

Apply now to the 2027 Global Award for Sustainable Architecture™

The Global Award for Sustainable Architecture™, an honor created by the architect and scholar Jana Revedin in 2006, is now open for applications.

The Award is endorsed by the UIA, and, since 2011, is under the patronage of UNESCO. It honors annually five living architects, urban and landscape designers who are moving toward sustainability. Their work offers clear insights into the search for an ecologically responsible contemporary architecture which is fully in step with the ethical, civil, and social concerns of today, innovative in the areas of ecology, energy, materials, and technology, and progressive in its search for new standards for both public and private facilities.



The 2027 Theme: Architecture Is Equity

In an era when democratic institutions are under mounting pressure, public trust in civic engagement is increasingly fragile. For some, this disillusionment translates into protest or withdrawal; for others, it manifests in calls for broader inclusion that too often go unheard.

Yet the vitality of democracy depends on tools that reignite public interest, inspire active involvement, and create meaningful avenues of participation.

Can architecture become a catalyst for equity?
Can planning processes and public spaces for dialogue foster democratic engagement and social cohesion?

- In what ways can architectural methods and design practices be reimagined as instruments of equity?
- How might ecological and civic circularity guide the transformation of our built environments?
- What strategies can ensure the cultural, social, and economic adaptability of participatory design, particularly in transitional societies?

- How can principles of flexibility, adaptability, and recyclability support inclusive use and coexistence within architectural and urban ecosystems?
- Which geo- and bio-sourced materials, morphologies, and evolving practices of care and repair are required to guarantee democratic access to high-quality architecture and design?

Exploring these questions situates architecture and urban planning not only as technical fields but also as **civic practices** - essential to reimagining democracy, deepening participation, and shaping resilient, just, and inclusive living environments.

2027 Evaluation Criteria

Various criteria are key to this year's edition: **Empowerment**, **Circularity**, **Innovation**, **Transdisciplinarity**, **Adaptability**.

Do you have work that meets one or some of the above? Are you interested in being a part of this cutting edge community who understands architectural design as a collective process based on shared ethics, methods, and experiments?

If so, enter now for an opportunity to join this distinguished circle.

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Jury Members

- The Scientific Jury is chaired by Prof. Dr. Jana Revedin, architect and founding president of the Global Award for Sustainable Architecture™, Venice, Italy
- Marie-Hélène Contal, architect, Dean of the Ecole Spéciale d'Architecture, Paris, France
- Prof. Dr. Jacopo Galli, architect, Università IUAV di Venezia, Venice, Italy
- Prof. Dr. Spela Hudnik, architect, Ljubljana University, Slovenia
- Prof. Dr. Deniz Incedayi, architect, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Turkey
- The UIA juror Prof. Dr. Ashraf M. Salama, architect, Co-Director of the UNESCO-UIA Education Council, Newcastle, UK
- The UIA juror **Prof. Nuno Soares**, architect, Co-Director of the UNESCO-UIA Validation Council, Macau, China

Each year, two Global Award winners from former years, who are also experts in the chosen yearly theme, are invited to join the jury. For "Architecture Is Equity" we are pleased to welcome:

- Prof. Wang Shu, architect, Hangzhou, China
- **Prof. Dorte Mandrup**, architect, Copenhagen, Denmark

Timeline

- Award launch: World Architecture Day, October 6, 2025
- Deadline for questions: November 21, 2025
- Deadline for answers: November 28, 2025
- Deadline for submissions: January 30, 2026
- Jury meeting: **April 14, 2026**
- Official announcement of winners: First half 2027 (date to be announced) at the Global Award for Sustainable Architecture™ Symposium

How to apply

The Global Award for Sustainable Architecture[™] recognizes a nominee's professional, scientific, social, and political engagement, not single projects. Participation is open to all architects, urban and landscape designers around the world, and submissions must be written in English. **You have until January 30, 2026 to apply for the award**, by clicking on the link below:

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the Global Award for Sustainable Architecture™. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you think might be a good candidate.

Best regards,

The Global Award for Sustainable Architecture™ Organization Team