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Architects Worldwide to Phase out Carbon by 2050

Santa Fe, NM – August 14th – At the [International Union of Architects](#) (UIA) World Congress last week, member organizations representing over 1.3 million architects in 124 countries worldwide unanimously adopted the [2050 Imperative](#), a declaration to eliminate CO2 emissions in the built environment by 2050.

As important, all of the regional Architect Councils of Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa also signed on to the declaration, something that is unparalleled in the 65-year history of the UIA.

The 2050 Imperative was initiated and drafted by [Architecture 2030](#), then delivered subsequently by the [American Institute of Architects](#) (AIA) to the [UIA World Congress](#) in Durban, South Africa. [Australian Institute of Architects](#) CEO David Parken, with support from UIA President Albert Dubler, guided the 2050 Imperative through a number of committees and introduced it onto the floor of the Congress where it was *unanimously* adopted on August 8.

The 2050 Imperative states that:

- failing to act now on climate change will put future generations, and those already affected by extreme weather, natural disasters, and poverty, at great risk;
- urban areas are responsible for over 70 per cent of global CO2 emissions, mostly from buildings;
- over the next two decades an area roughly equal to 60 per cent of the world's building stock will be built and rebuilt in urban areas; and
- this provides an unprecedented opportunity to reduce fossil fuel CO2 emissions to *zero* by 2050.

The UIA is committed to influencing ethical and socially responsible development throughout the world. With the adoption of the Imperative, member organizations are charged with promoting the planning and design of carbon neutral cities, towns, urban developments, and new buildings, in order achieve the 2050 target.

"We're delighted that the UIA has adopted the 2050 Imperative," said Ed Mazria, Founder and CEO of Architecture 2030. "We look forward to working with all UIA member organizations to ensure that their architects and planners can meet its goals."

The action items in the 2050 Imperative are based in part on the recent "[Roadmap to Zero Emissions](#)" developed by Architecture 2030 and presented at the UN Climate Change meeting in Bonn, Germany on June 10th, 2014.

"We have made great strides towards a sustainable built environment, but we still need to advance the industry to make sustainable design the de facto standard for all construction projects," said AIA President, Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA. "Sustainable design practices implemented by the world's architects will mitigate climate change and ultimately save lives."

You can [download the full 2050 Imperative declaration here](#) (.pdf, 165K).

2050 Imperative Declaration Signatories

UIA – Union International des Architectes:

Afghanistan

Architects Union of Afghanistan

Albania	Albanian Architects Association
Andorra	Collegi Oficial d'Arquitectes d'Andorra
Angola	Ordem dos Arquitectos de Angola
Armenia	The Union of Architects of Armenia
Australia	Australian Institute of Architects - AIA
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan Union of Architects
Bahamas	Institute of Bahamian Architects
Baltic Countries	Baltic Architects Unions Association - BAUA
Bangladesh	Institute of Architects Bangladesh - IAB
Barbados	Barbados Institute of Architects
Belarus	Belarusian Union of Architects
Belgium	Fédération des sociétés d'architectes de Belgique - FAB
Belize	Association of Professional Architects of Belize
Benin	Ordre national des architectes et des urbanistes du Bénin
Bolivia	Colegio de Arquitectos de Bolivia
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Association of Architects of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil
Brunei Darussalam	Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera & Arkitek (Brunei) Architect Discipline
Bulgaria	Union of Architects in Bulgaria - UAB
Burkina Faso	Ordre des Architectes Du Burkina
Cameroon	Ordre National des Architectes du Cameroun
Canada	The Royal Architectural institute of Canada - RAIC
Cape Verde	Ordem dos Arquitectos Cabo-Verdianos
Central African Republic	Ordre Centrafricain des architectes
Chad	Organisation des Architectes du Tchad - OAT
China	The Architectural Society of China - ASC
Colombia	Sociedad Colombiana de Arquitectos
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	Société des Architectes du Congo - SAC
Congo (Republic of)	Ordre des Architectes du Congo
Costa Rica	Colegio de Arquitectos de Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire	Conseil National de l'Ordre des Architectes de Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia	Croatian Architects Association
Cyprus	The Cyprus Civil Eng. & Architects Association
Denmark	Akademik Arkitektforening
Egypt	The Society of Egyptian Architects
Estonia	Union of Estonian Architects
Ethiopia	Association of Ethiopian Architects

Fiji	Fiji Association of Architects
Finland	Finnish Association of Architects - SAFA
France	Conseil International des Architectes Français
FYR of Macedonia	Association of Architects of Macedonia
Gabon	Ordre Gabonais des architectes
Georgia	Union of Architects of Georgia
Ghana	Ghana Institute of Architects
Greece	Chambre Technique de Grèce
Haiti	Association Haïtienne des architectes et des urbanistes
Honduras	Colegio de Arquitectos de Honduras
Hong Kong	The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
Hungary	Association of Hungarian Architects
India	The Indian Institute of Architects
Indonesia	Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia
Ireland	The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
Island	Arkitektafelag Islands
Israel	Israel Association of United Architects
Italy	Consiglio Nazionale Degli Architetti, Planificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori
Jamaica	The Jamaican Institute of Architects
Japan	Japan Institute of Architects
Kazakhstan	Union des Architectes du Kazakhstan
Kenya	The Architectural Association of Kenya
Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	Korean Architects Union – KAU
Korea (Republic of)	Federation of Institutes of Korean Architects
Kosovo	Architects Association of Kosovo
Kuwait	Kuwait Society of Engineers
Kyrgyzstan	Union of Architects of Kyrgyz Republic
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers
Latvia	The Latvia Association of Architects
Lebanon	Ordre des Ingenieurs et Architectes du Liban
Lithuania	Architects Association of Lithuania
Luxembourg	Ordres des Architectes et Ingénieurs Conseils
Macao	Associação dos Arquitectos de Macau
Malawi	Malawi Institute of Architects - MIA
Malaysia	Malaysian Institute of Architects - PAM
Mali	Ordre des Architectes du Mali

Malta	Kamra Tal-Periti
Mauritania	Ordre Mauritanien des Architectes
Mauritius	The Mauritius Association of Architects - MAA
Mexico	Federacion de Colegios de Arquitectos de la R. Mexicana
Mongolia	Union of Mongolian Architects
Morocco	Ordre des Architectes du Maroc
Namibia	Namibia Institute of Architects
Netherlands Antilles	Sosiedat di Arkitekto i Ingeniero Antiano - SAIA
New Zealand	New Zealand Institute of Architects
Niger	Ordre des architectes du Niger - OAN
Nigeria	The Nigerian Institute of Architects
Nordic Countries	Norske Arkitekters Landsforbund
Norway	Norske Arkitekters Landsforbund
Pakistan	Institute of Architects of Pakistan
Palestine	Association of Architects in Palestina
Philippines	United Architects of the Philippines
Poland	Stowarzyszenie Architektow Polskich
Portugal	Ordem dos Arquitectos
Puerto Rico	Colegio de Arq.de Puerto Rico
Romania	Ordinul Arhitecilor din Romania - OAR
Russia (Federation of)	Union of Architects of Russia
Rwanda	Association of Architects of Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe	Ordem dos Engenheiros e Arquitectos de Sao Tomé et Principe
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Umran Society - SUS
Serbia	Union of Architects of Serbia - UAS
Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone Institute of Architects
Singapore	Singapore Institute of Architects - SIA
Slovak Republic	Slovak Architects Society - SAS
Slovenia	Chamber of Architecture & Spatial Planning of Slovenia - CASP
South Africa	The South African Institute of Architects - SAIA
Spain	Consejo Superior de los Colegios de Arquitectos de España
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Institute of Architects
Sudan	Sudanese Institute of Architects
Suriname	Unie Van Architekten
Sweden	Swedish Association of Architects
Switzerland	Conférence Suisse des Architectes - CSA

Syrian Arab Republic	Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects
Chinese Taipei	The National Association of Architects - NAAROC
Tajikistan	The Union of Architects of the Tadjikistan Republic
Tanzania (The United Republic of)	The Architects Association of Tanzania
Thailand	The Association of Siamese Architects
Trinidad & Tobago	Trinidad & Tobago Institute of Architects
Tunisia	Ordre des Architectes de Tunisie - OAT
Turkey	Chamber of Architects of Turkey
Uganda	Uganda Society of Architects
Ukraine	Union of Architects of Ukraine
United Kingdom	Royal Institute of British Architects - RIBA
United States	The American Institute of Architects
Uzbekistan	Uzbek Union of Architects
Viet Nam	Viet-Nam Association of Architects - KTSVN
Zambia	Zambia Institute of Architects

ARCASIA - Architects Council of Asia

AUA - African Union of Architects

ACE - Architects Council of Europe

FPAA/FAPA - Federation of Pan-American Architects

CAA - Commonwealth Association of Architects

UMAR - Union Mediterraneenne des Architectes

CA - Canberra Accord

UIA Young Architects

CIALP - International Council of Portuguese Speaking Architect

DO.CO.MO.MO – Serbia

FAU - foundation des Architectes de l'Urgence

Active House Alliance

ICOMOS – International Council of Monuments and Sites

WGBC - World Green Building Council

Supporting Organization

Architecture 2030

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About Architecture 2030

[Architecture 2030](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit research organization with the mission of rapidly transforming the built environment from the major contributor of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to a central part of the solution to the climate and energy crises. Architecture 2030 pursues two primary objectives:

- the dramatic reduction in global fossil fuel consumption and GHG emissions of the built environment by changing the way cities, communities, infrastructure, and buildings, are planned, designed, and constructed and;
- the regional development of an adaptive, resilient built environment that can manage the impacts of climate change, preserve natural resources, and access low-cost, renewable energy resources.

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