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IFLA-AFRICA A New Year's message from the President

Another day, another year.... 2018 has flown by in a rush and it's hard to believe that it's already over!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our National Associations in Africa, as well as the IFLA World ExCo for their support since I took over as President from Tunji Adejumo in November 2017. I would also look to thank our regional ExCo for a year of hard work with some promising results. Of course we still have a long way to go, and the 6th IFLA Africa Symposium will be upon us in a flash.

As you know if you have been following our news over the past year, education and recognition of the profession is one of our priorities, set in the context of climate change and improved communication.

Our Education committee headed by Carolyne Wanza has put together a very useful synopsis of landscape architecture programmes offered in Africa including their history and the number of students involved. This is a great basis for seeing what we have and where we need to go. She presented it at the ASLA conference in October this year and IFLA Africa will shortly be publishing the document for reference of interested parties. Of course, the IFLA project for accreditation is vital for our institutions to ensure that the standards of the profession are upheld in Africa as in other developing countries.

I am particularly pleased at the output of our IFLA Africa newsletter which is the result of the hard work of the IFLA Africa CER committee headed by Kharbal Kaltho who has laboured tirelessly to respect regular deadlines, survived computer crashes and come up with alternatives when contributors failed to provide content on time. A very big thank you!

Other highlights of the past year have been the IFLA World Congress in Singapore where it was great to meet so many of our Kenyan members. The ILASA Conference in South Africa was also a great opportunity to catch up with the South African contingent in such beautiful surroundings. The AAPME Awards which were co-chaired by IFLA Africa, IFLA Asia-Pacific and IFLA Middle East were an excellent opportunity to show-case some of the great work that is happening on the continent. Special thanks to Damian Tang, SILA and the IFLA APR for having so generously taken the lead in organising and financing the awards.

Looking forward to next year, please save the date now for our 6th IFLA Africa Symposium to be held in Tunis on the 11th and 12th October 2019 under the theme Landscape, Landscape Architects and Sustainable Cities – Education and Practice.

If all goes to plan, next year will also see the launch of the African Landscape Convention, the approval of the Constitution and Bylaws for formalisation of the African chapter of IFLA and the addition of some new member countries to our ranks.

With that to look forward to, all that remains is for me to wish you a most blessed festive season and all best wishes for a happy, healthy and green New Year 2019.

Highlights From IFLA AAPME Wards 2018 Resilience By Design Competition



IFLA Africa President Carey Duncan receiving her certificate of thanks for being on the jury of the IFIA AAPME awards, from Damian Tang, IFLA APR President





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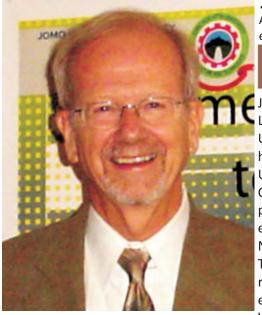
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Taylor was active in the profession serving as president of the CSLA from 1978-80. He joined the faculty of Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph in 1984 and was Chair from 1993-99. He is a fellow of the CSLA, the ASLA and CELA.

Jim has been active internationally as a member of the IFLA Executive Committee and as chair of a task force for developing the IFLA African Region. He remains active in an advisory capacity. In 2008, Jim was recipient of the ASLA Presidents Medal for his contribution to the profession in Africa and Latin America. His book, *The Practice of Landscape Architecture in Canada*, is widely used as a resource for students and practitioners. He currently is active as a volunteer in his community including as founder and current president of Trees for Guelph.



James Taylor with a delegation of SLAN's founding members at a courtesy visit to the Emir of Zazzau (Zaria) Dr shehu Idris at his Palace in 2009.







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