

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MOU)**

BETWEEN

THE ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE (ACE)

And

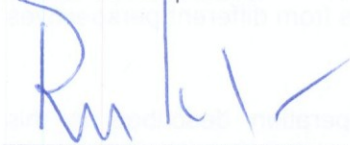
THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS (CAA)

- WHEREAS the **Architects' Council of Europe**, hereinafter called **ACE**, and the **Commonwealth Association of Architects**, hereinafter called **CAA**, having regard to the long standing ties that exist between them, mindful of the importance of the roles of the respective organizations and convinced of the necessity and desire to reinforce the cooperation between them;
- WHEREAS both **ACE** and **CAA** recognize the importance of working towards a more coherent and efficient rationalization of resources;
- WHEREAS **ACE** is the Body that represents the architectural profession in Europe;
- WHEREAS **CAA** is the Body that represents the architectural profession in the Commonwealth of Nations;
- WHEREAS both Organizations enjoy their own statutes, bylaws, procedures and also their full independence;
- WHEREAS both Organizations are dealing with similar issues from different perspectives and with different legal frameworks;
- NOW THEREFORE, convinced that the reinforced cooperation described in this Memorandum of Understanding will help to consolidate actions and efforts towards addressing mutual concerns and interests pertaining to architecture, architectural education, research, professional mobility, environmental issues, professional development and professional practice, among others;
- LIKEWISE, confident that this cooperation will also help to promote harmonious coordination between the **ACE** and the **CAA**, in relation to their respective decisions and actions and;
- FURTHERMORE, with full knowledge of the various work areas in which such a rationalization can be sought and being aware of the mutual benefit that can result for each of the two Organizations in adopting an approach that allows for better working synergies;

THE TWO ORGANISATIONS NOW AGREE THE FOLLOWING

1. To rationalize the resources of the Parties in pertinent activities at all levels;
2. To reinforce the capacity for action of the Parties towards third parties;
3. To explore opportunities for joint positions and/or joint actions of the Parties towards third parties;
4. To cooperate in lobbying activities, if and when appropriate;
5. To invite and encourage reciprocal representation at their respective working bodies;
6. To share information of mutual interest;
7. To promote high educational standards for the architectural profession;
8. To promote common Continued Professional Development initiatives;
9. And finally, to undertake to establish and concretely define a closer cooperation between the Parties at political, technical and working levels.

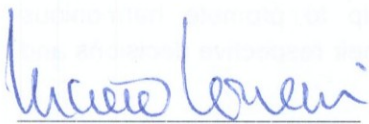
On behalf of the organization I represent, I wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development.



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Rukshan Widyalkara, President, Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA)

Date: 17.06.2015



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Luciano Lazzari, President, Architects' Council of Europe (CEC)

Date: 17.06.2015