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ACE¹ signs *Tangiers Declaration* to advance cooperation within the Global Architectural Community

On 16 March 2012 an International President's Meeting was held in Tangiers on the initiative of the President of the Africa Union of Architects, Chief Tokunbo Omisore. The ACE President, Selma Harrington, together with the representatives of several Regional Architectural Organisation signed the *Tangiers Declaration* designed to further develop mutual multi- and bi-lateral cooperation between architectural organisations leading to innovative, inclusive representation and acting in unison on behalf of the global architectural community.



Following on from the recommendations made by the UIA Vision and Strategy Committee in Tokyo in October 2011, the President of the Africa Union of Architects (AUA), Chief Tokunbo Omisore, organised a Regional Presidents' Meeting in Tangiers in March 2012. On this occasion, the ACE President, Selma Harrington, met the President of ARCASIA, George Kunihiro, and the AUA President, Tokunbo Omisore.

After the presentation of the current state of affairs in their Regional Organisations, the Presidents reflected on the effectiveness of representation of the architectural profession within these regions in the context of the global architectural community. Together they called on the UIA Council and the Vision and Strategy Committee to continue working on concrete proposals to strengthen and include the existing regional architectural organisations in effective cooperation.

The *Tangiers Declaration* was signed between the Presidents of the three regional architectural organizations representative in Africa, Asia and Europe and endorsed by the President of FEPA, Jorge Monti, representative of Americas, through post meeting correspondence. For the ACE, the *Tangiers Declaration* is an important initiative supporting the rationalisation of international cooperation within the UIA and continuing strand of the ACE work, in particular with UIA Region I and II.

¹ The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is the European organisation representing the architectural profession at European level with its headquarters and Secretariat located in Brussels. Its President for 2011 is Mrs. Selma Harrington from Ireland. Its growing membership consists of member organisations, which are the nationally representative regulatory and professional bodies of all European Union (EU) Member States, Accession States, Switzerland and Norway. Through them, it represents the interests of about 520,000 architects. The principal function of the ACE is to monitor developments at EU level, seeking to influence those areas of EU Policy and legislation that have an impact on architectural practice and on the overall quality and sustainability of the built environment.
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