



2013 WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY **CULTURE-ARCHITECTURE**

The ties that bind architecture and culture together are a constant subject of analysis and discussion, probably because both are such vibrant fields in and of themselves.

By choosing **CULTURE- ARCHITECTURE** as the theme for the 2013 World Architecture Day, the UIA hopes to generate a wellspring of interpretations and illustrations of architects' diversity, richness, imagination, and capacity for invention through their designs and realisations.

UIA also hopes to affiliate its members with the UNESCO declaration entitled: Placing Culture at the Heart of Sustainable Development Policies, that was drafted in Hangzhou, PR of China, last May.

This declaration advocates a new approach to sustainable development and calls on governments, civil society and the private sector to utilize cultural resources to face the planet's most urgent development challenges: environmental sustainability, poverty and social inclusion.

The UIA invites its members to celebrate World Architecture Day on 7 October 2013, by creating events that highlight culture as a vital part of the architectural process and illustrate its potential to help resolve the challenges architects face in the practice of their profession.

This celebration will take place in conjunction with World Habitat Day organised by UN-Habitat.

Read the Hangzhou declaration

<http://www.uia-architectes.org/sites/default/files/FinalHangzhouDeclaration20130517.pdf>



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