



## INTRODUCTION

The perspective of the organization didn't change. However, many and relevant changes are welcome mostly if suggested by members and even more by members that don't have a representative sitting on the organization board.

It's never too much to promote members participation in all ASF Int guidance and activities. This is also an excellent moment to start with renewed energy the discussion that has taken place in the past years about the ASF Int charter of principles so that soon we can have an updated vision of the organization's sense of existence and mission.

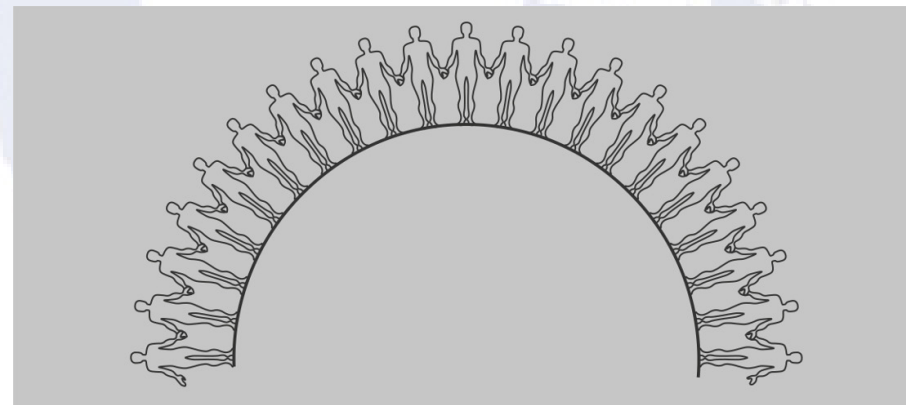
The same way is to boost the existing work groups by increasing the exchange between member organizations and other entities that can upgrade ASF Int performance and relevance. All members are more than welcome to join work groups and to search answers for to complex challenges of our nowadays reality. Actually, eight work groups are established. You are welcome to join these groups via a contact of the group leaders:

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ASF Int principles	<a href="mailto:marcel.ruchon@asfint.org">marcel.ruchon@asfint.org</a>
Fundraising	<a href="mailto:olivier@asfint.org">olivier@asfint.org</a>
International events	<a href="mailto:anton@asfint.org">anton@asfint.org</a>
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Ligia Nunes and Vojtech Sigmund, editors of the 26th ASF Newsletter

Dear member,  
a new chapter has begun with the election of a new chairperson, Guruprasad Rune from India. It's with great pleasure that we see ASF Int be led by a representative of a member from outside Europe, after being chaired for five years by a woman, both symptoms of an equitable organization.

ASF Poland deserves great gratitude for the organization of the General Assembly 2022 in Warsaw. We all are looking forward to the next GA on the weekend of 1-2 July 2023 in Copenhagen. In the GA in Warsaw, Board members for 2022 – 2024 were elected: Goran Vodicka (ASF UK), Guruprasad Rane (ASF India), Justyna Kowalik (ASF Poland), Julia Brzezińska (ASF Poland), Marcel Ruchon (ASF France), Reija Toivio (Arkitekter Utan Gränser Sweden), Vojtech Sigmund (ASF Czechia). The Board is completed by the ongoing members 2021 – 2023: Ligia Nunes (ASF Portugal), Faten Kikano (ASF Quebec) and Olivier Graeven (ASF France). This mix is a fundamental principle of ASF Int. The collaboration of the new and ongoing Board members guarantees the continuity and new impulses to the future.





## GENERAL ASSEMBLY - WARSAW 2022

On the 25th and 26th of June in Warsaw we had a chance to meet at the General Assembly in Warsaw, Poland. It was a great occasion to meet in person some of the members, which was an amazing, very pleasant experience and reminded us how strong and educational our Community can be. Slightly less than 20 people attended the meeting and we regret that not all of us could visit Warsaw.

On the first day of the weekend ASFmembers representatives met to discuss the reports from the ASF International last year's activities and to discuss plans for the future, as well as voted for a new Board Members. The minutes and reports from GA have been sent by email to all members (if you haven't received them- please contact the Secretary General).

The day ended with long discussions over a lovely dinner.

The next day participants walked to one of many buildings in Poland adapted for the Ukraine's displacement shelter and had a chance to ask some questions about actions taken to create this facility, as well as quality and the conditions of living there. Due to the fact that the Russian invasion of Ukraine is still continuing, many migrants had fled from their homes and stayed temporarily in Poland.

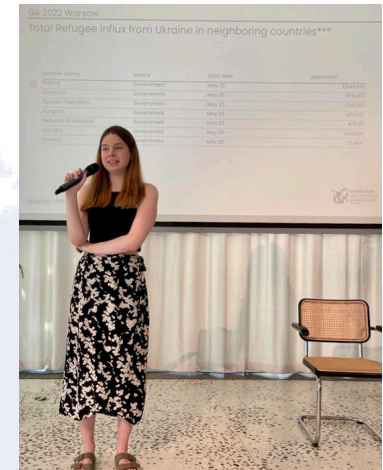


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No one is prepared for this kind of situation, including private persons who were hosting migrants in the first days of the Russia's war in Ukraine. There is a need to find other, less temporary solutions. The Atrium building was a place showing the situation of the displaced after several weeks from the start of the war.

This year's General Assembly has ended with the ASF Dialogues panel. Many interesting guests honored us to take part in the venue like Ali Asgary (Associate Professor Associate Director, Advanced Disaster, Emergency and Rapid Response Simulation) from York University, Michele di Marco from WHO and Mateusz Piegza from Habitat for Humanity Poland. At the end of the day participants could watch the video prepared by the vice President of Ukrainian Architects Association- Olena Oliynyk.

The host, ASF Poland hopes that the meeting was interesting for all participants and thanks to those who decided to join, physically and online. For those who could not attend, some of the materials are available on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).







## GENERAL ASSEMBLY - COPENHAGEN 2023

**Your rooms are ready!**

The next ASF-GA will be held in the weekend 1-2 July 2023 in Copenhagen, hosted by ASF-Denmark.

The GA is planned to coincide with the large [UIA-congress](#) that will take place from July 2-6, so that we can open our events to the thousands of architects that is expected to come to Copenhagen for the congress. Currently we're planning four UIA side-events, with public access. These are presentation of ASF-awards, a Challenging Practice workshop, an exhibition of projects made within the ASF-network and lastly the ASF-dialogues.

We hope to see all of you – yes ALL of you – in Denmark next year. We have already secured some rather affordable accomodation, and can also assist with private accommodation in Copenhagen if needed.

So please mark these dates as solidly booked in your agendas, and get ready to find your way to Copenhagen next July.

Warm regards, ASF-Denmark





## PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP AT CHANOV - ASF CZECHIA

### Participatory workshop at Chanov

ASF Czechia (Architekti bez hranic), the platform for contemporary art Artyčok.TV and the collective Spolka organized a participatory workshop with residents of the Chanov housing estate in Most. It is one of the most famous so-called socially excluded localities in Czechia. As part of the workshop, in cooperation with the local organization Aver Roma, there was a meeting with residents, mapping of individual needs and possibilities of the neighborhood. The participation aimed mainly at analyzing the current state of public space and identifying its shortcomings and potential. ASF Czechia used their experience from organizing a participatory architecture workshop in the Ostrava settlement of Bedřiška in 2018.

Before the workshop itself, residents help create a map of subjective feelings. On this map, residents have marked places where they feel good, where they are afraid, where they think change is needed, and where, depending on the location, more greenery has benefited. Three benches were constructed in cooperation with the locals and remained in place even after the end of the workshop and enlivened the public space of the housing estate. The aim was to involve local residents in the improvement of their housing estate and to point out the absurd absence of urban furniture in the place.

The results of the workshop were presented by the organizers to the public and city representatives. The city representatives appreciated the activity of the organizers and called on them for further cooperation.

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## PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP AT CHANOV - ASF CZECHIA







FOYER ESPERANCE, DR-CONGO, ASF FRANCE AND ARCHITEKTEN ÜBER GRENZEN

### Foyer Esperance (Orphanage, School, Small Health Center) DR-Congo

This report is a follow-up of a first project presentation in the Newsletter 23 (September 2021) showing the antecedent, the project-flow and the state of development. Now things are progressing slowly but regularly. Choosing the health center as a kind of pilot project turned out to be a good idea. Thus we have learned to deal with the various important questions in terms of planning and construction using a small-scale building as an example. After 18 months of operation, we can see that the health center worked very well in all its aspects. The local partner's monthly reports of revenues and expenses give us a permanent view of needs, as well as the quality of the treatment provided not only for the orphanage's children, but also for the local population.

Due to recurring failures concerning the workflow of the 3 rope pumps previously installed, it was necessary to change the system, by making another drill, which is now equipped with a submersible pump and a water tower. This made it possible to ensure a more regular and more reliable water supply, even if fuel is necessary to operate the pump (solar pumps are not yet common).

In the next step, a general system for drinking water supply and wastewater treatment had been designed and should have been carried out during the 1st half of 2022, including a small sanitary extension to the health center, as well as additional non-drinking water supply (rain, surface) for toilets and showers. Several entrepreneur's quotes had already been delivered. Unfortunately, the addressed donor was not willing to finance this project. Water and sanitation being a fundamental part of the whole project, it is now revised in order to simplify the installations as much as possible, i.e. to reduce the costs and to find a new way to finance them.



Nevertheless, ASF-France and AÜG Germany have successfully finished other important parts of the project, such as the rehabilitation of the 1st dormitory, including the installation of additional windows, suspended ceilings and the complete equipment with new furniture (bunk beds, cupboards, wardrobes, chairs and tables). All these furniture was handcrafted in a carpentry training center of Kinshasa, transferred and then assembled just on the spot. For most orphans, this is an unprecedented experience. The former health facility is just on the way of being rehabilitated to serve as 2nd dormitory.

Further steps will follow as soon as funds will be available: school rehabilitation, sanitary building for children and personal, planting outside area.

19.08.2022, Thomas & Julien





## RIGHT TO THE CITY EU PROJECT - ASF PORTUGAL

ARQUITECTOS SEM FRONTEIRAS PORTUGAL in RIGHT TO THE CITY EU Project (Direito à Cidade\_D@C)

ASF\_P, participates in the project “Right to the City” (D@C) about knowledge and skills - theoretical, methodological, ethical and professional - on the sustainable city for the 21st century, in compliance with UN SDGs. Quality of life is directly linked to the experience of spaces as a reflection of action between actors, mobility, and interaction, between knowledge (research and teaching), power (law and regulation) and experimentation (learning and application with the population) are fundamental.

The expected impact focuses on improving the knowledge and practices of the parties involved, which contributes to making the city, an equitable way, ensuring a permeability between academia, practitioners and society, through the dissemination of contents and instruments that are supporting the development of a city co-created between actors, in order to provide answers to common primary needs and rights.

Target groups of the results of the consortium are understood to be all elements to whom the information may benefit (NGOs, Associations, authorities, etc.), resulting as benefit for the city and the people who live there, through the knowledge and practices that all sectors involved produce and/ or perform.

In summary, this consortium aims to consolidate citizenship, contribute to economic, social and territorial cohesion and enhance the competitiveness and attractiveness of the labor market. The connection between entities offers a greater possibility through networking and partnerships that allow a connection capable of enhancing a qualitative and quantitative advance for living conditions in cities.

Universidade Lusófona do Porto coordinates the set of international context strategic partners.



## RIGHT TO THE CITY EU PROJECT - ASF PORTUGAL





## REFUGEES FROM NUEVO SAN PABLO, PIURA, ASF PERU

In the 21st century, the overflow of the Piura River occurred in 2017, caused by the “NIÑO COSTERO” natural phenomenon. This forced hundreds of humble families to live the most tragic story of their lives.

Moving to another area represented forgetting a past, forging a new reality with deficiencies, in the midst of poverty, helplessness, desolation and nothingness. Here, in the middle of the Piuran desert, 400 families settled, without decent housing or basic services, added to illiteracy and abandonment by the authorities.

The ASF -PERÚ initiative, sponsored by the FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM of the National University of Piura and COLAN ARQUITECTOS, arises from the need to provide protection and comfort to the student children of the community of Nuevo San Pablo, and to recover the dignity of the people who live here.

The architectural proposal is the construction of a roof system with bamboo structure, as a sustainable and ecological material with natural ventilation, and low-cost, sustainable and friendly to the environment.

An impact work for local construction, which can replace or reduce the use of polluting and conventional materials such as steel, concrete and bricks, making this used system ideal for versatile and earthquake-resistant constructions.

We present the workshop held on September 4th, 2022, in Nuevo San Pablo, Piura, where the construction became true and with it a new hope arises among the habitants of this human settlement.







## CHALLENGING PRACTICE STAGE A SEMINAR - ASF UK

On 22–23 October 2022, ASF-UK will host a special edition of Challenging Practice seminar, exploring how community-led design and planning can promote human development. The seminar counts as Stage A of the RIBA CPD accredited, independent learning course Challenging Practice: Essentials for the Social Production of Habitat.

For this special edition, ASF-UK is partnering up with the International Institute for Environment and Development and The Bartlett Development Planning Unit of University College London to explore the book *Cities for Human Development* with the author and ASF-UK Advisor Dr Alexandre Apsan Frediani.

Through two days of facilitated discussion based on real case studies, the seminar will examine what it means to address city-making from the lens of the capability approach. What if we understand cities not as engines of growth, but of human development? What if we see cities not for what they are, but what they do to people and nature? And what role can design and planning play in creating cities that promote human development?

Participants to the two-day seminar will be awarded a Challenging Practice Stage A certificate and will have priority access to the ten-day Stage B workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa hosted by ASF-UK and 1to1 – Agency of Engagement in January 2023.

Please find more information [here](#) or email: [challengingpractice@asf-uk.org](mailto:challengingpractice@asf-uk.org)



## CHALLENGING PRACTICE STAGE A SEMINAR - ASF UK

### Key information

**Title:** Challenging Practice Stage A – Live Seminar

**Course dates:** 10am–5pm on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October 2022

**Location:** University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

**Places available:** 25

**Fee:** £180 if you are working / £120 if you are a student or seeking employment

**Book before:** Friday 15th October, 2022

*ASF-International Board is pleased to announce that we are able to offer up to 3 free places for this seminar to ASF-International member organisations' Challenging Practice teams. This is part of our commitment to building Challenging Practice capacity across ASF- International member organisations. For more info about this opportunity please email: [secretary-general@asfint.org](mailto:secretary-general@asfint.org)*



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**CHANGE BY DESIGN WORKSHOP - JANUARY 2023**

ASF-UK is accepting applications for Change by Design workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa. The workshop is organised by ASF-UK in partnership with 1to1 – Agency of Engagement and counts as Stage B of the RIBA CPD accredited independent learning course Challenging Practice: Essentials for the Social Production of Habitat. The initiative is supported by the International Institute for Environment and Development and London Metropolitan University's Centre for Urban and Built Ecologies.

ASF-UK's Change by Design programme and 1to1 – Agency of Engagement are launching a call for a multidisciplinary group of action-research volunteers to address some of the housing challenges facing inner city Johannesburg.

Participants to the workshop will be awarded a Challenging Practice Stage B certificate.

For more information on the position and the application process please email: [changebydesign@asf-uk.org](mailto:changebydesign@asf-uk.org).

**Key workshop information**

Title: Change by Design Johannesburg – Housing justice in the inner-city

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa and online

Course dates:

- Monday 12th December 2022 – Online symposium (1 day)
- Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th January 2023 – Live workshop (6 days)

Places available: 25

Fee: £650\*

Application deadline: 15th October 2022

*\*NOTE – The course fee includes meals, accommodation, local transport and materials during the live workshop. Flights, airport pick-up and electronic equipment such as laptops and cameras are not included. A limited number of bursaries for participants based in South Africa will become available at a later stage.*

**CHANGE BY DESIGN WORKSHOP - JANUARY 2023**