

# The UIA Commission on the UN Sustainable Development Goals



The Sustainable  
Development Agenda

The Union of  
International Architects



In this era of population shifts, climate change and unprecedented levels of urbanisation, architects have an important role in responding to the complex challenges of the built environment.

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set a framework for this agenda, as well as for alleviating poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring prosperity at a global scale.

**The UIA is well positioned to create a bridge between the initiatives of the UN and the practical activities of architects around the world.**

Through the establishment of a Commission that responds directly to the SDGs, the UIA can be influential in raising awareness, creating knowledge, facilitating communication and disseminating information across its global network of members.

**The Commission aims to ensure that architects are not just responsive to the new Agenda for Sustainable Development, but prescriptive in its implementation and evolution.**

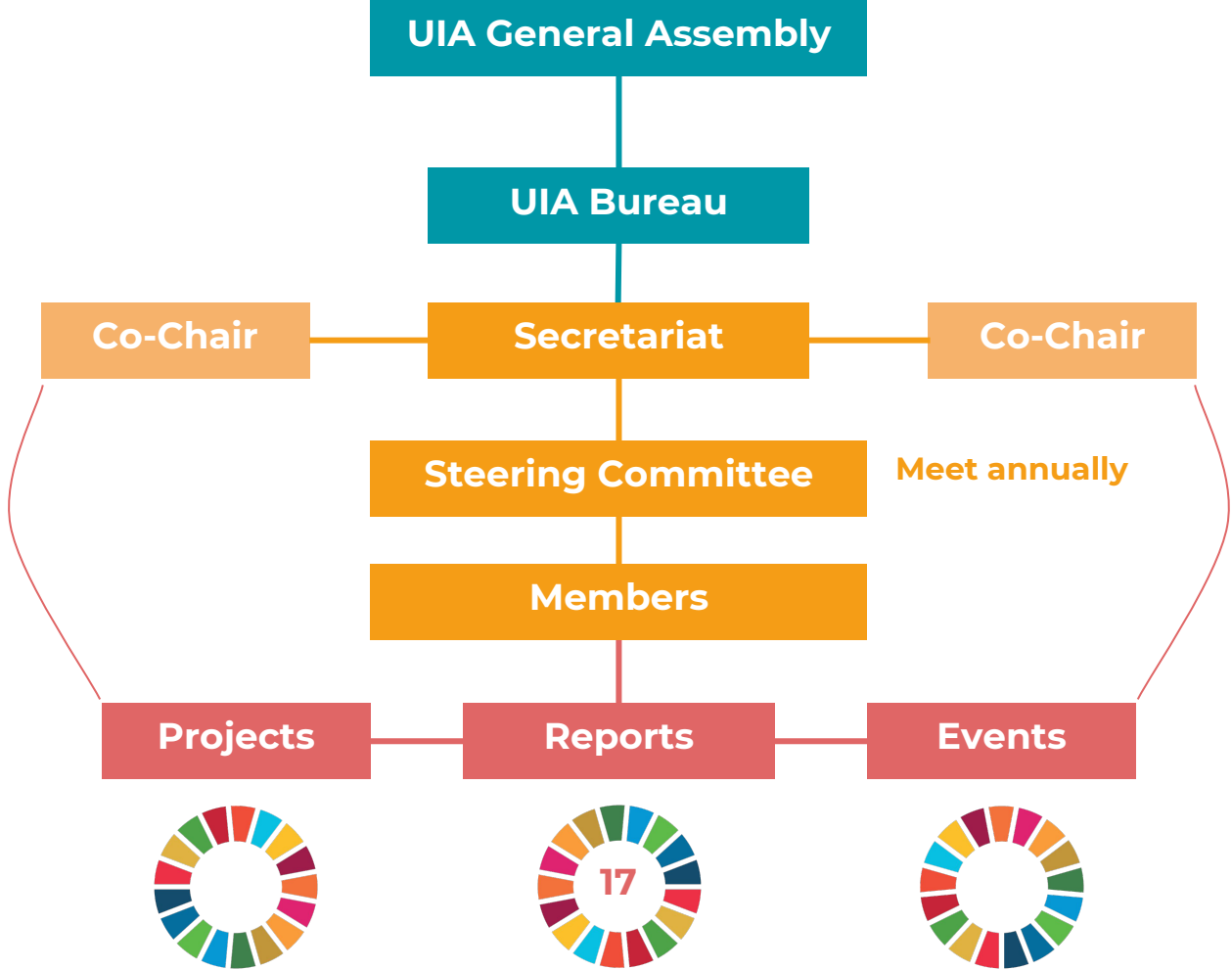


1. To respond to each of the 17 goals through adopted **policy statements**.
2. To have a visible and **active presence** at important UN meetings, including COPs and World Urban Forums.
3. To **champion the importance of architecture** in the development of well-functioning sustainable societies.
4. To establish a **platform for exchange** between members of the UIA.
5. To **promulgate** the Commission's policy statements as widely as possible.



# Structure

UIA COMMISSION



### Co-chairs

Natalie Mossin  
Ishtiaque Zahir Titas

### Secretariat

Annette Blegvad  
based in *Copenhagen*



10 Steering Committee members represent the 5 regions of the UIA

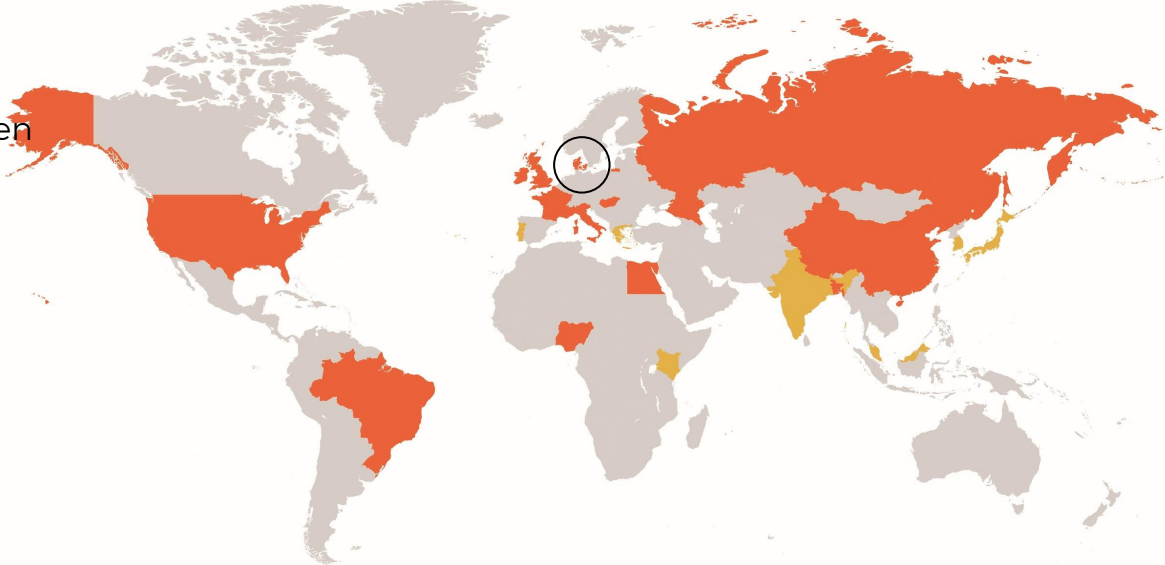
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**Co-chairs**

<b>Natalie Mossin</b>	Denmark
<b>Ishtiaque Titas</b>	Bangladesh

**Steering Committee Members**

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<b>Alessandro MARATA</b>	Italy
<b>István Kistelegdi</b>	Hungary
<b>Yaroslav Usov</b>	Russia
<b>Z SMITH</b>	USA
<b>Cid BLANCO Jr.</b>	Brazil
<b>Qingqin WANG</b>	China
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<b>Mona RADY</b>	Egypt
<b>Ramatu ALIYU</b>	Nigeria



**Council Members**

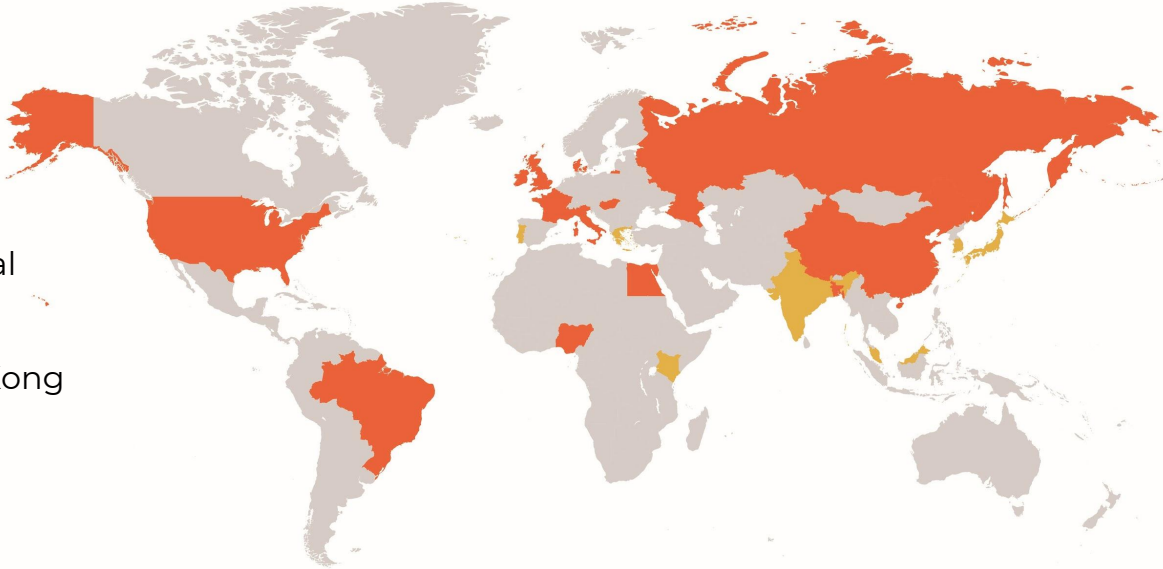
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- Mohammed Munyanya**
- Prakash Desmukh (alt)**

**Members**

- Bruno Marques**
- Nikos Tsinikas**
- He Jianqing**
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- Sunil Degwekar**
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- Jo, Seung Koo**
- Lee, Kiwan**
- Alice Leong PEK LIAN**
- Flora Runumi**

- UK
- Kenya
- India

- Portugal
- Greece
- China
- Hong-Kong
- India
- India
- Japan
- Korea
- Korea
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Uganda



Inaugural meeting - Copenhagen Friday May 13th



1. **Introduction** to UIA Commission - Natalie Mossin and Ishtiaque Zahir Titas
2. Introductions and **presentations** from Commission Members
3. Introduction to the **SDG** by Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, former Danish Minister of Finance, President of the United Nations General Assembly 2015-16
4. **Workshop** on aims, goals and project proposals for UIA SDG Commission
5. Introduction to **summer school** program by Anne Marie Galmstrup
6. Open **discussion** about next steps





# Next steps

## Publication

Document explaining and 'translating' the SDGs / New Urban Agenda for the architectural profession.  
Illustrated guide / publication, introducing the sustainable development goals and what they mean for architects and architectural practice.

## COP24

COP24 - Poland  
SDGC will be present and active at COP24, with events related to publication

## Communication

Communication campaign / platform for wide scale promulgation

## Data Bank

Data bank of case studies and urban professionals.  
Develop an index of architectural qualities (in relation to SDG)  
Source, categorise, analyse case studies representing each UIA region.

## Education

Develop education policies and summer school programme.

## PROJECT PRIORITIES 2018

### 1. **PUBLICATION explaining and ‘translating’ the SDGs / New Urban Agenda for the architectural profession**

- Illustrated guide / publication, introducing the sustainable development goals and what they mean for architects and architectural practice.
- Encouraging sustainable and ethical practice through the SDG framework.
- What architects can do, links to resources and list of benefits.
- Include case studies from all regions of exemplar projects, analysed through practice standards, labour conditions, environmental credentials etc?
- In print, digital version and open-source website

### 2. **COP24 - Poland**

- The Steering Commission will aim for getting access to the main event, and arrange side-events.

### 3. **COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

- Communication strategy to be developed
- Facebook page expanded, but also build email list (connected to website?) for newsletter, communication etc.



- 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be held in Katowice, Poland.
- COP24 will take place from 3-14 December 2018.
- As an NGO accredited to the UN, the UIA should be an active participant of the Conference.
- The Commission will make a strategic effort to promote an architectural agenda.
- The Commission invites members to join and lobby their national delegations.



