CAA Design Excellence Award
ANNOUNCEMENT

CAA is pleased to announce the Design Excellence Award for 2022.

THE AWARD:
The Award recognizes innovative contributions to the development of architecture in the Commonwealth context. The award is to be made to an architectural practice making the most outstanding contribution, having particular relevance to the country or region in which the architect or architectural practice operates. This award is given to Architects to acknowledge Design Excellence.

Criteria for Design Excellence award:

The awards will be given once in the term of General Assembly of CAA.

1. The awards are to recognize innovative contributions to the development of architecture, especially in the Commonwealth context, by an architect or architectural practice nominated by a Member Organizations of the Commonwealth Association of Architects.

2. Each Member Organization (MO) will forward applications received from its members to the Award committee not necessarily restricted to the members of the Institution or Association.

3. The Design Excellence Award will be given to the project which has the following elements:

   Design for Integration: What’s the big idea? How does the project demonstrate the intersection of design excellence and sustainable performance?

   Design for Community: How does this project promote equity, make the most of its surrounding community, integrate with it, and give back?

   Design for Ecology: How does this project respond, connect, and contribute to the surrounding ecosystem?

   Design for Water: How does the project use water wisely and handle rainfall responsibly?

   Design for Economy: How does the design show that higher performance can be cost-effective?

   Design for Energy: How much energy does the project use, is any of that energy generated on-site from renewable sources, and what’s the net carbon impact?

   Design for Wellness: How does the design promote the comfort and health of those who spend time in it?

   Design for Resources: How were the decisions about the materials used based on an understanding of their impact, especially carbon impact?

   Design for Change: How does the project design anticipate adapting to new uses, adapt to climate change, and support resilient recovery from disasters?
Design for Discovery: What lessons for better design have been learned through the process of project design, construction, and occupancy?

Submissions are to be made electronically on jpg or pdf formats to A1 paper size (594mm x 841mm) which should be capable of being printed at a high quality resolution. These should be in landscape format only. The total combined size of the upload should not exceed 25MB per image. Maximum no of A1 papers submission are limited to 10.

6. The nomination to be submitted to the Secretariat of the Commonwealth Association of Architects with appropriate supporting material on or before the stipulated date.

7. The awards will be judged by a jury of three members two of whom shall be members of the profession with the third member, not necessarily a member of the profession, coming from the host country.

8. Design achievement that demonstrates skill and creativity, including ecological stewardship and social responsibility that acknowledges and advances social agendas. Projects should reflect a sense of place, of ecology, of history, or of purpose as an integral part of the design excellence.

APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING MATERIAL / REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION:

The following documents shall be assembled by the candidate as part of the submission.

1.0 Introduction of the Architect or Architectural office making the most outstanding innovative contribution to the development of architecture having particular relevance to the country or region in which the architect or architectural office operates.

2.1 Examples of the Architects or Architectural Office’s work: (Additional materials can be requested on a case-by-case basis)

2.2 Project under taken by the Architect or Architectural Office. (Drawings, Photographs, 3D’s/Sketches, Project Brief, Team Involved and a Write-up on the project)

2.3 Examples of overall work of the Architect or Architectural Office.

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2.5 Video clip or Documentary featuring the submitted entry (Can be uploaded electronically.

2.6 A paragraph (not more than 500 words) explaining why the entry might be considered for The Design excellence Award. Information that exceeds the limit of 500 words will not be reviewed.
SCHEDULE OF AWARD:
The schedule of the process involved in selecting the Award Recipients:

- **November 2021 – January 2022** – To receive Nominations.
- **10th January 2022** – Deadline for submission. The Jury shall base its assessment on nominations received prior to this date.
- **February - March 2022** – Jury review. The Jury shall review the shortlisted candidates and prepare their final recommendation.
- **April 2022** – Award Recipient is chosen through a majority vote. The decision shall be final and without appeal.
- **August 2022** – Design Excellence Award Recipient will receive a trophy.

DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP & ACCEPTANCE OF COMPETITION REGULATIONS:
A declaration should accompany all submissions agreeing to abide by the award conditions and accepting the decision of the Judging Panel as final.

COPYRIGHT:
The ownership of Copyright in the work of all Nominees will be in accordance with the UK Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, that is Copyright rests with the author of the submitted design.

ENQUIRIES:
The award is being managed and administered by the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA). All enquiries relating to the award should be directed to comarchitect.org@gmail.com with a copy to admin@comarchitect.org

Neither the organisers, sponsors nor members of the judging panel should be solicited for information as this may lead to disqualification.

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Executive Director

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