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World Congress of Architects: The contribution of the CNAPPC “Sustainable Futures – Leaving No One Behind” Copenhagen, July 2nd – 6th, 2023

Rome, June 30th 2023 – “*Sustainable Futures – Leaving No One Behind*” is the theme of the World Congress of Architects, promoted by the International Union of Architects (UIA) and taking place in Copenhagen from July 2nd to 6th. The event will focus on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN 2030 Agenda.

Throughout six thematic sessions - Design for Climate Adaptation; Rethinking Resources; Design for Resilient Communities; Design for Health; Design for Inclusivity; Design for Partnerships for Change - the Congress will highlight how architecture plays a fundamental role in achieving the 17 global objectives.

“The current debate around the role of architecture,” said Francesco Miceli, President of the National Council of Architects, Planners, Landscapers and Conservationists (CNAPPC), “calls for a rethinking of the architect’s role. Architects must renew their tools to face the complexities of current and near future challenges. Combating climate change, promoting inclusivity, and overcoming social inequalities compel us to envision the future of cities and the environment through innovative models. The UIA World Congress will have a central mission: to outline a real path of change and renewal, contributing to the prevention of looming threats to our planet. We need innovation, research, and new models to develop sustainable urban regeneration and territorial protection processes, while safeguarding the identity and cultural values of each community. This will be possible only if we succeed in merging our technical and cultural expertise - the core of our profession - with the ethical dimension of design practice.”

According to Lilia Cannarella, Head of the CNAPPC Department for Urban Agenda and European Policies and UIA Region 1 Council Member, “understanding international agendas, programs, and global projects helps strengthen professional skills through the exchange of good practices. At the same time, it enriches the debate at a national level on the future of our cities and territories in order to propose projects to policymakers that are broad in scope, focused on social inclusion in order to reduce gender, generational and territorial gaps, and strongly anchored to international objectives.

In Copenhagen - designated by UNESCO as the World Capital of Architecture 2023 - the CNAPPC, which this year celebrates the 100th anniversary of the professional Order of Architects in Italy, will contribute to the Congress through a variety of initiatives organized by its departments. At the Bella Center – the main venue for the Congress – an exhibition space will be set up: the Yearbook will be distributed and the selection of works participating in the “Italian Architect” Award, showcasing the best Italian architectural projects, will be presented. Experiences from Italian schools through the “Abitare il Paese - La cultura della domanda” project, alongside the “*Design for Peace*” initiative, supporting reconstruction efforts in Ukraine, will be illustrated as well.



An important initiative is also planned for July 5th in the morning: the “Proximity in the small towns of tomorrow” conference, featuring internationally renowned speakers including Carlos Moreno, urbanist, Sorbonne professor, and creator of the *15-minute city* model.

More information available at: <https://uia2023cph.org>

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