

DURBAN TO HOST WORLD ARCHITECTURAL CONGRESS

The 25th World Congress on Architecture will be held from 3 to 7 August at the International Convention Centre in Durban. Approximately 5,000 delegates are expected to attend the congress - the biggest gathering of architects ever held in Southern Africa. The congress, UIA2014 Durban, will bring together architects, design and built environment professionals, pioneers in urban planning and thinking, activists, city makers, academics and researchers, students, government officials, decision makers and thought leaders, citizens and communities, to debate and discuss alternative strategies for the design and delivery of more habitable, functional and beautiful cities.

The programme has been devised to explore the overarching congress theme of 'architecture OTHERWHERE', as well as the themes of resilience, economy and values, and to further conversations around critical built environment issues in South Africa, Africa and the world.

The speakers, all leaders in their respective fields, will lead a series of keynote panel debates and academic discussions, as well as present keynote addresses.

International keynote presenters include Susannah Drake (USA), Toyo Ito (Japan), Francis Kere (Burkina Faso), Rahul Mehrotra (India), Joe Osae-Addo (Ghana), Gerardo Salinas (Mexico), Cameron Sinclair (USA) and Wang Shu (China). Sindile Ngonyama and Wally Serote will fly the flag for South Africa.

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