

Dear UIA Region II Vice President Nikos Fintikakis,

Dear UIA Region II Presidents, Colleagues and friends,

It is my great honor to be invited and witnessed rich and convincing discussions, debates and presented activities. I can tell long history and culture accumulated in Region II countries, it also continues to show its tradition in art and architecture with contemporary buildings together with harmony.

UIA will have its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday soon, and in order to facilitate its roll to adapt ever changing world environment and global issues, I like to discuss and examine the possibility that UIA can be an instrument in true sense of facilitator of architects.

### **Member Sections**

Without any doubt, UIA's biggest reason of existence is because of the Member Countries. Each organization is vital component of UIA, and communication both way is so important to understand the issues and problems of the region. Many countries do not have a proper and balanced relationship with their government bodies. Setting the good practice guidelines and regulations and try best to impose them will help architectural institutions as well as practitioners.

Inappropriate fee scales, unfair contract, procurement, needs to be addressed with in depth research and guidelines need to be disseminate from UIA to Member Countries.

### **UIA**

For the above task, in this fast changing digital era, UIA needs to adjust itself in order to be efficient and inclusive.

-Democratic and horizontal structure in order to engage best people for the right

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-Enhanced governance and operation towards transparent and orderly operation.

-extend its influence with public organization, UNESCO, UN HABITAT, ICOMOS which shares same goal for the environment and global issues.

## **Architects**

UIA represents only about 1/3 of architects in the world. We need to reach out and embrace them under umbrella of UIA. There are more than 3 million architects in the world and many of them never heard of UIA and do not know what this is for.

Architecture is a creative profession. We designs houses, communities, cities. Our job is most influential to people's daily life. With this Pandemic, It should reflect newly discovered health measures, social issues, etc.

Like this zoom meeting, we gather and share successful architectural measures to adopt for the future practice. With UIA's continuous effort towards them will bring more countries to join.

Let's make architects proud of himself being an architect.

At least, we should try hard. Architect with pride will serve general public, cities, Nations much better with enhanced energy and creativity.

## **Future**

By knowing ourselves first and rebuilding a confidence, then we can become to face the real issues of global environment. We will work for the most important global environment issues.

First, Urbanization. You all know by 2050, 80% of population will live in the cities.

Problems of affordable housing, public transportation system, clean water supply, sewage treatment system, safety, etc.

Architects should be a leader to solve the issues together with engineers, urban planners and important government bodies.

UIA has to be a dependable supporter when each Member Countries want to change for good and have difficulties with their regional, central governments. UIA should be able to send governments a letter of firm conviction on behalf of Member Countries Architects.

Second, Global Climatic Change, global warming, Sustainable Development Goals.

We all noticed hotter and longer summer, more Typhoons, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, flood, Tsunamis even Pandemics. We know what we can do at least with building environment.

I believe this is our responsibility. Who else can do it? We should come up with models of good practice, realistic guidelines and talk to UN, Government bodies to slow down and solve these problems.

Last twelve years owing to my participation in UIA, I traveled many countries and witnessed all the above issues, vulnerable living conditions!

I urge you, we, UIA, Member Countries work together hand in hand to make human living condition better. I dare to say this mission is not our choice. It is our cause, mission and destiny.

I sincerely want to be a part of it and make it together with you.

Thank you,

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