



Introduction

Dear Members,

We hope you are all in a good health.

You are looking at the 24th issue of ASF International Newsletter. You will find inside interesting information about new projects, conclusions from GA 2021, GA 2022 plans and Challenging Practice program information. **Please remember that in order to receive the Newsletters you need to sign up for a Newsletter mailing list on our website (you can as well write a request to Secretary General's email address).**

It was a pleasure to meet with you during the last General Assembly 2021 meeting, which took place at the end of September. We are sorry that not all of you could join us, but we hope to see you again next year in full presence.

During GA we had a chance to discuss this year's activities and future plans, as well as to choose the new Board Members. Please welcome kindly :

Faten Kikano from Architecture Sans Frontières Québec - Canada

Olivier Graeven from Architecten Zonder Grenzen - Belgium

Erik Vittrup Christensen from Arkitekter Uden Grænser - Denmark

Special thanks to all lecturers and participants for taking part in ASF Dialogues and CP discussion panels. We hope you found it interesting.

During General Assembly we heard the voices about communication problems. We would like to remind again that email address asf@asfint.org is no longer in use. We will put the best efforts to avoid further problems and improve means of communication, but please remember as well that it is in your best interest to inform us about not receiving any communication for a longer period, changes in contact addresses and positions in your organizations.

Last but not least, we would like to wish you all peaceful and cheerful Holidays season and happy, healthy, prosperous New Year 2022!

Enjoy the lecture!

Architecture sans Frontières International Board

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General Assembly 2022 in Katowice/Warsaw



We are full of hopes that General Assembly 2022 will finally take place in Poland.

Due to the fact that World Urban Forum will take place in Katowice in June 2022, ASF International finds it as a great opportunity to organize our annual meeting at similar time and place.



1TO1 AND CHALLENGING PRACTICE

1to1 has been running Challenging Practice(CP) courses in South Africa since 2017. This began after a director from 1to1 attended a CP Stage A seminar run by ASF-UK in 2015 and later assisted with the organising and running of the Stage B workshop Change by Design (CBD) in Cape Town.

The initial offering of the course was to run a CP training at the University of Johannesburg as a supplement to the Graduate School of Architecture's professional programme. This course facilitated the writing up of the Cape Town CBD as a case study and was blended into the university module as a means of linking local students to the cross-national concepts of CP.

Later this same course supplemented a future Stage B CBD back in Cape Town, where it was used as a means of building facilitator capacity with the local partner's in Cape Town and prepared the workshop team for the later CBD field work. Since then, the course has been further offered to a wider audience of professionals, government officials and other civic sector actors across South Africa in different workshops and formats.

The interesting challenge of contextualising the course for a South African audience has been to dispel the stigma of 'development' practice and widen the perspective on understanding people, place and action through tailored exercises that have involved role playing, invitation of grass-roots actors to assist in the course facilitation and a careful unpacking of the case studies (e.g using the London HS2 example first).

1to1 aims to offer the CP course to a wider audience, with a focus on local government entities around Johannesburg .



ASSOCIATION POUR LA PROMOTION DE LA SANTE ET LE DEVELOPMENT OF BURUNDI



Architecture Sans Frontieres International was approached in May by Association pour la promotion de la Sante et le development of Burundi, an organization committed to bring its contribution to set up projects that will add value to Burundian population, by submitting some structural projects to partners that might support their realization.

Due to the number of projects listed in the preparatory meeting ASF international visited Burundi from 5th to the 12th of September 2021, in order to realise if and how its members could be of assistance. The visited sites were mainly related to the health and education sector, that locally expressed the reported in the documents sent by the organization.

"According to the Service Availability and Readiness Assessment survey carried out in 2019, most of the indicators related to the availability of services, the operational capacity of health establishments to offer health services to the population as well as those related to chronic disease management is still at a low level. According to this survey, only 7% have a full technical platform to provide these services"

"In the education sector, according to the report of the Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies of Burundi in 2020, the school attendance rate in preschool education is 7%, in basic education is 81% and 30% in post-basic education. University attendance remains very low, at 13.2%."

Among these projects are not only new buildings, but also the refurbishing of some that no longer can respond to the population needs as well as fundamental infrastructures such as water and energy supply.



Music School Project For Local Children, ASF Poland

For almost 20 years, RCA has been torn by constant wars and battles on the background of natural resources such as gold and diamonds. Children are often drawn into the rebel army, where they learn violence and kill their brothers. The last rebellion of 2013-2015 left deep wounds in the hearts of children, their parents and siblings were killed in front of their eyes.

A music school is a remedy for scars made during the war and a hope for a better future. The African Music School is the First and only Music School in the Central African Republic and was founded by one of polish missionary in Bouar three years ago.

The school operates for 3 years, we have 54 children aged from 5 to 12 years, it doesn't have any building though. Teachers come from Europe and other African countries. Children who finish their education at our school, pass exams and receive a diploma that gives them the opportunity to teach at ABRS schools. We want every child finishing education in our school to come out with their own instrument that will allow them to earn a living.

The construction of a real school has started in 2020. The school will have 3 main parts: 10 classes built in line with the rules of acoustics (this part will also have a kitchen and dining room, where children will receive a meal from us- often the only one during the day) a concert hall with a recording studio and 5 guest rooms for lecturers.

You can follow the updates on the website and support the project on the website: <https://www.africanmusicschool.com/en/>





Challenging Practice Stage A Seminar - January / February 2022

