REPORT FROM IFLA AFRICA
PRIORITIES 2017-2019

EDUCATION AND RECOGNITION
- ACCREDITATION OF AFRICAN CURRICULA
- RECOGNITION OF THE PROFESSION IN ALL COUNTRIES

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION
- Between IFLA and the national associations
- Between individual landscape architects
- About the landscape
Constitution and bylaws

• Circulated for comment in February 2019

• Final draft issued in June 2019

• Presented for approval at the current World Council

• Will be registered in South Africa once approved by the WC
Education and recognition

Thanks to IFLA APR region and to ILASA (South Africa) for their input

- Sets out standards
- Sets out a procedure for recognition of university programmes
- A fairly nimble document that we hope to put to the test soon once it has been formally adopted at the 6th IFLA Africa Symposium in Tunis
- Two systems of education in Africa: anglo saxon with its BSc and Masters structure and French system of « grandes ecoles »)
Capacity building

• Rely on IFLA World support

• Education is central to IFLA’s mission and to achieve the IFLA Strategic goal “to advance education in landscape architecture globally, especially in developing countries”

• The IFLA Education Capacity Building Working Group is really important to us focussing on:
  • Education Capacity Building,
  • Continuing Education and
  • Research
IFLA AFRICA Landscape Convention

Draft widely circulated for comment

Ready for formal adoption at the 6th IFLA Africa Symposium
Ethiopia, Kenya and Nigeria made presentations at the first IGC meeting held in Redlands CA, USA.

The organisers have shown interest in the participation of African universities.

The Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) and the Geodesign Hub have pledged support in terms of online resources and tutorials and free software to any participating university in Africa.
Communications

Has gone from a paper/PDF

• Monthly newsletter

To a Web-based newsletter on MailChimp

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Mr Eamon O’Rourke
President,

After more than 30 years the role of the landscape architect is well understood in the private sector among property developers. However, within a transformed government, awareness of the profession is limited to non-existent and a new effort is required to promote the profession. This leads to the next phase in the evolution of promoting and preparing the profession of landscape architecture. It necessitates two areas of focus, one of collaboration with allied disciplines and secondly of internal transformation.

Instead of differentiating its role, the profession must now promote it to its peers in the built environment and green industry how it forms an essential part of an integrated design approach. One of working with other professionals and allied landscape practitioners; from contracting, maintenance, irrigation, plant cultivation, ecological sciences and land rehabilitation disciplines. Opportunities are starting to emerge where the landscape architect is the project leader of these integrated design teams. As an example, with the growing understanding among government departments of the benefits of green infrastructure, a window of opportunity is opening for landscape architects to lead these projects. To capitalize on this opportunity landscape architects need to acquire new skills and form new partnerships with allied built environment and green industry professionals.
"African Renaissance : A continent on the rise!"

- Hitesh Mehta
- Anthony Wain
- Carolyne Wanza

THE FIRST black African female Landscape Architect to present at the ASLA Conference and when introduced, received an ovation that lasted 10-15 seconds!
Growing IFLA AFRICA:

Concretized one new application:
• Application received from Botswana and recommended for approval

Others in progress:
• Ethiopia is due to submit a membership application
• Enquiries from Egypt
• Enquiries from Ghana
• Interest from Cameroon, Gabon, Namibia

Problem of recognition and what is a landscape architect remains a challenge.
Graduates are often from Environmental management, Coastal planning... backgrounds working in the landscape field.
The African Landscape Network Initiative

SUMMARY

1. Landscape Programmes (Polygon/point)

Online map-based DATABASE

2. List of Individuals, and organisations

Facilitate platform for COLLABORATION

Awareness
Access to information
Transparency

Protection of the African Cultural Landscape

ICOMOS

ILASA

Promote the adoption of the African Landscape Charter

Collaborative effort to support Sustainable Development Goals in Africa

Problem Statement:
Loss of Natural and Cultural landscapes. Lack of understanding of importance of the African Cultural Landscape. Silo works, lack of collaboration

Vision:
By establishing transparency and connection in landscape programmes it enables value, and collaboration in the African Cultural Landscape for the protection thereof.

Mission:
To create an online map database showcasing projects and people in the African landscape. (Slide 3)
Finances and Governance

• The reputation and support of IFLA has been more important for most of us in Africa than financial considerations

• Consolidated a solid base Constitution and Bylaws

• Continue on a consensus basis in terms of the Abuja conference decision, for a max of 2 years until IFLA Africa is legally registered, and then hold elections in terms of the Constitution

• Start raising money and building capacity

• Set in place a sponsorship strategy based on the IFLA World strategy
THANKS

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Invitation

6th IFLA AFRICA SYMPOSIUM

Tunis, 11th -12th October 2019
«Landscape, Landscape Architects and Sustainable Cities»
Great line up of speakers:

Gareth Doherty

Gareth Doherty is Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture and Director of the Master in Landscape Architecture Program at Harvard University Graduate School of Design. Doherty’s research and teaching focus on the intersections between landscape architecture and anthropology. Doherty’s recent research projects have centered on landscape-related practices at various sites across the postcolonial and Islamic worlds, specifically in the Arabian peninsula, West Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean.
Great line up of speakers:

Pierre Donadieu

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Thea Standerski est architecte paysagiste et éducatrice artistique; elle a obtenu son diplôme de mastère à l'Université de Sao Paulo avec un mémoire intitulé: «Youth Winds over the Landscape», qui traitait de la participation des jeunes à la conception d'espaces publics.

Elle a travaillé au département des parcs de Sao Paulo pendant 5 ans. Actuellement, elle développe un projet avec une école publique à Sao Paulo au sein du LabPArC (laboratoire de recherche sur les paysages, les arts et la culture) de l'École d'architecture et d'urbanisme de l'Université de Sao Paulo, au Brésil.
M. Mehta, citoyen kenyan, a trente ans d'expérience, il est considéré comme l'une des plus importantes autorités, praticien et chercheur du monde en matière de tourisme durable. C'est un designer multi-international primé avec des prix en architecture de paysage, planification, architecture, design urbain, rédaction et publication, et design d'intérieur.


Great line up of speakers:

Caroline Wanza

Caroline est associée principale chez Ecoarch Solutions Limited, une firme d'architecture paysagère de conception et de construction de premier plan basée à Nairobi, avec une forte présence dans la région de l'Afrique de l'Est. Elle est également chargée de cours, chercheuse et coordinatrice industrielle à l'Université d'agriculture et de technologie Jomo Kenyatta (JKUAT), département d'architecture paysagère, où elle prépare actuellement son doctorat en planification et conservation du paysage. Mme Caroline est membre du comité de la Fédération internationale des architectes paysagistes pour l'Afrique et actuellement de l'Architectural Association of Kenya - Chapter Architects.
MOTION TO VOTE

That the WC approve the IFLA Africa Constitution and Bylaws, and thereby give IFLA Africa the go-ahead to make any minor administrative changes following legal advice, in order to register in South Africa.
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

SEE YOU IN TUNIS!