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Thomas Vonier, UIA President

Based in Paris and Washington DC. Thomas Vonier has worked on the challenges of urbanization, conflict, urban insecurity, and changing climate patterns and other matters related to the built environment, collaborating with clients in the public and private sector to secure industrial operations, hotels, universities and commercial facilities.

Serban Tigianas, UIA Secretary General

Serban Tigianas studied architecture in Bucharest, Romania and kicked started his career by winning several competitions. In 1997, he founded interdisciplinary internationally recognised architecture firm DICO and Tigianas. Active in Romanian Order of Architects (ODAR) since 2001, including two mandates as president (2010 – 2018), he is currently a professor at the Technical University of Cluj – Napoca.

Victor Kisob, UN-Habitat Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director

With over 30 years of experience in economics, development finance, human resources, and executive manage ment posts, he has worked with the Economic Commission for Africa, the Department for Peacekeeping Operations, UN-Habitat at Vienna, the UN Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General within the UN Secretariat, as well as UNDI UNRWA, and UNICEF.

Emesto Ottone, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture

Ernesto Ottone served as Chile’s first Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage from 2015 to 2018. As Minister of Culture, he created a Department of First Peoples, a Migrants Unit and strengthened copyright laws and heritage protections. During this time, he also chaired the Regional Centre for the Promotion of Books in Latin America and the Caribbean (2016 – 2017).

Kai-Uwe Bergmann, Architect, Partner, Business Development of BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group

Kai-Uwe Bergmann brings his architectural expertise to proposals around the globe, including work in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. In addition to spearheading BIG’s business development in over thirty five different countries, he also oversees BIG’s Urban scales and Landscapes projects. Mr. Bergmann is a registered architect in the USA and Canada. He also lectures and teaches globally in addition to participating on numerous international juries.

Georg Pendli is the President of the Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE) since 2018

A practicing architect since 1986, Georg Pendli specialises in social housing, private housing, renovation and reuse, industrial and commercial buildings, workshops and passive house standards. Author of several award-winning entries in architectural competitions and prizes, he has written for numerous professional publications, and has taken part on the juries of national and international architectural design competitions.

Max Maurer, Scientist and Professor at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH)

Max Maurer is the Professor for Urban Water Systems as well as Director of the Institute of Environmental Engineering at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH). He is Head of the Urban Water Management Department at the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Sciences & Technology (Eawag) and member of the Systems Engineering research cluster (Water Infrastructure Management). His current research focuses on infrastructure transition management for a sustainable future, smart urban water management and modular urban water management and.

Joseph Kwan, Architecture for All Regional Director (Region IV)

Architecture for All Regional Director Joseph Kwan (Dr. Arch) is the current Rehabilitation International International Deputy Vice-President for Asia Pacific. Former UIA Council Member for Region IV (2005-2008) and Expert Consultant to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific and to the Asian Development Bank, he is an architect and consultant with experience in the built environment, transportation and inclusive tourism since 1987.

Nadia Tromp, Director, Community Architecture: Architecture and Human Rights

Nadia Tromp has practised architecture since 2000 and is currently the Director of Moksha Architects. Nadia Tromp is also the President of Gauteng Institute for Architects (GIFA), a branch of South African Institute of Architects. As Director of the Community Architecture Work Programme at the UIA, she is interested in exploring the idea that architecture could be a mechanism for creating social change.

Magda Mostafa, Co-director, UIA Education Commission

Magda Mostafa is Associate Chair of the Architecture Department at the American University in Cairo and Design Associate at Progressive Architects, Cairo. She specialises in design for autism and is the author of the Autism ASPECTSM design guidelines, winner of the UIA International Research Award in 2014. She designs globally and has shaped autism projects in Europe, the US, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Natalie Mossin, Co-Director, UIA Sustainable Development Goals Commission

Natalie Mossin specialises in the interaction between architecture, building technology and society. As former Chair of the Danish Association of Architects and a Council Member of the UIA, Ms. Mossin is a leading voice in setting the agenda for sustainable development at both a strategic and political level. She is also the Head of Institute of Architecture and Technology, Copenhagen School of Architecture and the President of the UIA 2023 World Congress in Copenhagen.

Ishitaque Zahir Titus, Co-Director, UIA Sustainable Development Goals Commission

Ishitaque Zahir Titus, Hon. FAIA, is the co-founder of VITH, an internationally recognised architectural & urban design practice in Bangladesh. Former Chair of AIA/CA Committee for Professional Practice, he is currently Council member of UIA Region IV. He believes that sustainability should be the core of all development works and architecture should focus more on research and innovation.

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