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WELCOME TO IFLA 2023



Dear participants,

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to our first-ever bilateral IFLA World Congress! Whether you are joining us in Nairobi, Stockholm, or virtually, we embrace the spirit of flexibility and inclusivity to ensure that all voices are heard in the global dialogue of landscape architecture.

The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) has a rich history dating back to the early 20th century. In 1948, visionaries from national landscape architecture associations convened in Cambridge, England, during the International Conference on Landscape Architecture. It was there that the seeds of an international organisation dedicated to promoting landscape architecture on a global scale were sown. Thus, the In-

ternational Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) was formally established in 1948 in Cambridge, with Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe as its pioneering president. In its formative years, IFLA focused on fostering communication and cooperation among national landscape architecture associations, promoting the profession, and facilitating the exchange of knowledge and experiences among professionals across borders. The IFLA World Congress swiftly emerged as a powerful platform for landscape architects to convene, share research, showcase projects, and deliberate on emerging trends and challenges.

IFLA has played an integral role in advocating for landscape architecture as a profession and championing sustainable development principles. Despite the profound changes that have unfolded over the past 75 years, IFLA remains steadfast as a hub for professional collaboration, knowledge sharing, and advocacy, championing the cause of landscape architecture. Our role in shaping sustainable and resilient environments remains as crucial as ever. Landscape architects worldwide continue to confront shared challenges from globalisation, urbanisation, sustainability, climate change, health, social justice, and the recent global pandemic. These pressing issues call for a united vision to protect and nurture our natural and built environments.

As the only international non-governmental organisation representing landscape architects globally, it is imperative that we collectively expand our knowledge and experiences. It is opportune to remind readers that we are not a small profession. IFLA is the body that represents 80 member associations and more than 50,000 landscape architects worldwide; however, according to the International Labour Organization, more than 1 million landscape architects exist worldwide. Raising awareness of our profession and bridging the gap with non-members is a shared mission. Our mission is to promote the landscape architecture profession within a collaborative partnership of the allied built-environment professions, demanding the highest standards of education, training, research and professional practice and providing leadership and stewardship in all matters. As a global federation, our allies are international bodies like the United Nations, UNESCO, ICOMOS, FAO, IUCN, and WHO, as well as allied built environment bodies like UIA, ISOCARP, IFHP, and WFEO, among many others, where our expertise is required around the table to strategise about the future of our planet.

Landscape architects practice a discipline rooted in holistic thinking. We understand the natural environment, the built environment, and the interface between them. And we are prepared to take leadership in shaping outdoor spaces and framing public awareness about them. To do this, we need a strong IFLA that helps promote the profession and expand educational standards so we can train the future generation of landscape architects and facilitate professional development, standards and recognition worldwide. This is a time in human history when landscape architecture has so-

mething important to say, and we must be heard.

In this context, the 2023 IFLA World Council and Congress in Nairobi (Kenya) and Stockholm (Sweden) is an important milestone to discuss the future of the profession and the organisation. Landscape architects from every corner of the globe will convene in Nairobi and Stockholm to discuss how pivotal the profession is in shaping a prosperous future characterised by resilience, transformation and long-term sustainability. By understanding different contexts locally and acting globally, we can tackle climate action, protect biodiversity, enhance ecosystems, promote health and well-being, support community participation, embrace technology and evidence-based design, improve food security, design resilient landscapes, and incorporate Indigenous knowledge and traditional practices with innovative solutions in mind. Landscape architects and organisations like IFLA must take a stand and work collectively to address these challenges, ensuring a better and more sustainable future for all.

I eagerly anticipate our gathering in Nairobi and Stockholm and the enriching discussions that will undoubtedly ensue!

Warm regards,

DR BRUNO MARQUES
PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (IFLA)



A joint, bilateral IFLA World Congress in 2023 makes the world a little smaller, so that we humans may become closer to each other. Five years ago, when Architects Sweden's Landscape Architect Chapter proposed that our association, together with the Architectural Association of Kenya, AAK, should host the first ever bilateral IFLA congress, we saw the great possibility of reaching more people by holding the event on two continents, as it makes it easier to travel to the conference from different parts of the world.

The collaboration between AAK and Architects Sweden ahead of IFLA 2023 has lasted for five years and has formed strong bonds of cooperation and trust. Following the theme "Emergent Interaction" we hope that the world continues to grow even after the congress.

While the IFLA World Congress 2023 is approaching, and we are preparing to welcome colleagues from all over the world, parts of the Nordic region are experiencing the unwanted consequences of flooding and erosion. At the same

time, fires and floods are ravaging other parts of Europe and the world. We cannot help but be reminded of one of IFLA's main purposes; to work together, through networking between practitioners, researchers, and elected representatives to create a better society for everyone! A society where social injustices, loss of biodiversity, and lack of equality are overcome with courage, creativity, and empathy!

Sweden and Kenya have different geographical, climatic, and political conditions, but the challenges are the same on both continents: Fight climate change and work with ecological sustainability. Protect and build more public places to support democracy and increase social sustainability. Both challenges are about creating sustainable urban development, as well as carefully developing the countryside, without predatory exploitation.

Organizing a worldwide congress for researching and practicing landscape architects and related professions is no easy walk. Doing it on two continents at the same time requires even more. I would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone who works with IFLA 2023 and especially to the project managers, Ruth Wanjiku at AAK and Johanna Good and Pia Jonsson at Architects Sweden. The world has too many pressing problems for us to continue to uphold the status quo. IFLA 2023 shines a light on climate change, the threat to biodiversity and the lack of equality - and how we can turn development in the right direction.

Warm welcome!

EMINA KOVACIC
PRESIDENT, ARCHITECTS SWEDEN



It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) World Congress in Nairobi, Stockholm and online on 28-29 September 2023. We are honoured to co-host this congress with our colleagues from Sweden and look forward to an exciting and interactive congress for all delegates and partners as some of the sessions will be combined.

The theme of this year's congress is "EMERGENT INTERACTION" and which aims to strengthen landscape architecture in relation to Agenda 2030 through exploring new forms of collective problem solving, borderless strategies and possible networks of ideas and cooperation while at the same time keeping the issues of climate change, social inequality and biodiversity- loss at the forefront of the congress.

We have lined up 3 sub themes:

1. Leave no one behind; Inclusion and social justice are important dimensions in sustainable and equitable development.

2. Act local, think global; the interdependencies between the local and global complex networks and how they are played out in practice.
3. Beyond borders; approaches to environmental challenges across geographical zones, borders, professional disciplines and culture.

We have invited a set of influential keynote speakers, breakout sessions and professional tours to ensure you get a world class experience.

This World Congress will be an opportunity to promote learning and collaboration among built environment professionals to find solutions to the major global challenges.

Come and enjoy the unique and welcoming city of Nairobi, which relates very closely to the Congress theme, with rapid urbanization, dealing with climate change, and adequate housing as priority issues. You will also find a fine city with friendly people and very interesting places to visit, including the museums and a national park within the city.

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indigenous pioneer species and local materials, as well as the necessary training of the local staff.

In these presentation we will show the strategy used to adapt these techniques to situations as different as those mentioned above with concrete examples such as those carried out in Brazil (ten years old) or more recently in Burundi in collaboration with Unagri.

Keywords

Ecological Restoration, EFIB

Contributions of Landscape Architecture to metabolic approaches: an evidence-based inquiry

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Biography:

Sareh Moosavi is a post-doctoral research fellow with funding from National Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS, in Belgium. Her research focuses on innovative approaches in landscape architecture to tackle climate change through resource sensitive design. She investigate the synergies between practice, policy and education to prepare designers for complex future challenges.

In the quest for alternative approaches to managing resources to tackle climate change, the concept of Urban Metabolism (UM) is increasingly becoming relevant to planning and designing green-blue infrastructure in cities. Through a metabolic lens, landscapes and territories are studied as connected open systems or organisms with a metabolism resulting from the interactions between anthropogenic and natural systems. While UM assessment approaches are not widely used by landscape architects, the principles underlying UM is often embedded in systems design thinking. Emerging studies have focused on the need for material-energy flow accounting in spatial planning and design. However, the contributions of design and design practice to UM theory are not fully explored. This research aims to unfold the multilevel contributions of landscape design practice to expanding the UM metaphor, where spatial-temporal aspects interact with social dimensions of distribution and use of resources and their underlying infrastructure.

An analytical framework was developed through the review of literature on UM and landscape/design. This framework was used to examine three case studies in Belgium, where, from the perspectives of the interviewed designers, principles of metabolic thinking in line with sustainability targets were adopted to create resource-sensitive outcomes.

Three projects with different scales and scopes were analysed. 1) Large: Wonderwoud near Gent (regeneration of an old airport runway); 2) Medium: Cimenterie Delwart near Tournai (renewal of a former cement factory and open spaces into mixed-use development)., and 3) Small: Church Garden in Weteren (a new neighbourhood green space built at the footprint of an old building).

Results show that the incorporation of metabolic principles in projects is highly

linked to the scale and initial design ambitions. Project briefs in large scale public projects often include minimum sustainability targets. Nevertheless, this allows designers to leverage resource efficiency and circularity in designs and advocate for higher standards. Smaller private projects, on the other hand, require a proactive approach from designers to push for sustainability agendas through evidence, negotiation and communication with the clients. Key metabolic approaches used by designers in the selected projects are discussed in-depth, and contributions of design and design thinking to UM is highlighted.

Keywords

Metabolism; Resources; Practice

Nature-based solutions: Addressing biodiversity and climate challenges in urban areas.

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BACKGROUND

55 percent of the global population currently lives in urban areas¹. Globally, the rate of urbanization has been increasing rapidly, resulting in increased pressure on urban landscapes and creating complex challenges such as biodiversity loss, climate change, and urban pollution. Currently, over 75 percent of earth's habitable land has been degraded with an expected increase if business proceeds as usual². This calls for synergies and knowledge sharing amongst urban practitioners in developing tools and methodologies to regenerate, protect and enhance urban landscapes. Nature-based solutions (NbS) are increasingly recognized as a critical tool for promoting sustainable development, addressing global environmental challenges, and providing socio-economic co-benefits³.

THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

UN-Habitat seeks to facilitate a roundtable discussion on the integration of NbS in urban and territorial planning to address biodiversity loss and climate change. The discussion will focus on a series of playbooks, developed by UN Habitat promoting the integration of NbS to address climate change and biodiversity loss issues in urban areas. The playbooks provide a practical, action-oriented roadmap to help cities prioritize, plan for, design and effectively integrate NbS when planning for cities and urban regions, following an incremental approach from site to regional level.

OBJECTIVES

The discussion seeks to promote conversations on NbS amongst urban professionals, enabling the team to disseminate knowledge and gather feedback on the playbooks.

The discussion seeks to:

- i) Promote knowledge exchange amongst urban professionals.
- ii) Reflect on the success factors of NbS and discuss lessons from NbS practices at



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