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LIVE WEBINAR
WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY
MONDAY 5 OCTOBRE 2020
12h00 - 14h30 GMT

Moderators:

Thomas Vonier
UIA President

Serhan Tiganas
UIA Secretary General

With the participation of:

Victor Kisob
Assistant Secretary-General/Assistant Director General
UIA Habitat

Ernesto Ottone
Assistant Director-General for Culture
UNESCO

Kai-Uwe Bergmann
Architect Partner
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Panelists:

Georg Pendl
President
Architects Council of Europe

Max Maurer
Scientist and Professor
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

Nadia Tromp
Director
UIA CACHR Work Programme

Magda Mostafa
Co-director
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Joseph Kwan
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Co-Director
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Toward a better urban future
The UIA will mark World Architecture Day on Monday **5 October at 12h00 – 14h30 GMT** by holding a live webinar to discuss this year’s theme: "**Toward a better urban future**".

Moderated by UIA President **Thomas Vonier** and UIA Secretary General **Serban Tiganas**, the webinar will begin with a virtual roundtable which will include the UN Habitat Assistant Secretary General and Executive Director **Victor Kisob**, Assistant Director-General for Culture of UNESCO **Ernesto Ottone Ramirez** and **Kai-Uwe Bergmann**, Architect, Partner, Business Development of BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group.

Six panels of global experts will then discuss how architects and professionals in related fields can address the challenges facing today's cities: Water and Sanitation, Public Spaces, Air Quality and Housing followed by a conversation about how architects can assist in the realisation of SDG Number 11, "Sustainable Cities and Communities".

Other confirmed speakers include:

- **Georg Pendl**, the President of the Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE)
- **Max Maurer**, Scientist & Professor at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH)
- **Joseph Kwan**, director of Region IV (Asia) UIA Work Programme Architecture for All
- **Ishtiaque Zahir** and **Natalie Mossin**, Co-directors of the UIA SDG Commission
- **Magda Mostafa**, Co-director of the UIA Education Commission
- **Nadia Tromp**, Director of the UIA Community Architecture Work Programme.

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Created by the International Union of Architects (UIA) in 1985, **World Architecture Day** is celebrated on the first Monday of October in parallel with UN World Habitat Day, for which the theme this year is Housing For All: A better Urban Future. By choosing a different theme each year, this world day seeks to draw the attention of professionals as well as the public to problems concerning cities and habitat.

The International Union of Architects (UIA) is an international non-governmental organisation based in Paris. Established in 1948, it is the only organisation representing architects across the globe working to *unify* architects, *influence* public policies on construction and development, and *advance* architecture in service to the needs of society.

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