

IFLA APR Tomodachi Project Report

Work together with more countries, more experts and more generations

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Chapter 1

Project background





1-01. Introduction

The Earth has recently faced many fluctuations. Australia's forest fires have continued to burn like never before, and before they have subsided, the coronavirus outbreak has spread tremendously around the world and is still uncertain. The damage of grasshoppers in Africa and the Middle East has also been overwhelming and has had a significant impact on the food situation in African countries. And in contrast to the dry weather conditions contributing to the Australian forest fires, India, Bangladesh, China, and Japan have experienced unprecedented heavy rainfall damage. It is far beyond the scale of the past.

It can be said that abnormal weather caused by global warming and the imbalance between nature and human society are causing such situations. This crisis has been building for a long time, but now it can be said that its effects have entered the stage of being one step above the crisis stage.

To tackle the common issues in our Asia Pacific region, the knowledge and skills of landscape solutions; green infrastructure, nature based solutions and community designs should be shared to other countries in our region.

Operation "TOMODACHI" also known as "Friends Operation" is to bring on board non member countries and territories in our Asia Pacific region including our oceanic islands to raise awareness for the landscape architecture profession globally, engage regional LAs to support these countries and to support sustainable planning.

1-02. Taskforce members

IFLA APR President, Fumiaki Takano, JLAU Kiyohito Tamotsu, Miki Namikawa and Chiyo Yoshikai are members for Operation Tomodachi.

We are currently looking for other TOMODACHI members to carry out this wonderful operation.

Our Task;

1. Initiation and Exploration
2. Establish Collaboration
3. Continuous Engagement

Each task should be adaptable to the needs based on the interest level and commitment of these non-member countries.

1-03. Purpose of Operation

IFLA APR is currently composed of 14 organisations from our region. However, there are still more than 29 countries (including island countries in the South Pacific) that have not joined yet. Now that we are confronting global warming and extreme weather, etc., we should work together as much as we can and if possible we should not leave any country behind.

The islands of the South Pacific are facing a significant phase due to sea-level rise, many developing countries are working towards a plan for the future; it is very important that Landscape Architects participate from the initial stages. However in many countries Landscape Architects as important professionals, and the existence of its global organisation IFLA is not known. It is important to work together to maintain a sustainable earth.

The objectives of Operation are

1. To raise awareness for the landscape architecture profession globally;
2. To engage regional LAs to support these countries in climate adaptation and dealing with rising sea levels; and lastly
3. To establish a foothold for the profession in these countries to support long term sustainable planning.

Non-member countries (29)

East Asia:	Mongolia, North Korea
Southeast Asia:	Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, East Timor
South Asia:	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Central Asia:	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Oceania-Polynesia:	Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa
Oceania-Melanesia:	Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Fiji

LEGEND

Green: Member country
Yellow-green: Non-member country



Countries responded positively to join our community are; Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of Palau, Cambodia, Vietnam, Turkmenistan, Maldives, Mongolia and Bangladesh.

However, the taskforce team believes that there should be more countries which are interested in our landscape activities. If the contact persons and methods of contact are further evolved, the number of countries of interest will be increased.

Chapter 02

IFLA APR Membership Details

2-01. Membership types and fees

Membership types

There are three key membership categories in IFLA as follows;

Category A (Nation) member: National organisations of landscape architects whose Constitution and By-laws have been approved by the World Council. Only one representative association per nation or territory is permitted.

Category B (Professional) member:

Individual landscape architects whose qualifications and status as determined by IFLA are acceptable and who would otherwise be eligible but who do not have a national organisation.

Category C (Corporate) member:

Scientific, educational and professional institutions, associations or corporations, connected with landscape architecture, and professional, commercial or industrial organisations wishing to promote or support the objectives of IFLA and the IFLA APR.

Membership fees

Membership fees (annual) for Category A (Nation) member are as follows:
(The fees vary depending on sizes of national organisations.)

If your organisation consists of up to 25 members, the fee per member is €5.75.

If it consists of between 26 and 700, the fee per member is €9.15.

If it consists of between 701 and 1,000, the fee per member is €5.75.

If it consists of between 1001 and 4,000, the fee per member is €2.35.

If it consists of more than 4001 members, the fee per member is €0.65.

Membership fees (annual) for Category B (Professional) members is €20.00, or €50.00 for three years.

2-02. Other conditions

1. Applicants will need a constitution that is not in conflict with the IFLA constitution.
2. Applicants will need office holders with a president, treasurer and honorary secretary as a minimum, and an executive committee, to speak on behalf of landscape architects in Bangladesh and engage with the global landscape community.
3. Applicants should appoint a member to become the official delegate to the IFLA world council, which could in the first instance be a president of applicant's institution.
4. Applicant's new institute should then make an application to join IFLA, once you have a constitution legally established, so that IFLA can welcome you into the global family of landscape architects.
5. Once that happens you will automatically be a member of the IFLA Asia Pacific Region and your delegate will be able to attend all APR council meetings.
6. To seek to join IFLA, please write to the secretary Sally Robertshaw (admin@iflaworld.org) and copy your message to James Hayter the IFLA president (president@iflaworld.org).

Chapter 03

Invitation process

1. Initiation and Exploration

(Call Embassy and Friends to ask their situations and interests.)

IFLA APR will initiate contact with the nonmember countries and raise awareness of our organisation and profession.

With further communication, we aim to provide a channel for these countries to be on the IFLA APR communication platform to further discuss collaboration and other possibilities.

2. Establish Collaboration

(Launch Projects and Fund Raising. (international Organization; United Nation, World Bank JICA might have some support programs.)

IFLA APR understood the urgency of climate change, rising sea levels and other crises faced by some of these countries. It is part of the IFLA mission to extend expertise in the field of landscape architecture to support climate change adaptation and resilience building projects in these places with funding sources. Hence it is important to establish collaboration to start planning, design and implementation of projects in order to achieve outcomes that will benefit both the communities and the environment. Such collaborative platforms requires the commitment of both parties and other stakeholders with trusted and reliable funding sources to kickstart planning and implementation on the ground.

3. Continuous Engagement

(Invite non-member countries to listen their voices and join their symposium to speak about landscape solutions.)

IFLA APR aims to develop long lasting friendships and trusted partnerships with member and nonmember countries in the Asia Pacific region. We understand that many of the nonmember countries may not have national associations for landscape architects, some may not even be aware of this profession. Therefore IFLA APR has introduced an individual member or non member country category where these countries and individuals can be invited to IFLA APR meetings and activities.