



Important Communiqué

To all Member Sections of the International Union of Architects
Mid-term Extraordinary General Assembly, 4 May 2019

At its meeting in Oaxaca, Mexico, on 17-18 May 2018, the UIA Council resolved to call for an extraordinary General Assembly in 2019 for these purposes:

- **To act upon critical amendments** to the UIA Statutes and Bylaws, based on a comprehensive review of urgent needs prior to the next General Assembly, notably those referring to the initiation of the World Capital of Architecture scheduled for January 2020 in Rio (Brazil). The Immediate Past President will lead this initiative.
- **To report and demonstrate to Member Sections** on-going efforts to improve and modernize operations and interim products of the UIA Commissions, Work Programmes, inviting mid-term commentaries, guidance and advice.
- **To discuss proposed restructuring of the UIA** in anticipation of the next General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in 2020, principally concerning eligibility for elective office, changes in the Congress, General Assembly and election cycles, and other matters of governance.
- **To present changes in the Secretariat** structure and operations in Paris, and to report on plans for moving the UIA offices from Tour Montparnasse later in 2019.
- **To preview Rio 2020 and Copenhagen 2023**, including a full presentation on the new *UNESCO World Capital of Architecture* programme.
- **To hear from you** about the issues and challenges that are of vital concern, for Bureau and Council action during the remainder of the 2017-2020 period.

In the three days prior to the General Assembly, the UIA will hold the *2019 Baku Forum on Heritage and the Challenges of Mass Tourism*, hosted by the Union of Architects of Azerbaijan and the Azerbaijan government:

Tuesday, 30 April 2019
Wednesday, 1 May 2019
Thursday, 2 May 2019
Friday, 3 May 2019
Saturday, 4 May 2019

UIA Council meeting
UIA Forum opening ceremony and program
UIA Forum and heritage site inspections
UIA Forum closing ceremony, tours of Baku
UIA Extraordinary General Assembly

You will receive details on all of these plans in Fall 2018. For now, please reserve the dates above and plan to be in Baku for the 2019 Forum and the mid-term General Assembly.

This is a critical point in the evolution of the UIA, and your participation is vital.

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