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IDEAS COMPETITION FOR THE DESIGN OF LEARNING SPACES

CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Pan-American Federation of Architects' Associations (FPAA) carried out the Ideas Competition for the Design of Learning Spaces, an initiative that invited participants to rethink educational infrastructure for preschool, primary, and secondary levels in the region, understanding space as a third educator.

The launch took place on February 20, and the call remained open until April 16. A total of 103 proposals were received from different countries

across the region, reflecting commitment, creativity, and diversity of perspectives. Currently, the team is verifying compliance with the competition guidelines, after which the jury evaluation process will begin in order to announce the winners.

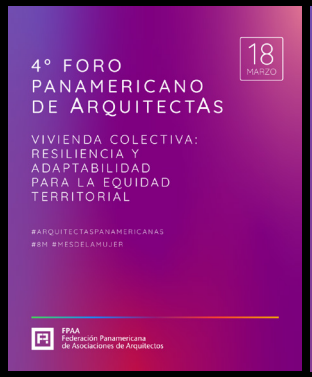
FPAA PUBLISHES CONTINENTAL DOCUMENT ON HOUSING AS A RIGHT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ARCHITECTURE

The Pan-American Federation of Architects' Associations (FPAA) shared on its website the document "Housing as a Right: Pan-American Perspectives from Architecture," a compilation gathering contributions from architects across the continent to the debate on housing, habitat, and equity.

The document proposes solutions related to self-construction, cooperative models, and sustainability, reaffirming the role of architecture in creating humane and equitable cities. This publication is the result of the activities carried out during the Executive Committee meeting held in Lima in October 2025 and can be accessed through the following **link**.

MARCH: WOMEN'S MONTH AND THE 4TH PAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

FPAA began the month of March by commemorating International Women's Day and, as has become tradition, held the 4th Pan-American Women's Forum, a regional space for exchange that promotes visibility, leadership, and a gender perspective in architecture. In this edition, the central theme was "Collective Housing: Resilience and Adaptability for Territorial Equity," continuing the topic the Federation has addressed in different spaces for dialogue over recent months.



The forum took place on Wednesday, March 18, at 18:30 (Uruguay time) and brought together experiences from different regions of the continent that, from diverse perspectives, addressed current challenges in collective housing. The report from this meeting can be downloaded through the following **link**, and the recording of the forum is available on YouTube.

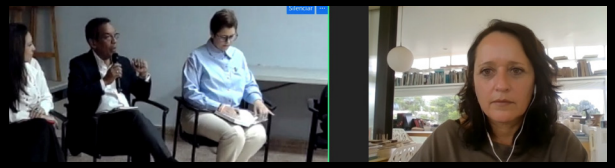
NEW ALLIANCES!

Fundación Ciudad has joined FPAA's strategic partners. This partnership strengthens the commitment to linking architecture with the social, environmental, and urban challenges faced by cities, while also promoting platforms that connect architecture professionals with authorities and decision-makers.

In addition, Rothoblaas also signed a sponsorship agreement. The company, known for its wide range of technological solutions for timber construction, is strengthening ties with the Federation to promote new projects of common interest.

HABITAT ALLIANCES FORUM

Following the agreement signed with CIHALC – International Habitat Summit of Latin America and the Caribbean – the Federation participated in two Habitat Alliances Forums. The first, held in Panama, was attended by Arch. María Samaniego, President of FPAA, and Arch. Jorge Pitalúa, President of the Association of Architects of Panama (COARQ). The second took place in Mexico and was attended by Arch. Miguel Sosa Correa, President of the Federation of Associations of Architects of the Mexican Republic (FCARM), representing FPAA.



Both meetings sought to strengthen the habitat agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, emphasizing the key role architecture plays in the development of public policies. Participation in these events is essential for FPAA, as they represent advocacy actions that reaffirm its commitment to more just, sustainable, and inclusive cities.

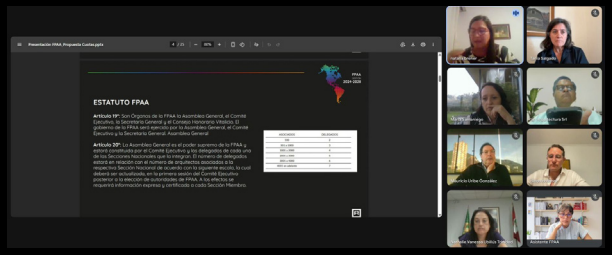
FPAA AT THE 5TH FORUM ON INTERDISCIPLINARY NARRATIVES IN MEXICO

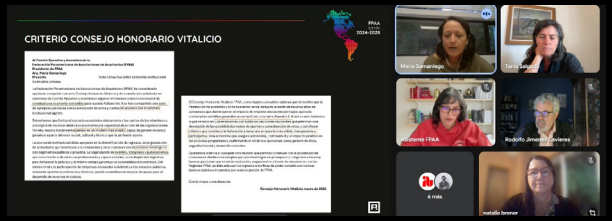
As part of Women's Month, the President of the Pan-American Federation of Architects' Associations (FPAA), Arch. María Samaniego Ponce, was invited by the Federation of Associations of Architects of the Mexican Republic (FCARM) to participate in the 5th Forum on Interdisciplinary Narratives "Women Who Transform," held in Mérida, Yucatán Peninsula, Mexico.

She also participated in the meeting of the Council of the International Union of Architects, specifically in an Open Assembly, which provided an ideal opportunity to present the commemorative book celebrating FPAA's 100th anniversary to the UIA and to strengthen institutional relations with other international organizations such as the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), the African Union of Architects, and the Order of Architects of France.

EXTRAORDINARY VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

On April 20, the Extraordinary Virtual Assembly was held with the participation of 15 National Sections, the Regional Vice Presidents, and the members of the Lifetime Honorary Committee. Important matters for FPAA were resolved, following broad participation from Federation members since the Full Assembly held in Asunción, Paraguay, in 2025.





EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN GUATEMALA

FPAA is preparing for the next Executive Committee meeting which, as previously announced, will take place on May 21 and 22 in Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala. With more than 16 countries confirmed, the meeting will provide an ideal opportunity to continue working toward the Federation's objectives in a city declared a World Cultural Heritage Site.

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