Architecture in the Commonwealth

Australia - Royal Australian Institute of Architects
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Bangladesh - Institute of Architects Bangladesh
Barbados - Barbados Institute of Architects
Belize - Association of Professional Architects Belize
Bermuda - Institute of Bermuda Architects
Botswana - Architects Association of Botswana
Canada - The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada
Cyprus - Cyprus Civil Engineers & Architects Association
Fiji - Fiji Association of Architects
Ghana - Ghana Institute of Architects
Guyana - Guyana Institute of Architects
Hong Kong - Hong Kong Institute of Architects
India - Indian Institute of Architects
Jamaica - Jamaica Institute of Architects
Kenya - Architectural Association of Kenya
Malawi - Malawi Institute of Architects
Malta - Kamra tal-Perilli
Namibia - Namibia Institute of Architects
New Zealand - New Zealand Institute of Architects
Nigeria - Nigerian Institute of Architects
Pakistan - Institute of Architects Pakistan
Papua New Guinea - Papua New Guinea Institute of Architects
Sierra Leone - Sierra Leone Institute of Architects
Singapore - Singapore Institute of Architects
South Africa - South African Institute of Architects
Sri Lanka - Sri Lanka Institute of Architects
St Kitts and Nevis - St Kitts and Nevis Institute of Architects
St Lucia - St. Lucia Association of Architects
St Vincent and The Grenadines - St. Vincent & The Grenadines Institute of Architects
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MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT CAA
“COVID 19” - CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC.....

Dear Member Organizations,

Greetings from the Commonwealth Association of Architects!

We, as you know are passing through very difficult untested times. The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is threatening the very safety and future of our whole humanity.

Commonwealth Association of Architects values health and safety of all Member Organizations. In this regard CAA advises implementation of protocols that ensure the health and safety of all member architects and students. Consequently, foremost being that all members are requested to adapt ‘Work from Home’ policy.

We will continue to assess how best to serve the needs of our members while protecting the health and safety of the community.

This implementation of ‘work from home’ will allow us to control the situation in times of this (COVID-19) Emergency.

CAA requests all its members to follow all instructions, guidelines and recommendations put into place by their respective Governments, to curtail this pandemic.

Hope everyone stays safe and we are soon out of this critical emergency situation as soon as possible.

Thank you and regards,

Kalim A. Siddiqui
President
COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS
The World Urban Forum (WUF) was established in 2001 by the United Nations to examine the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies. The World Urban Forum is organised and convened by UN-Habitat.

The World Urban Forum aims to raise awareness of sustainable urbanization, improve the knowledge of sustainable urban development, sharing lessons learned and the exchange of best practices and good policies; and increase coordination and cooperation to advance sustainable urbanization through: Assemblies, Dialogues, Roundtables, Special Sessions, Caucus Meeting, Press Conferences and Urban Talks.

The Tenth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF10) took place in Abu Dhabi from 8th - 13th February 2020 at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center (ADNEC). The theme of the Urban Forum was Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation.
To contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and sustainable urban development several actions declared in WUF 10.

The Abu Dhabi Declared Actions includes commitments from international organizations, national, local and regional governments, the private sector, civil society, academia and others for the next two years and beyond to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals agreed by world leaders in 2015.

Senior Vice President CAA Peter Oborn, Chair-Excom-CAA Sithabile Mathe and Vice President Asia-CAA Jalal Ahmed attended 10th World Urban Forum. An interesting presentation was done by Ar. Sithabile Mathe at the World Urban Forum 2020.
The Roundtable took place during the Royal Gold Medal events (2020 recipient: Grafton Architects) which was held in London on 12th and 13th of February 2020. RIBA offered RIBA Presidential Medals to Presidents, Immediate Past President CAA Vincent Cassar represented CAA at the Royal Gold Medal Event.

President of The Commonwealth Association of Architects, Kalim A. Siddiqui was awarded the RIBA Presidential Medal at the RIBA International Roundtable. The medal acknowledges the mutually beneficial collaboration between Commonwealth Association of Architects and Royal Institute of British Architects. Immediate Past President CAA, Vincent Cassar received the Presidential medal on behalf of President CAA.

Presidents of seventeen national Institutes and international organisations, representing architects from across the world, joined RIBA President Alan Jones at 66 Portland Place.

The discussion focussed on three key areas:

01. Is the climate emergency the greatest challenge facing the built environment?
02. As a global crisis, does it require internationally coordinated action?
03. Are architects the right people to take a lead?
A round table of Architects Regional Council of Asia Committee on Professional Practice took place in Colombo, Sri Lanka on the 18th February. A day long deliberation on the theme “Continuous Professional Development (CPD) - Experiences and Way Forward” was very fruitful to share the practices and experience of different countries of Asia on the way different institutes conduct CPD programmes.

President - Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) Kalim A. Siddiqui participated as a special guest at the round table while current Chair of Practice CAA - Jayantha Perera, Chair of Communication CAA - Chandana Edirisuriya and Vice President Asia of CAA - Jalal Ahamed were the other delegates from the Council of CAA who participated at the round table.

It was brought to light while some countries are conducting them as a compulsory measure, the others are still conducting them at an experimental stage. A Guidebook for conducting CPDs will be worked out by ARCASIA soon which can be taken as a guide to prepare CPD programmes by any country including CAA member institutions.
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President CAA as a Special Guest


Theme for the Architect 2020, 37th national conference was “Art of Architecture”.

President SLIA Viranjan Kurukulasooriya, the Council and membership of SLIA hosted the event.

President, CAA Mr. Kalim A. Siddiqui along with Mrs. Afshan Siddiqui participated as a Special Guest at the Inauguration Ceremony of the “Architect 2020 - National Conference, Members’ Work & Trade Exhibition. President ARCASIA Rita Soah, President, Institute of Architects, Bangladesh Jalal Ahmed, who was the CAA Vice President - Asia also were among the distinguished guests at SLIA celebrations.
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The Inauguration Ceremony combined with pomp and pageantry was the ideal platform to receive scrolls for the new entrants who qualified to the Profession of Architecture, to the winning architects to receive the Design Awards and also for the recipients of awards of the Construction industry and trade.

Week-long celebration of the Profession of Architecture and Sri Lanka Institute of Architects concluded in a successful note with culmination of many events including a Sports Fiesta between ARCSA member institutes.

CAA PREPARATION FOR CHOGM 2020:
“DELIVERING A COMMON FUTURE: CONNECTING, INNOVATING AND TRANSFORMING.”

Leaders of the Commonwealth countries meet every 2 years at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). CHOGM 2020 is scheduled to be held this year in Kigali, Rwanda from 22nd-28th June. The theme for 2020 is “Delivering A Common Future: Connecting, Innovation and Transforming.”

While the council & member organisations of Commonwealth Association of Architects intend to take part in the CHOGM in many programmes, in parallel to that Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) has scheduled their own programme in Kigali Rwanda in June 2020.

NEW GLOBAL CHALLENGE
TO OVERCOME HUMAN HEALTH EMERGENCIES.

The spread of devastating Corona Virus in epidemic proportion globally has posed a major threat to the very existence of the human kind.

The nature has shown its supremacy once again despite many scientific developments. This is an eye opener to everybody including policy makers, health professionals and built environmental professionals to revisit their professional approaches, to come up with resilient policies and practices to overcome such health emergencies. Medical expertise, commitment of health profession, self discipline of public and understanding the gravity of the issue are the order of the day to overcome the present global challenge. Covid-19 brings a new dimension to the CHOGM 2020 to deliberate on “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating & Transforming.”