



**IFLA ASIA PACIFIC REGION REPORT**  
**30 JULY 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM No** : ITEM 13, FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2021  
**TITLE OF THE REPORT** : CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUPS REPORT (2020/2022)  
**OFFICER NAME AND IFLA POSITION** : CLAIRE MARTIN, CHAIR

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT.**

To inform the IFLA APR Executive Council of the IFLA Climate Change Working Group's (IFLA APR CC WG) activities and discussions over the last year and our planned activities for the 2021/22 year.

**SUMMARY OF THE REPORT (UP TO 100 WORDS):**

This year has been a good foundational year establishing relationships between members of the IFLA APR Climate Change Working Group, and the IFLA World Climate Change Working Group, as well the successful nomination of Kotchakorn Voraakhom as Chair of the IFLA World Group allowing us to work closely. We have identified several opportunities this year and would like to use the coming year to create more mechanisms to share information, resources and to implement change.

**REPORT:**

**A Year in Review 20/21**

**Activities**

Administrative/General

- Reviewed the IFLA World Climate Change Working Group Terms of Reference
- Setup an IFLA APR Agenda and Minutes Template and shared with the IFLA World Climate Change Working Group – including an Acknowledgement of Country at the start of meetings which is an opportunity to show respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country.
- Setup an IFLA APR Trello Board for the sharing of key documents and resources.
- The IFLA APR CC WG meets every two months by Zoom.
- The IFLA World CC WG meets every once a month by Zoom.
- General report back from each represented member association re. projects and initiatives and where relevant sharing of resources.
- Developed an Issues Register to identify issues and programs and initiatives in countries across the region.



### Profile, Advocacy + Engagement

- Contributed to the IFLA APR LinkedIn page.
- Contributed to a IFLA APR Delegate Feature: Claire Martin, President of AILA.
- Claire Martin Presented at the 2020 IFLA World Congress on the topic of Ecological Health.
- Collated feedback on the IFLA World website and relayed through to the IFLA World Climate Change Working Group/PPP Chair.
- Claire Martin participated in the Landscape Architects Without Borders COVID-19 Video with representatives from across the region.
- IFLA APR CC WG and IFLA APR Landscape Architects without Borders co-convened - The Healthy City session with speakers Kotchakorn Voraakhom Landscape Architect, Porous City/Landscape Architects without Borders IFLA APR (Thailand), Mriganka Saxena Urban Designer, HTAU (India) Dr Yuelai Liu Landscape Architecture Department, Tongji University (China), moderated by Claire Martin as part of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) as part of the 2020 Land-E-Scape: Reset - Towards Healing virtual conference.
- A survey was planned by the group however as IFLA World ran a survey it was decided to hold and to obtain the results from IFLA World PPP and then tailor a more regionally specific.
- Met with Tony Williams the IFLA Europe Climate Change Working Group Chair to discuss the IFLA Indigenous Ecosystems Nodes and Corridors project, as well as attending a meeting with Green Fleet Australia.
- Claire Martin became a member of the University of Melbourne's Expert Reference Group for Climate Change in the Built Environment.
- Shared a series of posters and resources that address the Five (now Six) Best Things you can do for climate positive design and biodiversity based on AILA resources and European Commission resource. Miki Mitsuta translated some of the biodiversity resources into Japanese and shared through her Facebook account and has been liaising with the Royal Institute of Natural Sciences Belgium to get an official Japanese translation and to see if the document is available in other languages. Resource link: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/6c7d9481-f359-4312-ab95-d87b68a23f02>
- We nominated and secured support for Thailand Landscape Architects Association (TALA) member and representative Kotchakorn Voraakhom to stand unopposed as the new IFLA World Climate Change Working Group Chair.
- Contributed to/oversaw the development of IFLA World COP 26 Climate Change Declaration to be ratified at the IFLA World Congress.
- Made a submission on behalf of Kotchakorn Voraakhom and Claire Martin to the Asia-Pacific Cities Summit & Mayor's Forum to speak at the event.
- Contributed to the IFLA Newsletter an interview on Transitional Housing: An Australian Perspective  
<https://iflaapr.org/news/transitional-housing-australian-perspective>



- Prof Dr Shao Jizhong convened a *Carbon Neutral & Carbon Peak - Climate Positive Landscape Architecture Design Conference* at Wuhan University, IFLA APR CC WG - Dr. Sridevi Rao Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) and Claire Martin participated as keynote speakers.
- As a member of the IFLA World Climate Change Working Group will participate/have participated in the IFLA World Congress session on the IFLA World Climate Change Declaration.

## **Planned Activities 21/22**

- Seek nominations from each member nation to be represented on the IFLA APR CC WG.
- For 21/22 the IFLA APR Working Group would like more opportunities to meet with other PPE chairs at least two or three times a year to ensure alignment between the IFLA APR working groups and committees.
- Provide quarterly updates by members of the IFLA APR CC WG to the IFLA APR newsletter and website (refer below)
- Help support the IFLA Find Your Tribe Community Platform by reviewing the categories, align to the COP26 Declaration and identifying moderators building on early discussions re. issues register.
- Support within the region the promotion, adoption, and implementation of the IFLA COP26 Declaration.
- Several speaking opportunities have been identified this year including an IFLA World Climate Change Working Group Symposium, and potentially COP26.
- Identify case studies from the IFLA APR Awards Program that demonstrate how landscape architects undertake climate adaptation and climate resilience at scales that matter.
- Raise awareness within the region of the IFLA Indigenous Ecosystems Nodes and Corridors project.
- We have put in a request to Hope Parnham of CSLA to get the results of the IFLA World PPP to help inform an APR Climate Change Working Group Affiliate Survey – draft questions below:

*'IFLA Has declared a climate and biodiversity emergency we would like to know what your association and membership are doing to help to adapt to climate change and to mitigate the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss and how the IFLA working group can support you.*

1. *List the three biggest climate or biodiversity risks and threats in your region that your members who could present to other affiliates adaption and mitigation design approaches.*
2. *Provide examples of:*
  - A. *Three case studies of exemplar landscape architecture climate change adaptation or mitigation projects. Website links of Dropbox/Google Drive/WeTransfer Links.*
  - B. *Key research produced by landscape architects in your country focused on climate change adaptation or mitigation projects addressing the three biggest threats. Website links or references.*
  - C. *The contact details of landscape architects in academia or practice who have a key interest/experience in climate change adaptation or mitigation - provide Name, Title, Organisation, Research Focus, email.*
3. *List three climate adaptation/mitigation topics you would like to see presentations on from other affiliate members.*
4. *List three climate adaptation/mitigation topics your members who could present on to other affiliates.*



5. *List organisations you partner with to effect climate positive outcomes in your country (e.g. IUCN/UN).*

- Translate AILA 6 Top 6 Things You Can Do for Climate Positive Design – digital poster/leaflets.
- Develop and Translate Top 10 Things You Can Do for Biodiversity – digital poster/leaflets.
- Promote and share through talks the AILA Climate Action Plan with affiliates across the region, to be adapted and translated – to be launched in Australia October 2021. Discussions have started with representatives of the Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects and New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects/Tuia Pito Ora.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS (MOTIONS TO VOTE):**

One of our recommendations is that climate action should be front and centre on the IFLA APR website the best examples is the ASLA website where it is on the front page, not hidden in a pull-down menu but a clickable link on the landing page. We therefore request:

Motion 01: That Climate Action be foregrounded on the IFLA APR website front page by adding a button.

**APPENDIXES (TO BE ATTACHED): Nil**