



BEYROUTH 2021

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Dear colleague,

The explosion at the port of Beirut, in the midst of global containment of the Covid 19 pandemic, sparked a wave of solidarity with the population of this city, already tested by the country's long political crisis.

Now, a year later, with the world slowly emerging from the health crisis, the situation in Beirut has hardly changed. The affected neighborhoods are still facing a situation of social and economic crisis. Young artists, creatives and artisans are deprived of their workshops and art galleries, a new exodus risks compromising the development of the city and throwing it back years of precious development.

" How will we live together ? "

Never has this question, asked this year by the 17th Venice Biennale of Architecture, been so topical and our initiative aims to offer Beirut a forum for reflection, which will allow the international community to learn about the many initiatives of associations and local NGOs, which face the humanitarian crisis on a daily basis and try to compensate for the absence of a welfare state.

With the support of UNESCO, UIA, AFEX, the National Order of French Architects, the Federation of Architects and Engineers of Lebanon, the School of Fine Arts of Beirut ALBA and L 'UAFS (Union of Francophone Architects for Health), we wish to show our support to the many actors of reconstruction and our solidarity with our fellow architects and engineers.

Based on the Beirut Urban Declaration, our initiative proposes to bring together the future actors of the transformation of the city in order to coordinate their actions and launch a reflection on the existing masterplans and their implementation by integrating the reconstruction of the affected neighborhoods. It is through this approach that we wish to breathe new life into the old neighbourhoods and boost the economic and social development of the city of Beirut.

Thanks to your participation, we will be able to broaden the debate and present innovative approaches, projects and strategies for the reconstruction of cities struck by natural or humanitarian disasters. Your vision and experience will be a piece enriching the great mosaic of reflection on the reconstruction and rebirth of the great city of Beirut.

The international community has an important place in this reconstruction, closely linked by its current commitment to find a way out of the political, economic and social crisis in Lebanon.

Many of our members had the opportunity to work on projects in Beirut and we call on you to help us. This event will also be an opportunity to show that the community of architects and urbanists is capable of making things happen, of stimulating dynamism and of actively displaying its presence in the debate on the reconstruction of Beirut.

For this call to be real, we really need your active support!

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Thank you !

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