



## **ARCHITECTURE FOR WELL-BEING**

### **WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY**

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In the wake of the pandemic, architects remain steadfast in their commitment to the goals set in the United Nations 2030 Agenda and to building more resilient, sustainable and healthy societies.

Architecture for well-being goes beyond access to hospitals and health care facilities. It extends to improving the quality of the architectural spaces in which we live and work. From technical innovations which can improve thermal comfort, circulation and ventilation to subtler factors contributing to our psychological and social well-being such as public spaces, walkability, land use and daylight, we have realised that the quality of our built environment has profound implications for our quality of life, on the lives of those around us and on our natural environment.

Over the course of the *2022 UIA Year of Design for Health*, the International Union of Architects (UIA) has united practitioners and policymakers around discussions, debates and case studies regarding issues of architecture for well-being.

This year's World Architecture Day marks the commitment of the UIA and its member countries to sharing best practices and brainstorming policies that help people everywhere enjoy better health outcomes by achieving harmony between their built, natural and social environments. Architects are committed to good design because we know that it makes our communities stronger, safer and healthier. We remain committed to contributing to the well-being of all humans.

The UIA calls on architects, engineers, planners and developers to unite with the private, social and public sectors to find a holistic and harmonious balance between the built and natural environments.

I am confident that together we can meet the challenge.

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