

Report of ICAI School of Architecture Online Symposium



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DESIGNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY IN TODAY'S WORLD

LEARNING FROM GLOBAL PRACTICES

**Online
International
Symposium**

**3rd October
2023**

09:30 am – 02:00 pm

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Speaker
Sidney, Australia

Ar. Simba Garikai
Speaker
Johannesburg, South Africa

Date: 3rd October 2023

Topic: Designing for Sustainability and Accessibility in Today's World – Learning from Global Practices

Number of Participants: 55 offline and 28 online

On the 3rd of October 2023, the ICAI School of Architecture hosted an Online International Symposium through the Zoom platform. This symposium centered on the theme of "Designing for Sustainability and Accessibility in Today's World" and attracted a diverse audience of more than 50 participants.

The symposium's objectives were clear. Firstly, it aimed to shed light on the latest global design trends, with a particular focus on sustainability and accessibility in the field of architecture. Secondly, it provided a unique opportunity for architects and enthusiasts to learn from distinguished experts from around the world, offering a diverse range of insights. Additionally, the event aimed to inspire practicing architects by presenting them with international trends and practices that could have a direct impact on their work in the realms of sustainability and accessibility. Lastly, the symposium allowed academics and students of architecture to enrich their knowledge base through engagement with renowned speakers hailing from various regions across the globe.

Key speakers at the event included Ar. Ganesh Nayak from Atlanta, who served as the keynote speaker. Ar. Nayak, an accomplished architect with multiple qualifications, shared invaluable insights into global design philosophies and sustainable practices. Taruna Gupta, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, highlighted the role of architectural planning in enhancing accessibility. Reeshika Vallabh provided perspective on accessibility in architectural practices from Australia, while Ar. Simba Garikai

shared his expertise in regional architectural design and its relevance to sustainability and accessibility from Johannesburg, South Africa.

The event brought together architects, academics, and students, offering them a unique opportunity to gain insights into global architectural trends and practices. By bridging the gap between international design philosophies and local implementation, the symposium promoted a more sustainable and accessible future in the field of architecture. The knowledge shared during this event is expected to have a positive impact on both academic understanding and architectural practice in the context of sustainability and accessibility.