

ARC•PEACE Mission Statement

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The purpose of ARC•PEACE is to be the global network of architects, design and planners committed to building in a socially responsible way a peaceful, just and an environmentally sustainable future.

ARC•PEACE encourages the following fundamental principles in the creation, development and protection of human environments at all levels of society, including individual, community, city, state and global levels:

Peace

Accepting that peace is far more than the absence of war:

- Creating cities that encourage harmony and reduce conflict through design;
- Opposing use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons or other means of military coercion;
- Promoting a culture of peace;

Justice

- Promoting development that is equitable and just for all;

Sustainability

- Promoting Agenda 21 of the United Nations in the built environment professions;
- Encouraging a built environment that is socially, economically and environmentally sustainable;

Community

- Empowering communities to determine the shape of their environments and settlements;
- Educating and informing communities about their human rights for leadership and citizenship;

ARC-PEACE will promote the achievement of these principles through:

- Supporting multi-disciplinary, multi-regional networks, local actors and partnerships;
- Promoting dialogue and sharing of experiences among colleagues at regular meetings and through regular communications (newsletter, website, e-mail);
- Acting as a forum for development of innovative approaches to the built environment;
- Advocating peaceful, socially responsible, environmentally sustainable and just development of human settlements at the United Nations;
- Disseminating information through education and outreach to universities, professional associations and other institutions of civil society.