



XXIX UIA General Assembly
Copenhagen (Denmark) : 6-9 July 2023

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE XXIX UIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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.

Resolution 1

The Assembly adopted the agenda.

Resolution 2

The Assembly ratified the admission or readmission of the following organisations as UIA Member Sections:

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

Resolution 3

The Assembly ratified the expulsion of the following organisation:
Colegio de Arquitectos de Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico)

Resolution 4

The Assembly ratified the resignation of the following organisations:
Namibia Institute of Architects (Namibia)
Singapore Institute of Architects (Singapore)

Resolution 5

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

Resolution 6

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

Resolution 7

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

Resolution 8

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

Resolution 9

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

Resolution 10

The Assembly ratified the financial statements 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.

Resolution 12

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

Resolution 13

The Assembly noted the recommendations mentioned by the Finance Committee member L. Cannarella and the Financial Committee report made by the Treasurer, Seif Alnaga.

Resolution 14

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

Resolution 15

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

Resolution 16

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

Resolution 17

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

Resolution 18

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

Resolution 19

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

Resolution 20

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

Resolution 21

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

Resolution 22

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

Resolution 23

The Assembly received and noted Pei Ing Tan's report on the UIA Work Programmes.

Resolution 24

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

Resolution 25

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

Resolution 26

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

Resolution 27

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

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.

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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 304 votes were received, of which: 255 yes, 48 no, 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 yes, 46 no, 1 abstention.

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 yes, 11 no, 23 abstentions.

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)

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 Fröch*)
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

Hayatte Ndiaye (*Golnodji Ngoniri*)
Mugure Njendu (*Wislon Mugambi*)
Mohamed Sahby Gorgi (*Leyla Ben Jeddou*)
Jacinta Bishanga Kabarungi (*Daniel Musana*)

Home Country

Chad
Kenya
Tunisia
Uganda

*Alternates nominated after elections

Resolution 44

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

Resolution 45

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

Resolution 46

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

Resolution 47

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

Resolution 48

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