



PRESS RELEASE

YOUNG ARCHITECTS IN AFRICA COMPETITION RESULTS

Further to the previous editions promoting the New Chinese Architecture in 2010 and Young Arab Architects in 2012, AS.Architecture-Studio organizes this year the Young Architects in Africa competition, in order to highlight African projects creativity, and help a rising generation of young architects achieve worldwide recognition.

The international jury gathered on Monday, March 31st 2014 to review the 194 projects submitted by candidates from 26 African countries and residing in Africa but also the United States, Canada, Brazil, Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Tunisia, and China.

Three winners tied for the first place:

- **Architects of Justice:** Kuba GRANICKI, Mike RASSMANN, Alessio LACOVIG (South Africa)
Project: Seed, blueprint for libraries in South African Schools, Johannesburg
- **Andre CHRISTENSEN & Mieke DROOMER,** Wasserfall Munting Architects (Namibia)
Project: Dordabis Community Spine, Namibia
- **Urko SANCHEZ,** Urko Sanchez Architects (Kenya)
Project: Red Pepper House, Lamu, Kenya



Architects of Justice

Seed, blueprint for libraries in South African Schools



Wasserfall Munting Architects

Dordabis Community Spine



Urko Sanchez Architects

Red Pepper House

These projects will be exhibited at the CA'ASI, AS.Architecture-Studio's Common House in Venice, as part of the 14th Biennale di Venezia (June 5th – August 30th 2014), then at arc en rêve centre for architecture in Bordeaux, the Academy of Architecture in Paris, and other cultural institutions across Africa. All projects from the candidates to the YAA competition will be published in a bilingual catalog.

AS.Architecture-Studio has founded the CA'ASI to promote dialogue between architecture, contemporary art, and the public from the Biennale di Venezia. AS.Architecture-Studio defines architecture as « an art which is socially committed and engaged in the construction of mankind's living environment ». It is based on team work and shared knowledge.



Jury members have also awarded honourable mentions to:

- Saskia VERMEIREN & Matthew BEATTY, South Africa
- Y. TSAI / Tsai Design Studio, South Africa
- Maxwell MUTANDA, Zimbabwe
- Jacques MURAMA, ASA Studio + Africa Nos Mira, Rwanda
- Bruce ROWLANDS, Architexture Spatial Design, Zimbabwe
- Jack OLWETHU, CORC (Community Organisation Resource Center), South Africa
- Hamdi ZEKERIA & Amen TADESSE, Ethiopia
- Dean MACGREGOR, South Africa
- Boubacar SECK, EIRL SECK, Senegal

Four additional candidates have particularly held the jury's attention: Matthew James WILSON, Kobina BANNING, Mariam KAMARA / UNITE4DESIGN, Amadou Doudou DEME / Atelier KOE.

The jury has been very sensitive to the social, environmental and participative approach displayed in the submitted projects, representative of a new way of thinking the community.

AS.Architecture-Studio wishes to thank everyone involved in the competition success, specially the jury members:

- Jean-Louis Cohen, Professor in the History of Architecture, NYU, and Curator for the French Pavilion, 14th Biennale di Venezia
- Jean-Bernard Detry, Director, SETEC TPI
- Farrokh Derakhshani, Secretary-General, Aga Khan Foundation
- Frédéric Edelmann, Journalist and Architecture critic
- Didier Faustino, Artist-architect, Le Bureau des Mésarchitectures
- Michel Jacques, Artistic Director, arc en rêve, Bordeaux
- Constant Nemale, President, Africa 24 TV
- Jean-Jacques Kotto, Architect and Head of ESSACA school of Architecture
- Nicole Roux Loupiac, from the Academy of Architecture
- Romane Sarfati, Advisor responsible for Arts, Architecture, Design and Fashion at the Ministry of Culture (not available on March, 31st 2014)

Four partner architects from AS.Architecture-Studio also deliberated as part of the jury: Martin Robain, Rodo Tisnado, Roueïda Ayache, Amar Sabeh El Leil.

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