UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda

Presentation

The International Union of Architects (UIA), through the Commission on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UIA SDGCom) is pleased to invite architects all over the world to participate in the selection of projects for the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda.

Built works that are related to one or more of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in all categories, i.e:

- architectural projects.

- urban, landscape and territorial plans.

- design projects.

Architecture can also be expressed as a vision of space often not meant to be realized as built architectural work, but can also be stimulating in its experience as well as influencing and equally contributing to the efforts of the 17 SDGs and the evolution of the 2030 Agenda.

Proposals for policies, public programs or bills will not be admitted.

Participation is conditional on meeting the requirements set for this announcement by the application deadline.

1. Objective

This call for proposals is part of a set of efforts that brings together world leaders from 193 countries, businessmen, civil society, and professionals from many different backgrounds to jointly achieve the goals of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, established by the United Nations (UN) in 2015. These goals range from sustainable cities and communities to responsible consumption and production, as well as combating hunger and climate change.

At the UIA level, efforts began in 2017 with the establishment of the UIA Commission on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. 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.

In 2018, the Royal Danish Academy - Institute of Architecture and Technology, in association with the UIA SDG Commission and the Danish Association of Architects, published “Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals”. The intention of the book is to provide an architecture guide to the Goals. The 17 chapters present how each Goal is defined by the UN, outlines how it interacts with the built environment and gives examples of realized projects that illustrate architectural contributions.

In 2020, the Royal Danish Academy - Institute of Architecture and Technology, in association with the UIA SDG Commission, the Royal Danish Academy – Architecture and the UIA World Congress of Architects 2023 published a second volume of “An Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals”.

Both editions were translated in several languages and several local collections were made: a Japanese version, a Thai version and two Brazilian versions developed by the Brazilian Institute of Architects.

It is understood that the practice of the profession of architecture whether in the built environment, planning, architecture, landscape architecture, and design interacts with each SDG, presenting many concrete solutions to address global problems related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, health, peace, and justice. To contribute to environmental sustainability and quality of life for all, architects' study and design solutions, many of which are being put into practice.

This call for proposals for the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda puts itself as a purpose to aggregate good solutions of architecture to contribute to the 17 SDGs and brings to itself several objectives related to the expansion of knowledge and dissemination of good practices. They are:

A. compose an annual panorama of worldwide architectural production by aggregating solutions coming from several contexts, from different parts of the world.

B. to disseminate projects, plans and ways to build and think about the territory that show their approaches and associations with the 17 SDGs and, in this way, give evidence to responsible ways of acting in relation to the social and physical environment.

C. to become a precious repository of architecture projects and a unique consultation space for students, teachers, managers and professionals in general in search of quality and environmentally adequate solutions and repertoire.

2. Categories

2.1. The selection of works will be divided into 3 (three) different categories:

A. Experiences from the past: built projects from the 20th century which connect with the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Goals.
B. Last decade projects: built projects from the 21st century which connect with the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Goals.
C. Inspirations for the future: ideas and concepts for future projects inspired by the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Goals

3. Registration Process

3.1 Registration for the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda will be carried out in a single step, as described below:

3.1.1 Architects with works and proposals, whose focus and proposed solution contribute to the efforts of the 17 SDGs, shall apply.

3.1.2 In the case of proposals that do not have defined locations, the location of the institution promoting the proposal will be considered.

3.1.3 There will be no registration fee to participate in the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda.

3.1.4 The registration of proposals submitted for the Guidebook will be approved according to the terms defined in this notice.

3.1.5 Applications that are not in order will not be approved.

3.1.6 The same holder can submit works in the three categories and may indicate as many SDGs as he/she wishes in each work.

3.1.7 Registration of works will be made only by means of an online form between the dates set forth in this announcement.

3.1.8 The works must be sent according to the standards and procedures established in section 5 of this regulation.

3.1.9 The information will be filled out by the titular architecture professional, who must necessarily be the main author or one of the main authors of the project. He/she will be responsible for the application and for all the information declared.

3.1.10 Only applications that have submitted the complete online form for the proposal with all required items completed will be accepted.

3.1.11 All applications must be done in English.

4. Conditions of Participation

4.1 Regarding participation, the following may apply:

4.1.1 Individual architects, self-employed, organized in offices, technical consultancies, collectives, cooperatives, research groups, extension groups and other forms of collective work organization.

4.1.2 Non-governmental organisations, public agencies and companies, private companies and collectives, provided they have at least one author or technical coordinator who is an architect.

4.2 Also in relation to participation, the following may not enroll:

4.2.1 Members of the Editorial Commission of the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda, as well as their first-degree relatives, spouses or partners, regardless of the form of partnership.

4.2.2 Members of the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda Organizing Committee, SDG Commission members and members of the UIA Council, as well as their first-degree relatives, spouses or partners, regardless of their corporate status.

4.2.3 Works already published in previous editions (Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals vols. 1 and 2; and the 3 editions of the IAB Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda), even those that had their stage or project changed.

4.3 Regarding the works, the following may be entered:

4.3.1 More than one work related to the same SDG, as well as it is allowed that a proponent register works in different SDGs. There is no limit on the number of papers to be submitted per applicant.

5. Rules for Submission

5.1 All proposals will be submitted via the online form available at the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexArEUpwQTTyzLOnl44470M9GGuGXk1-1HPaFxxp7j9YYmSQ/viewform?usp=sharing

5.1.2 An online form must be completed for each submitted proposal.

5.1.3 The user may add and change information in the registration of a new project until the closing date for applications.

5.1.4 Only submitted projects that have properly included all mandatory information will be accepted.

5.2 The following must be submitted for all entries:

5.2.1 Up to 10 (ten) most representative images of the project, in digital format (jpeg), with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, which will be uploaded on the entry form. The UIA reserves the right to select and publish the images it considers most appropriate.

5.2.2 01 (one) synthesis text (of about 500 characters with spaces) that will be used to publicize the awarded works in digital publications and other means. The text should contain the main idea and meaning of the work and its most important design strategies. The UIA reserves the right to edit the text for the purposes of adapting it to the size of the publication (to be defined later), language homogenization, standardization, and orthographic and grammatical corrections, while maintaining the essence of its content

5.2.3 Fact sheet with the names and attributions of all the professionals and collaborators who took part in the project.

5.2.4 01 (one) explanation text (of about 500 characters with spaces) that will describe the connection of your project/idea with the indicated SDGs. This explanation must consider the architect's understanding about the interaction of the different goals of the 2030 Agenda.

6. Criteria for selection of works

6.1 The works to be submitted must be associated and respond, through architectural solutions, to at least one of the 17 UN SDGs.

6.2 Each work should indicate which SDG(s) the proposal contributes to.

6.3 The 05 (five) most voted works in each of the 17 SDGs will be selected.

6.4 The selected works will be published in an online and printed publication, whose content is based on the format requested in section 4 of this announcement.

6.5 The main author or indicated team member will be invited to present their work at a live event to be promoted by the UIA SDG Commission and its partners in October 2023 (UN-Habitat Urban October).

6.6 The Editorial Board will have the prerogative of changing the classification of the SDGs indicated by the author(s).

6.7 The Editorial Board will have the prerogative of not selecting any proposal in case it considers that no work represents the goals of the 2030 Agenda.

6.8 Those selected will be announced on July 5, 2023, in an event during the UIA 2023 Copenhagen Congress.

6.9 Those responsible for the selected proposals will receive certificates that will be sent by email, in digital format, to the architect responsible after the announcement.

7. Editorial Board

7.1 The Editorial Board will be responsible for evaluating the proposals submitted and will be composed of independent members of the Organizing Committee of the publication.

7.2 The members of the Editorial Board will be appointed by the members of the UIA SDG Commission.

7.3 Each member of the Editorial Board shall select 5 (five) projects per SDG and shall evaluate the SDG indicated by the authors and may review the nomination.

7.4 The Editorial Board members shall deliberate by simple majority and their decisions shall be final, no appeals being applicable.

8. Timetable and Deadlines

8.1 Launching of the Call for Proposal and beginning of registration: February 21, 2023

8.2 Deadline for registration and submission of work: April 30, 2023, 11:59 PM (CET)

8.3 Selection: May 15 to June 30, 2023

8.4 Result announcement: July 5, 2023

8.5 Guidebook Launch and Lives: October 2023

9. General Provisions

9.1 The registration and submission of the proposal in the call for proposals corresponding to the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda implies total and absolute agreement with the terms of this regulation.

9.2 The cases not covered by this regulation will be decided by the Organizing Committee and communicated to the interested parties.

9.3 All those enrolled in the UIA Guidebook for the 2030 Agenda agree to allow the publication and dissemination of the submitted images of their work, selected or not, in any media or diffusion.

9.4 Questions will be answered by the Organizing Committee, through the email: sdg-guidebook@uia-architectes.org

9.5 Changes in the schedule and deadlines will be informed in the social media of the UIA and through the page of the SDG Commission on the UIA website.