



Symposium Africain du Paysage et de l'environnement held last July 2017 at La Fondation Mohamed VI
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Created in 2010, the Association of Landscape Architects of Morocco (AAPM) is among the youngest associations in Africa.

As an essential actor in the construction of the built environment, founded in the living environment, the Association continues its substantive work on raising awareness of the role of the landscape architect, especially in the systematic application of the principles of eco-design. The human / nature symbiosis is embodied in the DNA of this profession, enabling it to promote best practice so that our Moroccan constitutional right to a healthy and adapted environment becomes a daily reality for every citizen.

Since our creation, we have been dealing with the same issues faced by most of our colleagues on the African continent. Among the many challenges our profession has to face: we continue to strive for the recognition of the profession of landscape architecture in Morocco. In this, we appreciate the support that the wider IFLA community brings us through the network of international experience, and particularly that of our African peers. Last year we hosted a major event - the "Symposium Africain du Paysage et de l'Environnement" (SAPE). This event has been for us a major achievement to tie in together our hope for the development of our profession in the African continent.

The 5th edition of the SAPE (5th IFLA Africa Sympopsium), which opened under the High Patronage of His Majesty the King Mohamed VI, proves yet again the will that the Kingdom of Morocco has to contribute to the continent in the future requirements of this profession. We aim to consolidate the initiated momentum to keep landscape architecture on the national agenda, and to reaffirm with conviction that landscape architects are part of the solution to the challenges of our societies! There is a relative lack of knowledge on the specific features of the landscape architect's profession, and therefore a lack of awareness of these true potentialities.

The challenge of becoming a fully recognized profession in our countries is directly linked to our capacity for creating a recognized school of landscape architecture. Since 2016, our association has been working on convincing schools and universities to create such programs which led to the creation of one full program that has the potential to become recognized internationally, and another school that has a program and which is ready to upgrade it towards the specific



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The profession is already structured and organized in the world. To go further, particularly in Africa, and consolidate the momentum, we must move on to the crucial stage of institutional and legislative support, thus strengthening the credibility of the actors and promoting their effective regulation. The support of IFLA in gaining institutional support is a valued role that we are happy to claim ownership of and we are glad to have IFLA through IFLA Africa help us to materialize this ambition.

We are particularly pleased to see initiatives from students such as AMEAP (Association Marocaine des Élèves Ingénieurs en Architecture du Paysage), created by the students themselves in order to become part of the evolution of their education. Initiatives such as these all help to raise the visibility of the profession. AAPM thoroughly supports such movements and we know that IFLA Africa does too.

I also wish our new IFLA Africa President, Duncan Carey, fellow member of the AAPM and former AAPM Delegate, a great mandate, which I am sure, will be full of accomplishments. For the next two years, we hope to coordinate our effort to move forward with two of our most important objectives and challenges within our association: creating a recognized program and to get legal recognition within our country. I believe that the capacity to achieve these challenges is by working as a united group at least within our Continent. Schools of landscape architecture shouldn't face any boundary and all of the potential students should be able to move from one country to the other. IFLA itself, with all of its capacity should play an important role of reinforcing those exchanges. The strategies for achieving these goals must be coordinated across borders, basing them on the experience of those that are more advanced and helping those behind to catch-up.

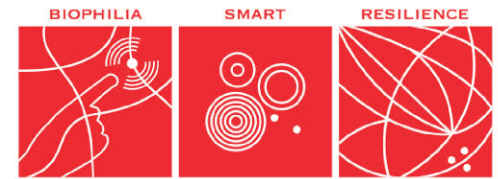
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AAPM Président



Akram El Harraqui, AAPM Président introducing the Symposium Africa event.



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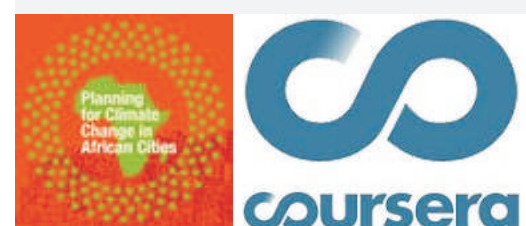


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13 & 14 August 2018
Champagne Sports Resort, Drakensberg

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Landscape, medium for Connectivity

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



Planning for Climate Change in African Cities
<https://www.coursera.org/learn/climate-change-africa>

NEWS FROM EXCO



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This month's ExCo news come from IFLA Africa Chair, Education and Academic Affairs Committee **Carolyn Wanza**

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Landscape Architecture is a discipline that encompasses many sub-disciplines ranging from training to planning. It has over the years gained popularity among practitioners in Europe and The Americas. In Africa, the profession dates back to early 1960s when the Institute of Landscape Architects of South Africa (ILASA) was founded.

It has since spread to other parts of Africa with training institutions in Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia, with IFLA Africa being the umbrella under which member states associate with.

Although still teething, training in landscape architecture within the continent is slowly but steadily finding its way to all the corners of the continent. The current IFLA Africa leadership is working on having a standardized training and accreditation process that hopes to see training in institutions within the continent homogenized with those of IFLA World. This will apply to both existing and upcoming programs.

It is our hope that the current leadership will soar training and practice of the profession in Africa to greater heights. We look forward to resonating with the rest of the Landscape Architects (and associated professionals) in other continents as we encourage participation through collaborative and exchange programs. Spreading our rich and diverse cultures will be the principle in linking training and practice as we solve emerging landscape matters.

African winners of the IFLA-AAPME regional awards co-chaired by the presidents of IFLA Africa, IFLA Asia-Pacific and IFLA Middle East.

Analysis and Master planning

Crossways farm village
Eastern Cape
South Africa
CMAI Architects

Outstanding award

Social and Community Health

Baia de Luanda Waterfront Requalification
Luanda
Angola
LandPlan

Award of Excellence

Flood and Water Management

The Towers at Merriman Plaza
Cape Town
South Africa
Square One Landscape architects

Honorable Mention

Wildlife, Biodiversity and Habitat Advancement or Creation

Thesen Islands
Eastern Cape
South Africa
CMAI Architects

Award of Excellence

Savannah Circle
Kenya
Chincoi Company LTD

Honorable Mention



Dear Friends of South Africa,

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

The 12th AUA Congress will bring together architects, planners, researchers, policy makers, finance institutions and legal experts amongst other to discuss matters related to Research and innovation, Investment, Sustainability and Empowerment for the African continent.

Registration to the congress is now open through the following link:

<https://www.auacongress.org/register>

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

We look forward to welcoming you in Mauritius !

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