Esa Mohamed (Malaysia), Louise Cox (Australia), Albert Dubler (France), Gaëtan Siew (Mauritius) and Sara Topelson de Grinberg (Mexico), former Presidents of the Union.

Partner representatives

Pierre Obajtek, Senior Policy Officer of the Architects Council of Europe, Donatien Kassuyet Kalumé, President and Vinesh Chintaram, Secretary General of the African Union of Architects.

UIA Secretariat

Headed by Sonia Cela: Mwiya Wanjira, Claudia Da Silva and Emily Webber.

OPENING REMARKS

J.L. Cortés welcomed all the delegates and observers of this 29th session of the UIA General Assembly. He stated that the Congress had been a wonderful experience for him and expressed his thanks to N. Mossin and the Danish Architects' Association (DAA) for the quality of the programme.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

J.L. Cortés asked if there were any proposed amendments or additions to the provisional agenda. No comments were received. He moved to the adoption of the provisional agenda.

Resolution 1

The Assembly adopted the agenda.

ADMISSION AND EXCLUSION OF SECTIONS, ATTENDANCE LIST AND VOTING RIGHTS

J.L. Cortés informed that according to Articles 2 and 21 and Bylaw II of the UIA statutory texts, four requests for admission and one request for readmission have been received and approved by the Council.

He asked the General Assembly to ratify the admission of the Conseil national de l'ordre des architectes (Algeria), the Ordre national des architectes du Togo, the Architects of the Society of Engineers (United Arab Emirates) and the Sierra Leone Institute of Architects.

Resolution 2

The Assembly ratified the admission or readmission of the following organisations:

Conseil national de l'ordre des architectes (Algeria)	Admission
Ordre national des architectes du Togo (Togo)	Admission
Architects of the Society of Engineers (United Arab Emirates)	Admission
Sierra Leone Institute of Architects (Sierra Leone)	Admission
Col.legi Oficial d'Arquitectes d'Andorra (Andorra)	Readmission

To comply with Article 20 of the UIA statutory texts, the expulsion of the Colegio de Arquitectos de Puerto Rico was presented to the General Assembly for ratification.

Resolution 3

The Assembly ratified the expulsion of the following organisation:

Colegio de Arquitectos de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico)

J.L. Cortés explained that the Secretary General had received two resignations from Member Sections – the Namibia Institute of Architects and the Singapore Institute of Architects.

Resolution 4

The Assembly ratified the expulsion of the following organisations:

Namibia Institute of Architects (Namibia)
Singapore Institute of Architects (Singapore)

J.L. Cortés presented the list of delegations and delegates present at the General Assembly, alongside the number of votes attributed to each Section.

Algeria (5), Angola (2), Armenia (2), Australia (4), Austria (4), Azerbaijan (3), Western Balkan Countries – Members of BAF (2), Baltic Countries (3), Bangladesh (2), Belgium (3), Benin (1), Bolivia (3), Botswana (1), Brazil (6), Bulgaria (2), Cameroon (1), Chile (2), Canada (3), Cape Verde (1), Chad (1), China PR (9), Chinese Taipei (3), Colombia (4), Costa Rica (4), Côte d'Ivoire (1), Cuba (3), Cyprus (2), Czechia (2), Democratic Republic of Congo (2), Ecuador (3), Egypt (9), France (9), Gabon (1), Georgia (2), Germany (9), Ghana (1), Greece (6), Honduras (1), Hong Kong (3), Hungary (4), India (6), Indonesia (4), Ireland (3), Israel (2), Italy (9), Japan (9), Kazakhstan (2), Kenya (2), Kosovo (1), Lebanon (4), Libya (1), Macau (1), Madagascar (1), Malaysia (2), Mauritius (1), Mexico (4), Morocco (3), Nepal (2), Nigeria (4), Nordic Section (9), Pakistan (2), Palestine (2), Peru (6), Philippines (6), Poland (4), Portugal (7), Republic of Congo (1), Romania (4), Russia (5), Rwanda (1), Saudi Arabia (2), Senegal (1), Sierra Leone (1), Slovakia (2), South Africa (3), South Korea (6), Spain (9), Sri Lanka (2), Switzerland (5), Tanzania (1), Thailand (5), Tunisia (3), Turkey (9), Uganda (2), United Kingdom (9), Ukraine (3), Uruguay (3), USA (11), Vietnam (4).



R. Leitanaite (Baltic Section) announced the withdrawal of the Baltic Architects Unions Association (BAUA) from the UIA. She highlighted that it has been more than a year since Russia invaded Ukraine, with tens of thousands of civilians killed and many cities destroyed. She reminded that, alongside the National Union of Architects of Ukraine, BAUA had appealed many times to the UIA to suspend the membership of Russia and Belarus. She referred to the motion presented by BAUA and the Nordic Section at the Extraordinary General Assembly in Madrid, which was voted on but not supported by a majority of delegates. This motion called for the Russian and Belarussian Sections to attest in writing that they stood by the UIA preamble, which calls for governments to stop production for war. R. Leitanaite stated that as neither organisation have condemned the war, BAUA finds it impossible to sit at the same table with them. She insisted that Region II of the UIA is an outdated geographical structure that was created based on the borders of the former USSR and pointed out that BAUA is therefore obliged to sit at the same table as Russia more often than other Sections. She informed that as long as the Russian and Belarussian Sections are fully-fledged members of the UIA during the war with no limitations on their activities, BAUA will not participate in the UIA. BAUA's support for Ukrainian architects would continue through various other collaborations in the meantime.

Resolution 5

The Assembly noted and accepted the resignation of the Baltic Architects Unions Association (BAUA) from the UIA.

ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT, JOSÉ-LUIS CORTÉS

J.L. Cortés showed a video collating photos from the various events across the world in which he has participated as UIA President.

He indicated that his goal as President was to reinforce ties with Member Sections that had become progressively more distanced from the UIA during the pandemic. He added that he had attended as many events to which he was invited as possible and was able to return to certain Sections more than once. In addition to collaborating with Member Sections, he also sought to strengthen the UIA's relationship with regional organisations by participating in their events.

He thanked the Presidents of Member Sections, the Council and the Secretariat for their hard work, as well as all Co-Directors and members of UIA Working Bodies for their commitment throughout the term. Lastly, he expressed his gratitude to the organisers of the 2022 Madrid International Forum and the 2023 Copenhagen World Congress, which were both great successes.

In closing, J.L. Cortés expressed his thanks to the delegates attending the Assembly.

Resolution 6

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the President, José-Luis Cortés.

ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, THOMAS VONIER

T. Vonier challenged the General Assembly to examine the purpose of the UIA, reminding that he had established three goals as President: 'Unify the profession, Influence public policies and Advance society through design. He highlighted the current problems of integrity, representation, financing, competence and relevance which are hampering the success of the UIA in achieving its objectives.



Along with improvements to UIA governance, he encouraged the UIA to strengthen its Working Bodies as a means of reaching out to those beyond the organisation and carrying out meaningful work. He opined that nobody is listening to the UIA – releasing statements and guidelines and attending international meetings is not enough to attract attention and gain influence. The UIA is only truly active on social media and in private chat groups, which are themselves often dedicated to disagreements and not to missions. He suggested that the UIA widens the pool of people elected to office and limits the amount of time that individuals can serve, implying that many of those who serve the UIA hold little influence in their respective Member Sections and amongst practising architects. The UIA is being treated as a hobby, a platform for self-promotion and a travel club, and T. Vonier stated that if the Congress is the main objective of the organisation, the previously failed attempts to reform the UIA need to be rekindled and pursued to completion.

Resolution 7

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the Immediate Past President, Thomas Vonier.

ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, PEI ING TAN

P.I. Tan highlighted that one of the primary objectives of this mandate was to closely collaborate with Council members to review the UIA’s structure, enhance its governance and reinvent it to better serve the profession and the environment. During the two-year mandate, 10 Council meetings and 9 Bureau meetings were held, along with further extraordinary meetings on specific issues such as the war in Ukraine, the revision of the Articles & Bylaws and the proposal to restructure the UIA.

Following an examination of the work carried out by the previous Council, 2022 began with a focus on launching and promoting the Year of Design for Health, as well as working with the Spanish Section on the preparation and promotion of the Madrid Forum. Much time was also dedicated to preparing the Extraordinary General Assembly, held in Madrid on 16 and 17 May 2022, which was conducted in a hybrid format and included the adoption of revisions to the Articles & Bylaws. From 25-30 June 2022, the UIA had a notable presence at the World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland, and the results of the UIA 2030 Award were announced on a live UN TV channel broadcast. Following this, the summer of 2022 was dedicated to the Task Force Group and the organisation of meetings between the Group and Member Sections, Committees and governing bodies. Substantial time was also channelled into preparing the bid and contract documents for the UIA International Forum 2024, the bid document for the World Congress and World Capital of Architecture 2029 and the contract for the World Congress and World Capital of Architecture 2026. During the second half of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, focus shifted towards preparations for the Copenhagen Congress and General Assembly, as well as collating and editing material for the UIA 75th anniversary commemorative publication.

Regular and almost daily engagement was held with the Secretariat staff via virtual platforms to ensure the tasks were completed as scheduled. With the relaxation of travel restrictions, physical interactions and meetings at the Paris headquarters were made possible on various occasions. Regular meetings were also held with J.L. Cortés and S. Cela to discuss the UIA’s various issues and activities. P.I. Tan informed that she started the term with 4 full-time and 2 part-time staff members, which was inadequate to cope with UIA work, especially in this short term with increased frequency of meetings and webinars. One staff member retired and 3 others left during the term. M. Wanjira was promoted to the role of Communications Director in February 2023 and three new full-time members of staff were hired in January, February and June 2023 respectively.



P.I. Tan explained that legal counsel had been sought as to whether the UIA can continue to hold virtual meetings and conduct votes online following the abatement of the pandemic. Having received a positive response, amendments to the Articles & Bylaws were proposed and adopted at the Extraordinary General Assembly in Madrid. She highlighted that suggestions for further amendments were submitted to the Task Force Group for discussion and will be entrusted to the incoming Council. Alongside these suggestions, she notified the Assembly that work is in progress to develop a UIA Handbook to smooth the handover process.

During the 148th Council meeting, new guidelines for awards/prizes/non-architectural competitions organised by the UIA or its Working Bodies were approved, having previously been reviewed by the ICC. These will avoid the time-consuming task of drafting and reviewing many individual frameworks.

A permanent UIA competition platform was established (in conformity with UNESCO Regulations) to streamline the management of an increasing number of competitions conducted by the UIA and its Working Bodies. It was completed in April 2022 and has been used for all competitions held thereafter, including the Great Green Wall Student Ideas Competition and the Public Health Group's student competition.

P.I. Tan informed that Council approved the proposal to produce a commemorative publication for the UIA's 75th anniversary and that Memo Publishing Sdn Bhd was appointed as the editor and publisher of the edition. The publication framework and book outline were refined with comments from the Editorial Board and Council members; it features a brief history of the UIA, commemorative messages and information about the role and work of the organisation. It is not a comprehensive history of the UIA, as this would need significant research. Data collection for the publication took longer than anticipated, and some material submitted did not align with the framework and objectives outlined. Ultimately, the editorial team successfully finalised the draft publication, which was submitted for review by the Editorial Board in May 2023. Minor comments and suggestions for improvement were incorporated and the publication went to print the following month.

The proposed Guidelines for Corporate Partners was drafted and tabled for Council's consideration. Comments and advice were received, and the UIA Secretariat is checking the relevant French law so that the guidelines can be revised and reviewed accordingly.

P.I. Tan highlighted that the call for nominations for the UIA Gold Medal and Triennial Prizes was launched in February 2023 and closed in April. Hybrid judging sessions were held in Beijing on 27, 28 and 29 April, with another held in May. The results for the 5 Triennial Prizes were announced on 18 May 2023. Due to the high number of quality nominations for the Gold Medal, the jury could not reach a two-thirds majority and no laureate was chosen.

Following the successful conclusion of the UIA Rio Congress and General Assembly, P.I. Tan stated that several meetings were held with the Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) to resolve all the outstanding issues and ensure a satisfactory outcome. Multiple meetings were additionally held with IAB to address their request for monetary compensation for the effects of the pandemic on event organisation. P.I. Tan emphasised that in the spirit of solidarity, the request for monetary compensation was duly approved by Council.

She further informed that the UIA representatives in the joint committee for the second cycle of the UIA 2030 Awards had been chosen by Council and that the appointees have been collaborating with UN-Habitat to plan the launch. The ICC has been involved with the review of the Award brief and conditions. The targeted launch date for the second cycle is planned towards the end of 2023, with the aim of concluding and presenting the Award at WUF12 in Egypt in 2024.



The 2022 Year of Design for Health became a prominent aspect of UIA activities during this term. Numerous discussions were held with the Public Health Group to plan initiatives and programmes throughout the year and beyond. The logo competition for the UIA Year of Design for Health was launched in September 2021, with results announced in December 2021. As part of the initiative, the UIA encouraged all Member Sections to adopt the Year of Design for Health and develop policy statements that aligned with the values and priorities outlined in the resolution. The UIA has received responses from 56 Member Sections. P.I. Tan explained that seven of the ten UIA Work Programmes were involved in the Year of Design for Health launch event, which also served as the launch for WHO's sourcebook, 'Integrating Health in Urban and Territorial Planning'. Notably, Dr. Maria Neira (Director of the Public Health and the Environment Department at WHO) and Thiago Herick De Sa, participated in the roundtable forum during the launch event. The Council also gave its approval to the establishment of the International Journal of Design for Health – The Official UIA Health Journal (IJDH). This will be an online, peer-reviewed, open access repository of content related to the most recent design and research information on design for health. The Public Health Group has informed that a university from China has made a generous commitment to provide funding amounting to \$50,000. The funding agreement will be formalised through a contract adhering to the agreed terms and conditions; this will be signed by the UIA. In the framework of the Year of Design for Health, P.I. Tan further highlighted the organisation of four webinars throughout the mandate focusing on evidence-based design to promote health in buildings and cities. A competition and some awards were organised to highlight the importance of design for health – the UIA Design for Health Student Design Competition, 'Next Generation of Stroke Rehabilitation Centres', and the UIA Design for Health Design & Research Awards.

In closing, P.I Tan stressed that as Secretary General she could accomplish nothing alone. She thanked the Council, the Working Bodies and all the staff at the Secretariat.

Resolution 8

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the Secretary General, Pei Ing Tan.

ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE TREASURER, SEIF ALNAGA

7.1 Financial Report

S. Alnaga emphasised the UIA's positive financial situation due to the conservative approach to expenditure maintained across the term. He reminded the Assembly of the UIA's principal sources of income and remarked that the Council had worked hard to improve the Union's finances. He stated that efforts had been made to follow up on unpaid membership fees and to reconnect with Member Sections in arrears. In particular, he thanked Vice-Presidents for their assistance in encouraging Member Sections to continue to engage with the UIA. He further informed that, for the first time, a budget was allocated to UIA Working Bodies for the 2023 World Congress in Copenhagen in order to allow them to share their work with a greater number of attendees. To conclude, he opened the floor for comments from the delegations present.

Comments on the Treasurer's report

K.L. Liu (Chinese Taipei) thanked and congratulated S. Alnaga on behalf of the Chinese Taipei Architects Association for all his work. He nonetheless pointed out that the UIA should create a Committee to find new sources of income, such as sponsors.

T. Táboas (Spain) requested the review of data provided by Member Sections for the payment of membership fees, highlighting the existence of large disparities between Sections. She opined that the number of architects reported by Member Sections needs to be checked, as the criteria used to define this number can vary between organisations.



I. Lipovetzky (Israel) thanked S. Alnaga for his report and congratulated him on the balanced financial statement and healthy reserves. He nonetheless suggested that there should be greater communication concerning UIA finances and more accountability on expenses. In response to I. Lipovetzky's query about the procedure for financing UIA Working Bodies, S. Alnaga clarified that the UIA's current financial situation makes increased financial support of Working Bodies possible. He highlighted that Council had approved the allocation of funds for their participation in the Congress (up to 15,000€ for Work Programmes and 25,000€ for Commissions).

F. Rogerson (Ireland) expressed her satisfaction that the Work Programmes had access to funding, but requested that such funding be granted from the beginning of the mandate in order to have more visibility of possible expenditure.

P. Sauveur (Belgium) reiterated F. Rogerson's intervention and highlighted that, by financing the expert work of the UIA's Working Bodies, the UIA and its aims would achieve better visibility.

Resolution 9

The Assembly received and noted the financial report made by the Treasurer, Seif Alnaga.

7.2 Triennial Financial Statements

S. Alnaga referred to the financial statements prepared by Bennaim Audit Expertise. He informed the Assembly that Council had approved the transferral of chartered accounting responsibilities to KPMG.

Resolution 10

The Assembly ratified the financial statement for 2021 and 2022 as prepared by Bennaim Audit Expertise.

Resolution 11

The Assembly noted and approved the transferral of chartered accounting responsibilities from Bennaim Audit Expertise to KPMG, beginning with the financial year 2023.

Comments on the triennial finance statement

In response to E. Meunier (United Kingdom), who stated that the triennial financial statements were not made accessible to Member Sections until very recently, S. Cela clarified that both of them (2021 and 2022) were uploaded 45 days before the General Assembly.

7.3 Proposed Triennial Budget 2023-2026

S. Alnaga presented the proposed triennial budget for the 2023-2026 term.

Comments on the proposed triennial budget 2023-2026

E. Meunier (United Kingdom) highlighted that, according to Bylaw XI.2, the budget needs to be sent to Member Sections 45 days before the General Assembly and that this has not been the case. She stated that for this reason, she could not vote on the budget as there has been no time to discuss it within her Member Section.

M. Brennan (Canada) agreed and questioned whether the budget had been approved by Council, to which various Council members replied in the affirmative.

R. Safar (Bolivia) reiterated that the Treasurer had always presented his reports and work to the Council and had followed up on the comments received. She specified that the budget was approved by Council at the June meeting.



S. Alnaga clarified that the triennial budget was only a proposal with general provisions, and that it could be modified by the next Council according to the specific needs of the term. He stated that he had worked on the budget for as long as possible in order to make it precise and to reflect a number of payments that were received in the weeks before the General Assembly.

P. Sauveur (Belgium) opined that the Treasurer had provided ample information about the finances of the UIA, and that the chartered accountancy reports previously presented highlighted that UIA finances are in order.

M. Brennan (Canada) thanked delegates for their open discussion and transparency. He assured the UIA of Canada's sustained support as long as such dialogue is maintained.

As the electronic voting equipment was not available immediately after the presentation, J.L. Cortés asked to postpone the vote on the triennial budget until the following day. The budget was then approved by a large majority.

Resolution 12

The Assembly noted and approved the proposed triennial budget for the 2023-26 term.

7.4 Financial Committee Recommendations

L. Cannarella (Italy) introduced herself to the Assembly as a Council member for Region I and a member of the Finance Committee (2021-23). She requested that the recommendations made by the Committee, including the proposal for travel expenses regulations, be included in the Assembly documents so that they would be available for the incoming Council to consult and potentially implement.

S. Alnaga referred to the written report made by the Finance Committee, which detailed its work over the course of the term. He indicated that the Committee's work is still in its early stages and will be developed during the upcoming term.

Resolution 13

The Assembly noted the Financial Committee report made by the Treasurer, Seif Alnaga.

ACTIVITY REPORTS BY THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

8.1 Region I, by Natalie Mossin

N. Mossin began by reminding the General Assembly of the sudden and unexpected passing of Eric Wirth, Region I Council member, in November 2022. She led the Assembly in a minute of silence in his memory. Subsequently, she highlighted the priorities which Region I had established at the beginning of the term, which were as follows: Contribute to the Task Force Group, support the Madrid Forum, support the Copenhagen Congress, support the Barcelona Congress, support the UIA's 75th anniversary, address architecture's contributions to climate change and social inclusion, use regional meetings as a think tank on topics concerning architecture and the UIA, support regional priorities and the New European Bauhaus, collaborate with ACE, contribute to UIA Working Bodies and communicate with regional Member Sections. N. Mossin highlighted that all of these priorities have been backed up with activities and contributions from Region I's Council members, collaborators and Member Sections. Lastly, she described the regional meetings held during the term – three of these have been conducted in person (in Malta, Ireland and Germany). In addition to these meetings, virtual meetings have been held online every two months, and Region I Council members have attended ad-hoc meetings beyond those held with the Member Sections.

In closing, N. Mossin thanked the four Region I Council members for this period: Eric Wirth (replaced by Lionel Dunet), Lilia Cannarella, Teresa Táboas, Regina Gonthier. She also thanked
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all the Sections that had helped her throughout this mandate. Lastly, she wished all the best to her successor Teresa Táboas as she is the only candidate to this post.

Resolution 14

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the Region I Vice-President, Natalie Mossin.

8.2 Region II, by Istelianna Atanassova

I. Atanassova first highlighted the diversity of Region II in terms of culture, lifestyles, religion and types of Member Section. She admitted that this makes it both an interesting Region and a difficult one to coordinate. As Vice-President, she maintained five principal objectives: to raise the authority of the UIA and its Member Sections, to maintain the unity of Region II, to improve the UIA's cooperation with regional and international partners, to respect and defend the majority views of Region II in the Bureau and Council and to provide equal access to UIA governance and activities to all Member Sections in Region II. She emphasised the significance of the final two objectives in avoiding conflicts of interest and double standards in decision making.

She informed the Assembly that Region II has faced many challenges in the last 23 months, including the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, and the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. A number of Member Sections have additionally been struggling financially. I. Atanassova expressed the thanks and gratitude of Region II Member Sections to all Council members and to J.L. Cortés for their support of the numerous requests made to them. She informed that despite the difficulties, Region II is united and continues to enthusiastically support the UIA.

She detailed the participation of Council members from Region II in UIA Working Bodies and Committees, and informed that she herself had attended 12 Council meetings, 9 Bureau meetings and 7 regional meetings. Some of the regional meetings had special guests, such as representatives of the UIA Task Force Group, local regional organisations, UN-Habitat, UIA Commissions and even the UIA presidential candidates.

She explained that she carried out surveys for all important topics and decisions, and announced the results during Council meetings. Surveys were conducted on UIA governance, Member Section structures, Congress organisation and the economic situation of Member Sections. These surveys were met with the active participation of the vast majority of Member Sections, and allowed her to know the majority opinion of Region II and defend it in the Council and Bureau.

Alongside the President of the National Union of Architects of Ukraine, she created a short-term group to discuss how to help architects in Ukraine following the outbreak of war. Representatives of the Ukrainian Section, as well as of Regions I and II and other potential partners were part of this group. The group made two proposals to Council, which were reported to the Extraordinary General Assembly in Madrid but ultimately postponed to the future: the creation of an Action Group for Solidarity with Ukraine and a new Commission to manage the strategy and reactions of the UIA in emergency situations. I. Atanassova highlighted that it is also necessary to elaborate a general UIA policy and strategy in case of wars, natural disasters, etc.

She informed the Assembly that Region II had organised four important events during the term. The first of these was the regional workshop on affordable housing, which was held on 6 May 2022. This was a successful event with important conclusions and proposals for the final Madrid Forum declaration, and I. Atanassova thanked those who had participated in the roundtable discussion as well as those involved in the organisation of the Madrid Forum itself.



The Baltic Architects Unions Association organised a discussion in conjunction with Regions I and II and ACE on ‘Holistic renovation for modernist housing districts’. The discussion, held in April 2022, was then exhibited during the Madrid Forum and a booklet was published based on its conclusions. The third event took place at the World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland, and was a hybrid discussion entitled ‘From the urban planning and governance to the challenges of recovering Ukrainian cities and territories’. This was supported by UN-Habitat’s emergency department and assembled the participation of Ukrainian architects and mayors as well as experts from UN-Habitat and the UN Economic Commission for Europe’. I. Atanassova detailed the final event organised by Region II, the Congress conference entitled ‘Partnerships for Change: Exploring the Potential of UIA Region II, Ukraine and Lebanon’. She thanked the numerous participants representing UN-Habitat, the European Investment Bank, Realdania and the Ukrainian and Lebanese Member Sections.

She highlighted events organised by Member Sections from Region II, including a roundtable on affordable housing in Beirut, Lebanon, and both an Architectural Convention and a discussion on the role of architects in cases of emergency and disaster in Budapest, Hungary.

She concluded by highlighting that the spirit of the UIA can be maintained through unity, honesty, professionalism and inclusivity. She thanked the Council and President for their support of Region II, the Secretariat for their hard work and the Past Presidents for their advice and wisdom.

Resolution 15

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the Region II Vice-President, Istelianna Atanassova.

8.3 Region III, by Sam Oboh

S. Oboh expressed his appreciation to the General Assembly for entrusting him with the position of Vice-President of Region III. He informed that his primary focus has been on raising awareness about the relevance of architecture in our daily lives and its profound impact on communities and quality of life, and thanked the Council members from Region III for their cooperation and support in working towards these goals.

One of the most significant achievements relating to Region III was the establishment of the UIA Indigenous Peoples Work Programme in conjunction with the Canadian Member Section. Moreover, S. Oboh informed the General Assembly that the beta test of a new national membership programme championed by the US Section has evolved into a cross-continental mentorship initiative supported by the UIA’s PPC. He thanked the AIA, the programme leader and PPC Co-Director J. Wright for their collaboration. The Vice-President highlighted several other significant events during his tenure, including participation in the SSHRC Multisectoral and Multidisciplinary Initiative: Quality in the Built Environment, attending the 2022 Pritzker Prize Award Ceremony and various engagements with esteemed institutions and organisations.

He opined that one of the major challenges encountered was the lack of clear and concise communication, underlining the fact that there was no strategic plan or vision put in place by the President. This made it difficult to stay fully informed and track the progress made within the organisation. The situation also revealed the absence of a comprehensive financial and accountability framework, leading to the discovery of potential conflicts of interest among a couple of international officers who were responsible for making decisions within the Finance Committee. These incidents compromised transparency and eroded trust in the UIA’s operating procedures, creating the impression that the UIA Secretariat was plagued by inefficiency and a lack of corporate discipline.

S. Oboh exhorted the incoming administration to address these challenges and significantly improve the effectiveness and transparency of the UIA’s communication, reporting processes



and governance. This will ensure that the UIA is seen as an invaluable resource for the architectural profession.

He ended with a reflection on the construction of the Alberta Legislature Building in 1912, which was completed amidst a storm of political machinations deployed to control spiralling construction costs. When choosing materials to depict the authority and affluence of the province, aluminium was hotly debated. Once one of the scarcest and most expensive commodities on Earth, aluminium became ubiquitous and widely accessible when cheap methods of extraction were invented. He argued that the UIA could be seen as only being valuable because it is rare, despite the fact that some positive steps such as the stance against apartheid and the UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture initiative have been taken. Therefore, the UIA needs to swap rarity for ubiquity and accessibility – the organisation must prioritise leadership with a new generation of emerging professionals at the helm. It must actively focus on advancing global ethical practices, environmental stewardship, well-being and equitable communities through practical initiatives. S. Oboh expressed his pride at the achievements of his tenure and his desire to further advance responsible architecture globally over the coming years.

Resolution 16

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the Region III Vice-President, Sam Oboh.

8.4 Region IV, by Ishtiaque Zahir Titas

I. Zahir informed that it was a vibrant two-year term in Region IV, and that Member Sections were deeply involved in UIA events and activities. He highlighted some of the key examples of Region IV's participation in UIA initiatives and highlighted the contribution of Region IV's Council members to the UIA's Working Bodies and Committees. He then took the opportunity to thank the organisers and hosts of the Madrid Forum, the Cartagena Council meeting, the Copenhagen Congress and the Beijing Council meeting. He expressed the condolences of Region IV to the Member Sections who have lost important and well-loved figures during the triennium, including Lluís Comerón Graupera (Spain), Mubasshar Hossain (Bangladesh), B V Doshi (India), Roland Poon (Hong Kong) and Eric Wirth (France).

The Vice-President related that eight regional meetings were held, with participation averaging at 15 Member Sections (there are 22 Member Sections belonging to Region IV). The main topics of discussion were UIA finances, UIA activities, the Task Force Group recommendations and current regional challenges. Whilst Region IV noted the financial health of the UIA, it suggested that reduced spending has impacted UIA activities; the number of activities and their quality should be increased, with appropriate spending. Local challenges raised by Member Sections in the Region have included grassroots architectural activities, disaster resilience in cities (including measures against flooding and for the protection of heritage sites), connecting urban and rural areas, uniting architects against climate change and slow investment in architecture.

I. Zahir welcomed the UAE Section to Region IV, and further expressed his delight that ties were renewed with Chinese Taipei and Singapore, who are hoping to return to the UIA in the next term.

He highlighted that a Bureau meeting was hosted in Bangladesh by the IAB in October 2022. He also informed that the Institute of Architects of Pakistan had been assisting architects struggling in Afghanistan due to the serious internal conflict in the country. As well as celebrating the UIA's 75th anniversary, Region IV has additionally celebrated the IAB's 50th anniversary, HKIA's 65th anniversary and KIRA's 60th anniversary. Lastly, it has witnessed a successful bid to host the next UIA International Forum in 2024 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia). I. Zahir outlined events organised by Member Sections from Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia,

Bangladesh, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Vietnam, China, Pakistan, India and the Philippines. He emphasised the joint efforts of the UIA and IAB in organising the UIA Symposium on Design for Health and a roundtable led by the Community Architecture and Human Rights Work Programme in October 2022, informing that J.L. Cortés was consequently granted honorary membership of IAB.

A number of architects from Region IV have been recognised with awards during this mandate: Kashef Mahboob Chowdhury (Bangladesh) was honoured with the RIBA International Award 2021 and Marina Tabassum (Bangladesh) was named ‘Chevalier des arts et des lettres’ by the French Ministry of Culture. Architects from Bangladesh, Vietnam and China were additionally recognised in the UIA Triennial Prizes, and there were three Region IV laureates of the first cycle of the UIA 2030 Award.

I. Zahir concluded by explaining that, during his tenure as Vice-President, he had attended COP26, COP27, the 11th World Urban Forum and the Venice Biennale. He participated in various events and scheduled programmes, and dedicated particular efforts to the organisation and promotion of the UIA 2030 Award, a joint initiative with UN-Habitat.

Resolution 17

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the Region IV Vice-President, Ishtiaque Zahir Titas.

8.5 Region V, by Tokunbo Omisore

T. Omisore informed that the first regional meeting was held on 26 August 2021 and identified the following objectives: promote and compile data on architecture’s contribution to the UN’s SDGs in Region V, promote architectural education and global exchange between professionals, teachers and students, reactivate the Africa Young Architects platform and use it to reach beyond the continent, and collate information on schools of architecture in Region V Member Sections.

He informed that an interactive webinar was held on the Great Green Wall Project in March 2022, which discussed changes in culture across the years, architecture in extreme environments, bio-based materials and their potential, new strategies for sustainable buildings, nature and architecture and sustainable building materials. A meeting was held with representatives of schools of architecture in Region V on 8 April 2022 at which there were 40 participants. Additionally, the Region held a workshop in conjunction with the Madrid Forum in May 2022 with 11 guest speakers. This workshop discussed the need to target marginalised groups when designing affordable housing. T. Omisore stated that the Madrid Forum unlocked a greater awareness, sensibility and enlightenment in the Region about the critical role of architects in creating settlements that are more equitable, beautiful and functional.

A meeting was held between the organisers of the Great Green Wall project and the UIA Education Commission in May 2022. During the meeting, various suggestions were made to the Commission, including: maintaining stronger visibility and interaction in Region V, developing innovative ways to implement the Charter, preparing Massive Open Online Courses to aid pedagogy and knowledge exchange, and adopting a hybrid approach to the Validation System. The Great Green Wall initiative also held a day of global research collaboration for schools of architecture on 27 June 2022. A scientific team was composed to promote architectural education, digital transformation and homegrown African talent at the Copenhagen Congress. The Great Green Wall team additionally sought partnerships to fund a digital platform. He announced that the prize winners of the Student Ideas Competition had their entries displayed at the Climate Wunderkammer exhibition at the Venice Biennale.

T. Omisore stated that he had attended the 13th Congress and General Assembly of the Africa Union of Architects, which was held in Rabat, Morocco, in July 2022, as well as a meeting



between the AUA and FAFA at the Burkina Faso Architects Conference. He also participated in virtual regional meetings with the Task Force Group and with the Copenhagen Congress organisers. At the Congress, Region V organised a session entitled ‘Educating African Architects for a Sustainable Future’.

He highlighted the COP27 event that was held in Egypt in 2022, with UIA delegates in attendance. Moreover, he informed that the Nigerian Member Section welcomed Serbian Architects to Lagos to conduct research on the design work of Yugoslavian architects on the Lagos Fair Complex in February 2023.

He concluded by sharing a comprehensive list of the conferences and meetings that he has attended as Region V Vice-President.

Resolution 18

The Assembly received and noted the activity report of the Region V Vice-President, Tokunbo Omisore.

ACTIVITY REPORTS CONCERNING THE UIA COMMISSIONS

9.1 Architectural Education, by Marilys Nepomechie and Ashraf Salama

M. Nepomechie and A. Salama reminded the Assembly that the UNESCO-UIA Charter for Architectural Education was developed and presented in 1996 at the Barcelona Congress, and has since been subjected to periodic updates. Considering recent developments, including the emerging emphasis on health and wellbeing, climate change and the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, it was necessary to undertake a new update. Three meetings were held to discuss these updates and to integrate emerging issues that reflect the role of architectural education in shaping the future of sustainable built environments. Updates were communicated to Commission members to obtain their input before the production of a full draft in February 2023. Final reviews of the Charter were made in May and June for submission and approval by the UIA Council in Copenhagen. These updates have been reflected in the UNESCO-UIA Validation System Procedures Manual with the assistance of the Validation System Manager from RIBA.

The UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education was established in 2019 to celebrate innovation across cultural and geographical boundaries. For the second cycle of the Award, architectural colleges, schools and departments around the world were invited to submit academic programmes and courses demonstrating excellence in pedagogical practice and in addressing Sustainable Development Goals. The Award was organised in conjunction with the Sustainable Development Goals Commission, and some of the organisational meetings were also attended by members of the ICC to discuss aspects of copyright and intellectual property, as well as the final announcement of the Award. By the 30 January deadline, a high number of quality submissions that provided effective articulations towards a future sustainable built environment had been sent in. The jury session was held on 14 April 2023, with the final jury report developed by A. Salama. Four entries from Sweden, Turkey, China and Egypt were named as laureates, with one honourable mention being awarded to a further project from China. The announcement of the results was made on 22 April 2023.

M. Nepomechie and A. Salama detailed the events in which they have participated and at which they have represented the Education Committee as Co-Directors. These include the Atlas of Hope Conference in June 2023, the Canberra Accord for Architectural Education meetings, the Great Green Wall Initiative webinar in March 2022 and webinars promoting the Validation System and the UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education.



They informed that A. Salama participated in a conference organised by ACE and the EAAE on upskilling strategies and training as a keynote speaker in April 2023. Meanwhile, M. Nepomechie hosted the 2022 ARCC-EAAE International Research Conference in Miami in March 2022. She delivered the host address, made presentations, opened exhibitions and contributed to the published conference proceedings.

The Education Commission hosted a special session at the Copenhagen Congress on ‘Architectural Education for a Sustainable Future’. The first part of the session included a presentation on shaping the future of architectural education and the role of the UNESCO-UIA Charter and Validation System in shaping that future. The second part debated views on current efforts in integrating Sustainable Development Goals into architectural pedagogy in support of the ideals and principles that enable effective pedagogical practices. M. Nepomechie and A. Salama equally highlighted their participation in Region V’s session on the challenges and opportunities of architectural education in Africa. During the Congress, a joint exhibition was held with the Sustainable Development Goals and Professional Practice Commissions. In the interest of sustainable practices, the part of the exhibition specific to the Education Commission was fully digital. Summaries of the UNESCO-UIA Charter and Manual were displayed on screen, alongside the results of the two cycles of the UIA Award for Innovation in Architectural Education.

L. Ben Jeddou (Tunisia) highlighted that the Tunisian Chamber of Architects had been informed that some private universities in Tunisia had applied for UNESCO-UIA Validation. These universities are largely unregulated and graduates from private university are no longer automatically recognised by the Chamber. She therefore asked the Education Commission to obtain the approval of the local Member Section before pursuing any validation requests.

N. Mossin supported the principle of Member Section approval of validation requests, underlining the fact that the UIA has a duty to its Member Sections and should systematically inform them of any activity in their respective country.

A. Salama stated that this had previously been a topic of discussion within the Commission and should be revisited during the next term.

Resolution 19

The Assembly received and noted the activity report presented by the Architectural Education Commission co-directors, Marilys Nepomechie and Ashraf Salama.

9.2 Professional Practice, by James Wright and Weimin Zhuang

J. Wright began by reflecting that 2023 marks the 29th year since the founding of the Professional Practice Commission. Over the course of the term, 11 official meetings were held to further the work of the Commission.

The work of the PPC includes the development of best practice guidelines in response to new challenges confronting the practice of architecture, as well as reviewing and updating its past work in order to maintain its relevance and effectiveness. The PPC began the triennium with a total of 31 members and ended with 35 members. Whilst all members are very active and productive, more participants are required to properly address the breadth of professional practice issues facing architects today. Therefore, the Commission is actively recruiting new members and seeks the Assembly’s support in broadening PPC participation. In Autumn 2022, the PPC Co-Directors took the extraordinary action of proposing rules for PPC members concerning meeting attendance and work effort participation. The goal is to only have members who are actively involved in and contributing to the work of the PPC, and to discourage Member Sections from nominating members to the PPC simply to bestow honorific titles upon certain individuals. The PPC seeks members and contributors who are eager for active engagement and who are willing to assist on task efforts.

The PPC has established a Task Team for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This team determined that it was essential to prepare guidelines for Member Section best policy development, and thus created two survey tools for collecting current status information (one for Member Sections and one for individual architects). J. Wright informed that the team is currently analysing survey results to report on regional differences before the final guideline preparation begins.

In response to a suggestion by Honorary President V. Sgoutas, the PPC has committed to studying the nature of architectural disciplinary bodies. It has surveyed Member Sections from all five UIA Regions as to how these bodies are structured and how they operate. The results collated have been assessed, and the survey responses were used to formulate best practice guidelines for eventual review and adoption by the UIA Council. Another current focus area is how architects can respond to natural disaster and emergencies. Having examined existing resources in Nepal, Colombia and Nigeria, the PPC concluded that architectural expertise is missing from such resources.

J. Wright stated that a further PPC Task Team has tackled the challenge of developing recommended guidelines for use in improving Owner-Architect contractual agreements. Acknowledging that no single agreement template can realistically serve all legal and social environments or all methods of project delivery, the PPC's focus is on developing a framework on which to measure existing forms of agreement. With this framework, practitioners will be armed with UIA best practice guidance when negotiating modified terms and conditions.

The PPC noted that organised professional mentoring is conspicuously absent in the UIA. The PPC's professional mentoring task team is actively participating in the new mentoring programme run by the AIA, and other existing mentoring programmes are being evaluated and compared with feedback received from Member Sections. Ultimately, the PPC will establish guidelines for a UIA mentorship programme and will seek UIA Council support for creating such a programme.

On the subject of the UIA Architectural Practice Around the World (APAW) database, J. Wright informed that the initiative was updated in 2023 to simplify and accelerate navigation. The six categories included within are: general information, licensure requirements, regulatory information, practice, procurement information and international practice. All Member Sections now have log-on access to the revised database questionnaire, and all are strongly encouraged to complete it as soon as possible. J. Wright further highlighted the PPC effort to develop guidelines for architectural practice in a pandemic environment, involving a comprehensive study of a multitude of source material. Member Sections will then be surveyed with the goal of creating a practice reference tool.

Both the policy guidelines for architectural licensing and registration and the computer practice guidelines are currently being reviewed and updated by dedicated Task Teams. Meanwhile, guidelines are being formulated on ethical challenges encountered with the design-build project delivery method, and a brief peace declaration was developed that may be advanced to the UIA Council for adoption in the coming triennium. At the request of the French Section, the PPC surveyed its members across all five Regions and compiled a comparative analysis as an aid to any architectural professional organisation reviewing its current membership and titles policy. The survey revealed significant differences in policies.

The PPC expects to advance several work product draft documents for Council review and approval early in the coming term.

Lastly, J. Wright affirmed that PPC has been collaborating with the Education and Sustainable Development Goals Commissions on a shared exhibit space, and with the latter on the refinement and implementation of the SDG Toolbox.

Resolution 20

The Assembly received and noted the activity report presented by the Professional Practice Commission co-directors, James Wright and Weimin Zhuang.

9.3 International Competitions, by Regina Gonthier and Jerzy Grochulski

R. Gonthier and J. Grochulski explained that the ICC was composed of 29 members from 26 different countries during the 2021-23 term. They informed that the work of the ICC is multi-faceted and includes continuous expert consultancy, regulatory work, professionalisation and special projects.

Consultancy was carried out by an expert team composed of the Co-Directors and 2 Advisors, Paula Huotelin and Tibor Fátyol. This involved advising competition and award organisers on proper conduct, compliance with the UNESCO Regulations and alignment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The expert team also reviewed briefs, assisted with competition and award organisation and elaborated/revised guidelines and supporting documents. In addition, both the Austrian and Hong Kong Member Sections enlisted the help of the ICC for the revision of their architectural design competition regulations and competition guide for investors, respectively. The Co-Directors further explained that the expert team had contributed their knowledge to the Creative Europe project ARCH-E, a digital platform for European competitions. Promotion work was carried out by all ICC members. As well as promoting competition culture in respect of the UNESCO Regulations and UIA Best Practice Recommendations, ICC members also identified appropriate projects for UIA competitions in their country, shared their professional experience and participated in ICC special projects.

Regulatory work involved the amendment and translation of documents for general public use, the creation of documents for UIA organisers and the amendment of the ICC internal guidelines to include ethical considerations. Over the course of the triennium, new guidelines were established for competitions and organised by the UIA, international student competitions organised by the UIA and awards organised by the UIA and/or its Working Bodies. All of these guidelines contain an introduction about compliance with the aims and goals of the UIA and recommendations concerning the procedure for organising and approving competition/award programmes.

The Co-Directors then reminded the Assembly of the UIA policy on competitions and awards, including the conditions for UIA endorsement and the fact that, in principle, the UIA does not endorse competitions and awards organised by architectural institutions that are not UIA Member Sections. They underlined that the UIA recommends open competitions and procedures that are affordable for competitors so that a wide range of solutions and talents can be gathered. Moreover, competitions which promote high quality built environments and respect a holistic, culture-centred, interdisciplinary approach to the improvement of quality of life in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. UIA-endorsed competitions have led to the construction of high quality and iconic buildings, some of which have marked the history of architecture. The UIA's student ideas competitions have been equally successful in raising awareness for important topics. These are achievements that the UIA can be proud of.

R. Gonthier and J. Grochulski highlighted that the ICC deals with a variety of clients, dealing from the inexperienced to the competent and highly demanding. They also noted that some international institutions return repeatedly to the ICC for assistance. Therefore, the Commission must be able to provide competent, continuous and coherent advice and guarantee the proper conduct and high standards of endorsed competitions and awards.

They displayed the details of the 11 competitions and 17 awards that were assisted by the ICC during the past term and drew attention to the increasing number of competitions and awards organised by the UIA and its Working Bodies. Over the triennium, the ICC generated income of 139,199€, of which 84,199€ was from competitions and the remaining 55,000€ from awards.

R. Gonthier and J. Grochulski informed that the ICC has published an analytical study on UIA-endorsed competitions from 1943-2023 based on available data, an overview of the UIA's own and endorsed international awards and prizes, and an overview of the history and work of the Commission. They highlighted that complete data is available for all competitions endorsed since 2017, partial data has been found on competitions endorsed between 2005-2016 and that a list of competitions since 1949 has been established with the help of the Secretariat and on the basis of a PhD research article from 2002. Since the UIA began assisting its Member Section with the organisation of international competitions, it has endorsed 300 professional design competitions in 86 different countries, of which 20 resulted in the construction of iconic reference buildings. The UIA has also endorsed 41 student competitions and organised 13 of them, 9 of which were linked to the Congresses since 1999. The Co-Directors drew attention to the fact that the majority of competitions endorsed by the UIA (59%) were conducted in the European countries of Regions I and II. They noted that since 2005, there has been an increase in multidisciplinary and restricted competitions.

In the last year, the ICC has also compiled a Special Edition Newsletter with interviews of organisers, jurors and winners of UIA competitions from the 2021-2023 terms. At the Copenhagen Congress, the ICC held a booth with a wall poster of the interactive map, and held a plenary session on achieving design excellence. R. Gonthier and J. Grochulski referenced their recommendations for the upcoming term, presented in detail in their written report. These are classed into organisational aspects, professionalisation, history, competitions, awards, political goals, and the future of UIA competitions and ICC tasks. The Co-directors stressed the importance of professionalisation and the necessity of building up competence on competitions and awards at the UIA Secretariat and ensuring expertise for consultancy within the commission.

Resolution 21

The Assembly received and noted the activity report presented by the International Competitions Commission co-directors, Regina Gonthier and Jerzy Grochulski.

9.4 Sustainable Development Goals, by Iman Gawad and Cid Blanco

I. Gawad and C. Blanco highlighted that the objectives of the SDG Commission are to raise awareness, create knowledge, facilitate communication and disseminate information across its global network of members. This allows architects to contribute to the implementation and evolution of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Commission is composed of 43 members from the different Regions, and is divided into 4 subgroups. The Commission held 7 online general meetings, alongside ad hoc subgroup meetings, with the last meeting held on 5 May 2023.

They highlighted that a new version of 'A Guidebook to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals' is in development. Previous volumes have been very successful and have been translated into many different languages by various Member Sections. The call for proposals of projects to include in the book was launched on 13 February 2023 with the deadline of 30 April 2023. A total of 147 submissions were received from across the 5 Regions, and the chosen projects were announced during the Copenhagen Congress. The Guidebook launch will take place as part of the UN's Urban October activities.

The Commission has also worked on the SDG Toolbox, an initiative developed by Yves Monnot to measure the impact of the SDGs on the design of the built environment and assist the implementation of architectural projects. It is based on official UN documents (the Sustainable



Development Goals, the 169 UN targets and the 232 Global Monitoring Indicators) and identifies indicators applicable to the design and construction of sustainable projects. The goal is that the completed Toolbox can be used to guide and help submissions to subsequent editions of the SDG Guidebook. Currently, the SDG Commission is collaborating with the Professional Practice Commission to develop an online version of the Toolbox.

I. Gawad and C. Blanco detailed the collaboration with the Education Commission for the Innovation in Architectural Education Award, which was launched in September 2022. The Award recognises excellence in architectural and urban design education, focusing on innovative pedagogies that foster the development of sustainable environments across the five UIA Regions. An inaugural webinar was held in October 2022 to reflect on best practice examples and how the SDGs can be integrated into architecture. In total, 15 submissions from 12 countries in 4 different Regions were shortlisted. The results announcement took place on 17 April 2023, with laureates receiving their awards during the Copenhagen Congress.

The Commission presented its work in both the Blue and Green Zones of the COP27 event in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. The active participation in Blue Zone Events was in collaboration with CHN and ISCO, and representatives of the Commission attended the ministerial meetings in the Blue Zone and in the Saudi Green Initiative pavilion as observers. Daniele Menichini (Italy) represented the Commission at both the 2023 World Circular Economy Forum and the 2023 Global ABC Assembly in Helsinki, Finland. During these events, potential cooperation opportunities were explored in view of the COP28 event taking place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates later this year. Currently, the Commission is organising discussions and brainstorming sessions with different Working Bodies and Regions to identify the UIA's mission for COP28; a collaborative proposal with AUA is in development.

The Commission will present the 2030 Guidebook results and experiences at the Climate Wunderkammer events during the 18th International Architecture Exhibition of the Venice Biennale, and will participate in the Climate Roundtable on 5 October 2023. It has already participated in the Atlas of Hope Conference on 29 June.

I. Gawad and C. Blanco concluded by confirming that they had attended virtual meetings with the UIA 2030 Award team and UN-Habitat to organise the second cycle of the Award. Results will be announced during the 2024 World Urban Forum in Cairo, Egypt. The UIA SDG Commission will also participate in side events, exhibitions and other activities at the event.

Resolution 22

The Assembly received and noted the activity report presented by the Sustainable Development Goals Commission, Iman Gawad and Cid Blanco.

ACTIVITY REPORTS CONCERNING UIA WORK PROGRAMMES, BY P.I. TAN

10.1 Reports

P.I. Tan reminded the Assembly that the Work Programmes hold significant importance within the UIA, as they are policy-driven and aligned with the Union's crucial objectives. They play a key role in formulating policies that impact public interest and the field of architecture as a whole. To effectively carry out their mandates, Work Programmes rely on active participation from Member Sections. This involvement encourages the sharing of experiences and expertise along Member Sections, fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment. By promoting greater equity among the Member Sections, the Work Programmes strive to ensure that diverse perspectives and contributions are valued and incorporated into the UIA's initiatives and policies. Through their policy formulation and engagement with the Member Sections, the Work Programmes contribute to the advancement of the profession and the realisation of the UIA's overarching goals. By harnessing the collective knowledge and expertise of the



architectural community, the Work Programmes play a vital role in shaping the future of architecture and addressing the pressing challenges facing the field.

P.I. Tan noted that there were ten Work Programmes in place when the term began. Initially, comprehensive assessments were conducted on their missions, and new members were appointed and endorsed by Council. A funding policy was developed to secure the necessary financial resources to support the activities and initiatives of the Programmes, and the existing protocols governing their functioning were reviewed to improve their effectiveness and relevance. Council members were encouraged to participate in Work Programmes so as to ensure that Council remained engaged in their activities and progress. Moreover, conscious efforts were made to ensure a balanced representation of all five Regions in each Work Programme.

During the term, the scope of the Public Health, Sports and Leisure and Heritage and Cultural Identity programmes was widened so that they could focus on additional objectives linked to their respective areas of expertise. The Intermediate Cities, Urbanism and Architects Work Programme was renamed the Architecture, Cities and Territories so that it would expand beyond urban areas to also analyse architecture in rural zones. Moreover, the Council approved the establishment of a new Work Programme on Indigenous Peoples, proposed by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC). This Programme was officially announced on 9 August 2022 in conjunction with the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, and a video conversation between P.I. Tan and the two Co-Directors was recorded for the launch. RAIC has taken up the responsibility of providing secretarial support for the Programme's activities.

Numerous areas for improvement were identified in the running of the Work Programmes, notably in terms of frequency of communication, collaboration between programmes and recognition of the work produced by the Programmes. Concerted efforts were made to take action on the identified areas, especially concerning the exposure and visibility of the Work Programmes. For example, a special half-day workshop involving all Directors and Co-Directors of Working Bodies, as well as members of Council, was held on 15 February 2022. At the Extraordinary General Assembly in Madrid, the Directors and Co-Directors were introduced to delegates and given the opportunity to present their work. A significant number of Work Programmes successfully organised side events at the Madrid Forum, reflecting the commitment and enthusiasm of the Work Programmes in supporting the affordable housing theme.

Two competitions were organised by the Work Programmes during this term: the joint UIA-IR Accessibility Symbol Design Competition (Architecture for All) and the UIA Design for Health Student Design Competition on the Next Generation of Stroke Rehabilitation Centres (Public Health). In addition to this, three awards were conducted: the UIA Golden Cubes Awards (Architecture & Children), the UIA Design for Health & Research Awards (Public Health) and the Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards (Architecture for All). The Architecture & Children, Heritage and Cultural Identity, Community Architecture & Human Rights and Public Health Work Programmes also organised webinars and/or conferences throughout the term.

She also mentioned the Social Habitat Manifesto prepared by the Social Habitat Work Programme.

P.I. Tan concluded that due to the more regular communication held with the Directors and Co-Directors throughout the term, the Work Programmes were better supported, more coordinated in their actions and always aligned with their established objectives and goals.

<p>Resolution 23 The Assembly received and noted Pei Ing Tan's report on the UIA Work Programmes.</p>
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10.2 Habitat Professional Forum report

P.I. Tan presented the report prepared by M. Rady. She reminded that the Habitat Professional Forum stands for advocacy and knowledge exchange, raising awareness, solidarity and support among professionals. It also aims to integrate a wide range of professions to face the challenges facing today's world.

She highlighted the Covid-19 Roadmap, which was first presented in April 2022 and launched at the World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland one month later. This roadmap sets out the guiding principles for building resilience to global shocks and identifies the adjustments needed to face modern problems such as climate change and international conflict.

She also mentioned that the Habitat Professional Forum has supported various UN-Habitat initiatives, including the Covid-19 Response Plan and Covid-19 Campaign, the 'City We Need' World Urban Campaign and organised a series of webinars around the '#ClimateAction4Cities' campaign. Lastly, she informed that the Habitat Professional Forum participated in both COP26 and COP27, as well as in roundtable discussions at the World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland.

Resolution 24

The Assembly received and noted Mona Rady's report on the Habitat Professional Forum presented by Pei Ing Tan.

UNESCO-UIA VALIDATION SYSTEM FOR ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION

M. Nepomechie and A. Salama notified the Assembly that the work and activities of the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council for Architectural Education involved several activities, including meetings to review expressions of interest, initial submissions for validation and expressions of interest to renew validation. They confirmed the following:

- The BSc (Hons) in Architecture Systems Engineering at MSA University (Egypt) is recommended for CANDIDACY for a period of 2 years until March 2024 (Panel Visit, March 2022).
- The Bachelor of Architecture at Ajman University (United Arab Emirates) is recommended for FULL UNCONDITIONAL VALIDATION for 5 years until March 2027 (Panel Visit, March 2022).
- The BSc and MSc in Architecture at the University of Pécs (Hungary) is recommended for CANDIDACY for a period of 2 years until September 2024 (Panel Visit, September 2022).
- The Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering at Cairo University (Egypt) is recommended for FULL UNCONDITIONAL VALIDATION for 5 years until October 2027 (Panel Visit, 7-10 November 2022).
- The BA and MSc in Architecture at MSFAU | Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University in Istanbul, Turkey: Virtual re-validation visit (12-15 Dec 2022).
- Both Cairo University and Mimar Sinan University visit reports were successfully submitted to the Commission and Validation Council and approved during the meeting on 6 February 2023.
- An ELIGIBILITY Review was successfully completed for the Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering at Future University, Egypt. The programme is recommended for a Preliminary Visit in Autumn/Winter 2023.
- An ELEGIBILITY Review is currently underway for the professional Architecture programme at the Technical University of CLUJ-NAPCOCA, Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Romania. This is the first of several Romanian programs to be reviewed.



M. Nepomechie and A. Salama informed that the UNESCO-UIA Validation System Procedures Manual was updated to reflect the changes made to the UNESCO-UIA Charter of Architectural Education. The new Manual also reflects new operations procedures implemented in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resolution 25

The Assembly received and noted the report on the UNESCO-UIA Validation System for Architectural Education presented by Marilys Nepomechie and Asharf Salama.

COMMUNICATION REPORT, BY PEI ING TAN

P.I. Tan introduced her report by highlighting that enhancing visibility and communication with Member Sections and other regional organisations is a critical priority for the UIA. The Communication Committee's objective is to strengthen relationships and foster closer ties within the organisation. To achieve this, concerted efforts have been made to facilitate more regular engagements.

Since its establishment in January 2022, the Committee has held several meetings to develop and implement a proper communication strategy. A written strategy was presented and approved by the Council during the 149th Council meeting held in September 2022.

The UIA uses various communication platforms to reach its audience. A comprehensive review of the UIA website was undertaken at the beginning of the mandate to identify areas requiring improvement and structural changes. To gather feedback and perspectives on the website, a Google survey was conducted with the Members of Council and Past Presidents. Siteparc, the French company that handles IT matters for the UIA, was appointed to develop a new, more user-friendly and informative website. Launched in February 2022, the new website has ensured easier access to the work and resources of the UIA. Regular reviews and additions to the website are planned, beginning with additional information on the UIA Gold Medal.

UIA newsletters are issued regularly, with a frequency of at least once a month. Furthermore, a special quarterly report has been published since the beginning of 2022 with the aim of keeping Member Sections informed about the Council's activities, thus fostering greater awareness and transparency. In addition, a special report on the Extraordinary General Assembly was prepared and sent to Member Sections in early September 2022. This report included all submitted reports and resolutions, including the updated Articles and Bylaws. Efforts have been made to expand the subscriber base for the newsletter. An automated subscription process was implemented as part of the strategy to facilitate easier and broader access to members. P.I. Tan notified that there were 7581 subscribers as of April 2023.

The UIA has successfully organised numerous webinars to date, covering a wide range of topics. To ensure broader accessibility, video recordings of these webinars are uploaded to the website and YouTube. By using multiple platforms, the aim is to extend the reach of the presentations and enable a larger number of members to benefit from the content shared during the webinars.

The UIA has collaborated with the media company 'Redboy' to create a promotional video highlighting the work of the UIA. The objective is to use this video, produced in both French and English, during events organised by the UIA, its Member Sections and its partners. Both versions of the video have been posted on the UIA website, serving as a visually engaging and highly effective tool for promoting the UIA to a broader audience.

P.I. Tan informed that significant progress has been achieved in the UIA's social media presence across various platforms, with rising numbers of followers on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. The UIA also created an Instagram account in December 2021 with the objective of



engaging with the younger generations. The account had 1,040 followers as of April 2023. Meetings were held with the Danish Architects' Association and the Spanish Section to discuss how the UIA could help with the promotion of the 2023 Congress and 2022 Forum, and promotional material was published both on social media and on the website.

Efforts are being made to improve public relations and engagement with new media platforms to enhance the UIA's public presence. The UIA's Wikipedia page has been updated with information about UIA activities and work, and will be reviewed and updated regularly. Moreover, the UIA collaborated with ArchDaily for the UIA 2030 Award, and will continue to explore the potential of a more sustained cooperation with the platform in the future.

Resolution 26

The Assembly received and noted the report made on UIA Communication by Pei Ing Tan.

UIA TASK FORCE GROUP ON REVIEW OF UIA GOVERNANCE

14.1 Recommendations presented by Sara Topelson

S. Topelson reminded the Assembly of the motion presented by Region I at the 2021 General Assembly that called for the Council to review the governance and operation of the organisation and develop proposals for a renewed and strengthened UIA. She presented the composition of the Task Force Group mandated by Council in October 2021 to carry out the review required by the motion: S. Topelson, J.L. Cortés, P.I. Tan, E. Wirth (France, replaced by T. Táboas from Spain following his demise), R. Leitanaite (Baltics), R. Safar (Bolivia), D. Sahu (India), V. Nsalambi (Angola). The Task Force Group was supported by the Administrative Director.

She explained that the first action taken by the Group was to draft survey questions that were then sent to Council, and eventually to all UIA stakeholders (Past Presidents, Member Sections, national organisations not belonging to the UIA, UIA Partners, etc.). The results of this survey were presented at the 146th Council meeting. Interviews were also conducted with Past Presidents and Presidents of regional organisations. Survey and interview outcomes, as well as feedback from Council, were taken into consideration in order to prepare proposals. Interim proposals were presented by the Task Force Group at the Extraordinary General Assembly in Madrid in order to encourage debate and discussion amongst all members of the UIA. Following this, meetings were held with Member Sections in each Region in order to refine and revise the original proposals. Further meetings were held with the Finance Committee and the Bureau in order to finalise the proposals, which were presented to the Council in April and May 2023. Council approved the submission of the final recommendations to the Assembly for deliberation and decision.

S. Topelson displayed the following recommendations to the Assembly:

Recommendation 1

Create a Strategy Committee to prioritise the formulation of a vision and goals for the reorganisation of the UIA.

Recommendation 2

Propose to hold more frequent Assemblies, including one with the Congress and one with the International Forum around every 18 months, and consider online engagement with Member Sections in between as needed.

Recommendation 3

Keep the current structure of the UIA with 5 Regions. It is not the right time for changing the geopolitical map of the UIA. However, this question must not be forgotten and must be addressed in the future.

**Recommendation 4**

The proposal to keep the Vice-Presidents, with redefinition of their roles and power.

Recommendation 5

Revise the UIA Statutes by eliminating the Bureau level and merging the 3 international officers (President, Secretary General, Treasurer) and 5 Vice-Presidents with the Council members, creating a more horizontal structure with the Council at all decision-making levels.

Recommendation 6

Strengthen UIA offices by expanding staff to support the UIA's aims. Establish a clear structure and process for appointing a UIA Director (CEO) with defined functions.

Recommendation 7

To establish 3 special Committees on Ethics, Finance, Communication.

Recommendation 8

To review the current structure to encourage and stimulate the participation of the younger generation of architects in UIA activities at all levels of the organisation.

Recommendation 9

To establish provision in the Articles & Bylaws for disciplinary action against elected members in case of serious transgressions.

Recommendation 10

To reflect on the future of Congresses and Forums.

Recommendation 11

To reflect on the role of UIA Immediate Past President and Past Presidents.

Recommendation 12

Propose to have at least two current TFG members included in the composition of the UIA TFG for the period 2023-2026 to ensure continuity and to build on the progress achieved by the TFG during 2021-2023.

Resolution 27

The Assembly received and noted the report made on the work and recommendations of the UIA Task Force Group by Sara Topelson.

14.2 Open discussions**14.3 Vote**

Each recommendation was put to the Assembly separately for approval.

Recommendation 1

301 votes were received, of which: 276 yes, 22 no, 3 abstentions

Resolution 28

The Assembly approved the creation of a Strategy Committee to prioritise the formulation of a vision and goals for the reorganisation of the UIA. 301 votes were received, of which: 276 yes, 22 no, 3 abstentions.

Recommendation 2

304 votes were received, of which: 266 yes, 37 no, 1 abstention

Resolution 29

The Assembly approved more frequent General Assemblies, including one with the Congress and one with the International Forum around every 18 months. Online engagement with Member Sections as needed in between these meetings should also be considered. 304 votes were received, of which: 266 yes, 37 no, 1 abstention.

Recommendation 3

305 votes were received, of which: 255 yes, 38 no, 12 abstentions

Resolution 30

The Assembly voted to keep the current structure of the UIA with 5 Regions for the time being. However, this question must not be forgotten and must be addressed in the future. 305 votes were received, of which: 255 yes, 38 no, 12 abstentions.

Recommendation 4

303 votes were received, of which: 283 yes, 13 no, 7 abstentions

Resolution 31

The Assembly voted to keep the Vice-Presidents, with redefinition of their roles and power. 303 votes were received, of which: 283 yes, 13 no, 7 abstentions.

Recommendation 5

304 votes were received, of which: 221 yes, 61 no, 22 abstentions

Resolution 32

The Assembly voted to revise the UIA Statutes by eliminating the Bureau level and merging the 3 international officers (President, Secretary General, Treasurer) and 5 Vice-Presidents with the Council members, creating a more horizontal structure with the Council at all decision-making levels. 304 votes were received, of which: 221 yes, 61 no, 22 abstentions.

Recommendation 6

300 votes were received, of which: 235 yes, 49 no, 16 abstentions

Resolution 33

The Assembly voted to strengthen the UIA offices by expanding staff to support the organisation's aims and by establishing a clear structure and process for appointing a UIA Director (CEO) with defined functions. 300 votes were received, of which: 235 yes, 49 no, 16 abstentions. 300 votes were received, of which: 235 yes, 49 no, 16 abstentions

Recommendation 7

305 votes were received, of which: 285 yes, 18 no, 2 abstentions

Resolution 34

The Assembly approved the establishment of three special Committees on Ethics, Finance and Communication. 305 votes were received, of which: 285 yes, 18 no, 2 abstentions.

Recommendation 8

302 votes were received, of which: 298 yes, 4 no, 0 abstentions

Resolution 35

The Assembly voted to review the current structure to encourage and stimulate the participation of the younger generation of architects in UIA activities at all levels of the organisation. 302 votes were received, of which: 298 yes, 4 no, 0 abstentions.

**Recommendation 9**

303 votes were received, of which: 283 yes, 14 no, 6 abstentions

Resolution 36

The Assembly voted to establish provision in the Articles & Bylaws for disciplinary action against elected members in case of serious transgressions. 303 votes were received, of which: 283 yes, 14 no, 6 abstentions.

Recommendation 10

304 votes were received, of which: 284 yes, 5 no, 15 abstentions

Resolution 37

The Assembly voted to reflect on the future of Congresses and Forums. 304 votes were received, of which: 284 yes, 5 no, 15 abstentions.

Recommendation 11

300 votes were received, of which: 265 yes, 27 no, 8 abstentions

Resolution 38

The Assembly voted to reflect on the role of the UIA Immediate Past President and Past Presidents. 300 votes were received, of which: 265 yes, 27 no, 8 abstentions.

Recommendation 12

304 votes were received, of which: 255 yes, 48 no, 1 abstention

Resolution 39

The Assembly voted to have at least two current TFG members included in the composition of the UIA TFG for the period 2023-2026 to ensure continuity and to build on the progress achieved by the TFG during 2021-2023. 300 votes were received, of which: 255 yes, 48 no, 1 abstention.

MOTIONS PRESENTED BY MEMBER SECTIONS

15.1 Motion presented by the Nordic Section

This item, originally scheduled on Saturday 8 July, was postponed to Sunday 9 July due to lack of time.

The Nordic Section, with the support of the Polish Section, presented the following motion for adoption:

All UIA Member Sections must within 90 days of the adoption of this motion sign the following confirmation of their commitment to the UIA Preamble adopted in Cairo, 1985. Failure to sign the preamble will count as resignation of membership.

The addendum to the UIA Preamble adopted in Cairo is as follows:

The Preamble can have meaning only in a world with peace among nations. The greatest obligation of governments in relation to humanity is the preservation of peace as the basis for realising the needs and ambitions of people throughout the world. Governments should stop production for war and use their resources for improvement of conditions for all humanity.

The Assembly held a long discussion on the suitability of the motion. Concerns were raised about the appropriateness of fixing a deadline for Member Sections to submit a written affirmation of their support of the UIA Preamble, and if the Secretariat did not receive such



affirmations by the specified date this would create an awkward situation. Moreover, it was reminded that all Member Sections adhere to the Preamble by virtue of their membership of the UIA. It was thus decided that only the delegations present in Copenhagen could be asked to reaffirm the Preamble; this would also give a more immediate and clear resolution. Hence, the following alternative motion was proposed to collectively reaffirm the commitment of all present during the General Assembly:

This Assembly pledges that all UIA Sections reaffirm their commitment to the UIA Preamble, including the 1985 Cairo and 2022 Madrid addendums.

A vote was held to determine whether to put this alternative motion up for adoption. 203 votes were received, of which 156 were yes and 46 were no. There was 1 abstention.

Resolution 40

The Assembly voted to present the motion ‘This Assembly pledges that all UIA Sections reaffirm their commitment to the UIA Preamble, including the 1985 Cairo and 2022 Madrid addendums’ for adoption. 203 votes were received, of which 156 were yes and 46 were no. There was 1 abstention.

The modified motion was presented to the Assembly for adoption. 220 votes were received, of which 186 were yes and 11 were no. There were 23 abstentions.

Resolution 41

The Assembly pledged that all UIA Sections reaffirm their commitment to the UIA Preamble, including the 1985 Cairo and 2022 Madrid addendums. 220 votes were received, of which 186 were yes and 11 were no. There were 23 abstentions.

At its 157th meeting held in Paris, France from 7-8 November 2023, the UIA Council was asked to approve the Resolutions of the General Assembly. Council members felt that Resolution 41, which was drafted collectively in response to the aforementioned deliberations, was not clear and did not convey the Assembly's decision to spontaneously reaffirm the commitment of the present delegations to the UIA Preamble. It should therefore be noted that the Council interprets the resolution's meaning as follows:

"The Assembly reaffirmed its commitment to the UIA Preamble."

ELECTION OF UIA BUREAU MEMBERS

T. Vonier tested the number of votes present in the room (311) and read aloud the regulations on voting. The scrutineers for the elections were Gaëtan Siew, Serban Tiganas and Fionnuala Rogerson. The two secretaries were Emily Webber and Claudia Da Silva from the UIA Secretariat. The entire process was supervised by Bruno Månsson from Paragraf Plus Lawyers (Denmark).

16.1 Statement and election of the President

T. Vonier read out the role of the President as defined in the statutes, and gave each candidate 5 minutes to address the Assembly. L. Cox was charged with keeping time.

T. Vonier reminded the Assembly that there were 311 votes in the room and called for the first round of voting.

There were 311 votes cast for the election of the President, with no invalid votes. A 50% + 1 majority thus required 157 votes.



The results of voting for the President were:

Ishtiaque Zahir Titas (Bangladesh): 28 votes, that is, 9%
Pei Ing Tan (Malaysia): 95 votes, that is, 30.5%
Tokunbo Omisore (Nigeria): 35 votes, that is, 11.3%
Yolanda Reyes (Philippines): 31 votes, that is, 10%
Jong Ruhl Han (Republic of Korea): 28 votes, that is, 9%
Regina Gonthier (Switzerland): 94 votes, that is, 30.2%

There were no abstentions.

No candidate having achieved a 50% + 1 majority, the two candidates with the most votes, Pei Ing Tan and Regina Gonthier, proceeded to a second round of voting.

There were 310 votes cast in the second round of the election of the President, with no invalid votes. A 50% + 1 majority thus required 156 votes.

The results of voting for the President were:

Pei Ing Tan (Malaysia): 151 votes, that is, 48.7%
Regina Gonthier (Switzerland): 159 votes, that is, 51.3%

There were no abstentions.

T. Vonier declared Regina Gonthier as elected to the post of UIA President.

16.2 Statement and election of the Secretary General

T. Vonier read out the role of the Secretary General as defined in Bylaw XIX of the UIA Articles and Bylaws. He gave each candidate 2 minutes to address the Assembly.

T. Vonier called for the first round of voting.

There were 309 votes cast for the election of the Secretary General, with no invalid votes. A 50% + 1 majority thus required 156 votes.

The results of voting for the Secretary General were:

Mohammed Munyanya (Kenya): 100 votes, that is, 32.4%
Rui Leão (Macau): 149 votes, that is, 48.2%
Istelianna Atanassova (Western Balkans): 60 votes, that is, 19.4%

There were no abstentions.

No candidate having achieved a 50% + 1 majority, the two candidates with the most votes, Mohammed Munyanya and Rui Leão, proceeded to a second round of voting.

There were 311 votes cast in the second round of the election of the Secretary General, with no invalid votes. A 50% + 1 majority thus required 157 votes.

The results of voting for the Secretary General were:

Mohammed Munyanya (Kenya): 125 votes, that is, 40.2%
Rui Leão (Macau): 183 votes, that is, 58.8%

There were 3 abstentions, that is, 1%.

T. Vonier declared Rui Leão as elected to the post of UIA Secretary General.

16.3 Statement and election of the Treasurer

T. Vonier read out the role of the Treasurer as defined in Bylaw XIX of the UIA Articles and Bylaws. He gave each candidate 2 minutes to address the Assembly.

T. Vonier called for the first round of voting.

There were 310 votes cast for the election of the Treasurer, with no invalid votes. A 50% + 1 majority thus required 156 votes.



The results of voting for the Treasurer were:

Pierre Sauveur (Belgium): 97 votes, that is, 31.3%

Seif Allah Alnaga (Egypt): 134 votes, that is, 43.2%

Itzhak Lipovetzky (Israel): 60 votes, that is, 19.4%

There were 2 abstentions.

No candidate having achieved a 50% + 1 majority, the two candidates with the most votes, Pierre Sauveur and Seif Allah Alnaga, proceeded to a second round of voting.

There were 308 votes cast in the second round of the election of the Treasurer, with no invalid votes. A 50% + 1 majority thus required 155 votes.

The results of voting for the Treasurer were:

Pierre Sauveur (Belgium): 122 votes, that is, 39.6%

Seif Allah Alnaga (Egypt): 185 votes, that is, 60.1%

There was 1 abstention, that is, 0.3%.

T. Vonier declared Seif Allah Alnaga as elected to the post of UIA Treasurer.

16.3 Statement and election of the Vice-Presidents

T. Vonier read out the role of the Vice-Presidents as defined in the Statutes, and gave each candidate 2 minutes to address the Assembly.

Region I

T. Vonier declared Teresa Táboas Veleiro (Spain) as elected unopposed to the post of Region I Vice-President.

Region II

Istelianna Atanassova (Western Balkans) informed that she had decided to withdraw her candidacy for the post of Vice-President.

T. Vonier declared Jerzy Grochulski (Poland) as elected unopposed to the post of Region II Vice-President.

Region III

A total of 309 votes were cast, with the results as follows:

Nivaldo Andrade (Brazil): 233 votes – 75.4%

Marco Antonio Vergara Vázquez (Mexico): 69 votes – 22.3%

There were 7 abstentions, that is, 2.3%. T. Vonier declared Nivaldo Andrade (Brazil) as elected to the post of Region III Vice-President.

Region IV

Ishtiaque Zahir Titas (Bangladesh) informed that he had decided to withdraw his candidacy for the post of Vice-President.

A total of 308 votes were cast, with the results as follows:

Li Zhang (China): 277 votes – 89.9%

Chamarthi Rajendra Raju (India): 11 votes – 3.6%

There were 20 abstentions, that is, 6.5%. T. Vonier declared Li Zhang (China) as elected to the post of Region IV Vice-President.

Region V



Narcisse Soglo (Benin) and Tokunbo Omisore (Nigeria) informed that they had decided to withdraw their candidacy for the post of Vice-President.

T. Vonier declared Vity Claude Nsalambi (Angola) as elected unopposed to the post of Region V Vice-President.

Resolution 42

The UIA Bureau for the triennial period 2023-2026 will be composed as follows:

President	Regina Gonthier (Switzerland)
Immediate Past President	José Luis Cortés (Mexico)
Secretary General	Rui Leão (Macau)
Treasurer	Seif Allah Alnaga (Egypt)
Vice-President Region I	Teresa Táboas Veleiro (Spain)
Vice-President Region II	Jerzy Grochulski (Poland)
Vice-President Region III	Nivaldo Andrade (Brazil)
Vice-President Region IV	Li Zhang (China)
Vice-President Region V	Vity Claude Nsalambi (Angola)

ELECTION OF UIA COUNCIL MEMBERS

T. Vonier read out the role of the members of Council.

Election results for Region I were as follows:

There were 4 candidates for the four Council seats available in Region I.

Austria: Daniel Fügenschuh (Katharina Fröch)

France: Lionel Dunet (Jean-François Caclin)

Italy: Lilia Cannarella (Diego Zoppi)

Nordic Countries: Paula Huotelin (Arja Lukin)

These four candidates were declared elected unopposed.

Election results for Region II were as follows:

There were 4 candidates for the four Council seats available in Region II.

Czechia: Oleg Haman (Milica Vujosevic)

Greece: Fani Vavili-Tsinika (Kyriakos Pipinis)

Hungary: László Mikó (Tibor Fátyol)

Turkey: Aysen Ciravoglu (Tonguc Akis)

These four candidates were declared elected unopposed.

Election results for Region III were as follows:



Colombia: Augusto Xavier Ballen Rey (Flavio Romero)

Mexico: Marco Antonio Vergara Vázquez (David Ignacio Rojas Escarrega)

Region III had only 2 valid candidacies for the four available posts. Election was automatic for these two candidates, and the two remaining seats were to be filled by the Council as soon as possible following the Assembly.

Election results for Region IV were as follows:

There were 4 candidates for the four available seats in Region IV.

Australia: Richard Kirk

Japan: George Kunihiro (Sumito Takashina)

India: Debatosh Sahu (Vilas Avachat)

Republic of Korea: Young-Keun Han (Gibson Rhie)

These four candidates were declared elected unopposed.

Election results for Region V were as follows:

There were seven candidates for the four available seats in Region.

Benin: Narcisse Soglo (Michel Rodrigues Sama), received 115 votes

Chad: Hayatte Ndiaye (Golnodji Ngoniri), received 193 votes

Egypt: Iman Gawad (Naila Toulan), received 156 votes

Kenya: Mugure Njendu (Wislon Mugambi), received 179 votes

Morocco: Chakib Benabdellah (Soufiane Benajiba), received 137 votes

Tunisia: Mohamed Sahby Gorgi (Leyla Ben Jeddou), received 203 votes

Uganda: Jacinta Bishanga Kabarungi (Daniel Musana), received 161 votes

The candidates receiving the least number of votes were eliminated and the four remaining candidates were elected.

Resolution 43

The UIA Council Members for the period of the 2023-2026 triennial period are as follow:

Region I Council Member

Daniel Fügenschuh (*Katharina Frösch*)

Lionel Dunet (*Jean-François Caclin*)

Lilia Cannarella (*Diego Zoppi*)

Paula Huotelin (*Arja Lukin*)

Home Country

Austria

France

Italy

Nordic Section

Region II Council Member

Oleg Haman (*Milica Vujosevic*)

László Mikó (*Tibor Fátyol*)

Fani Vavili-Tsinika (*Kyriakos Pipinis*)

Aysen Ciravoglu (*Tonguc Akis*)

Home Country

Czechia

Hungary

Greece

Turkey

Region III Council Member

Augusto Ballen Rey (*Flavio Freiri*)

Marco Antonio Vergara Vázquez (*David Rojas*)

Home Country

Colombia

Mexico

Region IV Council Member

Richard Kirk (*Jamileh Jahangiri*)*

Debatosh Sahu (*Vilas Avachat*)*

George Kunihiro (*Sumito Takashina*)

Young-Keun Han (*Gibson Rhie*)*

Home Country

Australia

India

Japan

Republic of Korea



Region V Council Member	Home Country
Hayatte Ndiaye (<i>Golnodji Ngoniri</i>)	Chad
Mugure Njendu (<i>Wislon Mugambi</i>)	Kenya
Mohamed Sahby Gorgi (<i>Leyla Ben Jeddou</i>)	Tunisia
Jacinta Bishanga Kabarungi (<i>Daniel Musana</i>)	Uganda

*Alternates nominated after elections

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE UIA CONGRESS, COPENHAGEN 2023

N. Mossin, President of the Congress, made a brief report on its results. She informed that the event had welcomed a total of 6,000 participants from 135 countries, and that 500 speakers had contributed to 150 informative sessions. She highlighted that the keynote sessions will be made available online. The Congress concluded with the publication of the Copenhagen Lessons, which summarise the focus of the event as a whole and challenge architects to practise what they have learnt.

Following a long round of applause, J.L. Cortés expressed the UIA's thanks to the organising team for this fantastic Congress.

Resolution 44

The Assembly received and noted the report on the Copenhagen Congress.

REPORT ON UNESCO-UIA WORLD CAPITAL OF ARCHITECTURE, COPENHAGEN 2023

In the absence of a representative of the City of Copenhagen, N. Mossin presented the report on the UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture. In total, more than 400 events targeted at a wide variety of audiences have been organised across the year. The celebration of Open House in March 2023 was particularly well-attended and successful, as many of the buildings involved had never before been open to the public. It will hopefully become an annual event in the future. Another highlight of the year was the Copenhagen Picnic on 11 June, which was attended by 3000 people from 10 different neighbourhoods. Lastly, the SDG pavilions constructed for the World Congress are engaging both visitors and locals in the dialogue about sustainable urban development and architecture. N. Mossin ended with the powerful impact of the World Capital of Architecture nomination, which has united architects and the municipality and created an innovative network of passionate professionals working in the city.

Resolution 45

The Assembly received and noted the report on the UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture in Copenhagen.

REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE UIA CONGRESS, BARCELONA 2026

Teresa Táboas, the newly-elected Vice-President of Region I, introduced the presentation and her colleagues, Marta Vall-Ilosera (President of the Consejo Superior de los Colegios de Arquitectos de España) and Guim Costa (President of the Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya). They showed a promotional video for the Congress and highlighted that it would be held from 28 June to 2 July.



On behalf of the UIA and all delegates, J.L. Cortés thanked the Barcelona Congress organisers for their presentation.

Resolution 46

The Assembly received and noted the report on preparations for the Barcelona Congress.

REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE UIA INTERNATIONAL FORUM, KUALA LUMPUR 2024

E. Harzani, Convenor of the UIA 2024 International Forum, informed that the event will be held from 15-19 November 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and is expected to welcome more than 3,000 participants. The chosen theme is ‘Diversecity’, a title which seeks to encapsulate the promotion of diversified communities in rapidly expanding urban spaces. E. Harzani explained that three sub-themes have been established in order to explore the title from all its various angles: Culture and Heritage, Density and Sustainable Growth, and Equity and Ecology. He announced that the open call for paper submissions was launched on 1 July, and that the deadline for abstracts is 31 October. He invited all delegates and members of their respective organisations to contribute papers on the ‘Diversecity’ theme. He next presented a list of the speakers who are already confirmed for the event, emphasising that the list will be updated as more speakers are invited. E. Harzani concluded by presenting some logistical information, including about the Forum venue, surrounding facilities, planned side events and tours, and Forum exhibitions. He highlighted that more information is available on the official Forum website.

Resolution 47

The Assembly received and noted the report on preparations for the Kuala Lumpur Forum.

PRESENTATION BY CANDIDATE FOR 2029 UIA CONGRESS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The only Section who was candidate for the organisation of the 2029 events gave an audio-visual presentation. Representatives from the Architectural Society of China presented their candidacy to host the 2029 UIA Congress in Beijing with the theme ‘Back to Balance’. They explained that the event would examine how architecture can contribute to creating a balance between the human and the natural, humans and technology, and between humans themselves.

On behalf of the UIA and all delegates, José Luis Cortés thanked China for this wonderful presentation.

Resolution 48

The Assembly approved the nomination of Beijing as host city for the 2029 UIA World Congress of Architects and General Assembly.

PRESIDENT’S THANKS TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AT THE END OF HIS MANDATE

J.L. Cortés thanked all members of the Bureau and Council that had worked with him over this triennium, as well as the Secretariat. He also expressed his thanks to the Sections, especially to the French CNOA for housing the UIA Secretariat and the FCARM for supporting his presidency.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sudan by Hayder Ali

Hayder Ali (Sudan), Past Vice-President of Region V (2014-2017) addressed the General Assembly on the subject of the war in Sudan and the devastating impact it has had on infrastructure and national heritage buildings. He explained that essential infrastructure and symbolic architecture had been purposefully targeted and destroyed by both sides.

The General Assembly expressed its support for Hayder Ali and the challenges facing Sudanese architects through extended applause upon the conclusion of his speech.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

J.L. Cortés stated that the Copenhagen Congress and General Assembly had been a resounding success. He regretted not having more time to attend all Congress events, but explained that he looked forward to taking home the documents and catching up on all he had missed.

He also thanked all the delegates present, the interpreters and all members of the Danish Association of Architects (DAA) who had helped with the running of the Assembly. Lastly, he thanked the UIA Secretariat for their hard work.

HANDING OVER TO THE NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCIL

J.L. Cortés relinquished the UIA presidential medal, handing it over to his successor, Regina Gonthier. He wished her and all the newly-elected Council every success in the new triennium and reiterated his commitment to continue to serve the UIA as Immediate Past President.

Regina Gonthier reminded the Assembly that the UIA was founded to unite architects across political, economic and aesthetic frontiers, establishing relations of friendship, understanding and mutual esteem. She highlighted that the challenge in today's context is not only to unite, but also to affront problems such as the climate crisis, natural disasters, war, discrimination and inequality. In reality, the UIA is a small organisation with many tasks and limited means, relying on volunteer work to achieve its aims. Despite being a recognised partner of the United Nations, it has not yet developed its own voice; she committed to help consolidate competent professional positions in order to achieve the recognition of architecture as a discipline of public interest, which she explained is a key condition to the enablement of the profession to assume its responsibilities. As President, she explained that she would guide the UIA in a spirit of collegiality. She concluded by presenting her main priorities as rebooting the UIA and ensuring its future, implementing a more transparent and collegial governance, following and surveying the evolution of the profession and contributing with architectural expertise.

CLOSE

J.L. Cortés declared the 29th General Assembly of the International Union of Architects closed.