

LIA



CONVENTION 2018

**ARCHITECTURE & SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
PRO-POOR AGENDA**

November 8th-10th, Monrovia City Hall, Liberia



About the LIA Convention



The LIA (**Liberian Institute of Architects**) Convention is a yearly Continuous Professional Development (CPD) event that is organized by the Institute, bringing together professionals from the national, regional and international built and natural environment drawn from the private and public sectors.

The first Convention, which was held in November 2016, hosted the AUA's Bureau meeting, and was notably considered the Inauguration of the LIA since the name was changed from LCA. Convention 2018 includes sensitive discussions which will add voice and substance to our national growth agenda.



**Pre-
convention:
Oct.29-Nov.
7th**

**Main
Convention
November**

- **Exhibitions: 8th**
- **Workshops: 9th**
- **Banquet: 10th**



Pre-convention Activity 1

Career Day, November 2nd

Objective: an out reach initiative aimed at creating awareness, educating, and inspiring students and target trainee groups of allied disciplines of the building and infrastructure industry, about architecture/the architect, and the built environment, and the Liberian Institute of Architects, to mentor and inspire for a possible career decision in Architecture.

Participating Schools

- Booker Washington Institute
- LOIC
- William V.S. Tubman High Sch.
- Stella Maris Polytechnic
- University of Liberia
- Monrovia Vocational Training Center

VENUE : UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA
AUDITORIUM

Pre-convention Activity 2

Essay Competition

Start Date: October 8th

Submission Date: October 22nd

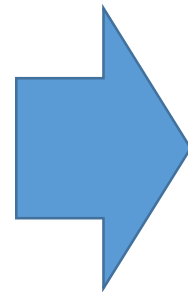
Submit by email to:

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Essay competition on a specific architecture topic, where individuals from the listed schools can register to participate. The best essay gets an award.

TOPIC: *Ideas & Incentives for Delivering Architecture to the Poor*



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Pre-convention Activity 3

Direct Radio Talk Shows

November 6th – 7th

- with ELBS, relays on Liberty Radio, local Radios Voinjama, Gbarnga, Ganta, Sanniquellie, Zwedru, Harper, Buchanan, Greenville, and River-Cess respectively on one of the above topics.



Participant-
Guests

- Arch. Sylvanus O'Connor
- Arch. Elijah Karnley
- Arch. Henry Demawu
- Arch. Alex Massey
- Arch. Kenneth Awadjie

Convention Day 1 - Nov. 8th

- Registration, meet/greet, sale of souvenir, etc. 8:00AM - 10:00AM
- Viewing of exhibitions-all day/ongoing
 1. Artists & Sculptors
 2. Architects and Architecture firms
 3. Performing Artists
 4. Interior Designers
 5. Students & General Public

- Formal Session, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 - Key Note Speaker's Message
 - Presentations
 - Remarks



Formal program

1. Opening Remarks: Master of Ceremony, Arch. John T. Richardson.
2. Invocation: Arch. Nancy Obi, Chaplain of LIA.
3. Introduction of Event: Sylvanus O'Connor, President of LIA.
4. Presentation 1: Poem.
5. Presentation 2: "Inclusive Leadership for Concerted Action", Samuel Hare, Jr.
6. Lunch Break
7. Presentation 3: LIA Dreams for a Futuristic Liberia – Waterside Sea Front; West Pont; & Bali Island/Jallah Town: Scheme Design Images.
8. Presentation: "I am the Future" – Irene Logan.
9. Expert Presentation: "Space Planning in Thinking the Vision for Liberia's Villages, Towns & Cities" by Dr. Instiful, Professor, KNUST, Ghana.
9. Keynote Speaker's Message.
10. Remarks:
Key Stakeholders, Strategic Partners & Sponsors.

WORKSHOP

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome R
2. Introduction of Program & Presenters: Arch. Alex Massey & Arch. Elijah Karnley, Vice President and Secretary General of the LIA, Respectively.
3. Presenter of Topic 1
4. Question & Answer Session
5. Presenter of Topic 2
6. Question & Answer Session
7. Lunch Break
8. Presenter of Topic 3
9. Question & Answer Session
10. Presenter of Topic 4
11. Question & Answer Session

Convention Day 2 - Nov. 9th



Presenters



	Thematic Topics	Presenters
1	Plotting the path for indigenizing the design and construction processes: the context for architecture as a development tool for Liberia.	Arch. Joe Osae Addo (ArchiAfrika) Accra, Ghana
2	Access to credit and finance for housing and real estate development: facilitating private sector participation.	Samuel Thompson (Miyamoto) Monrovia, Liberia
3	Innovative planning toward creating value based urban centers for Liberia: the quest for sustainability.	Arch. Elijah Karnley (Amalb Systems, Inc.) Monrovia, Liberia
4	Rationalizing the Regulatory Framework for practicing Architecture in Liberia.	Arch. Sylvanus O'connor (AEP Consultants, Inc.) Monrovia, Liberia

Convention Day 3 – Nov. 10th

LIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CLOSING BANQUET

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 9:30 AM – 12.30 PM

- President’s Report on state of the LIA.
- Resolutions.
- Program Activities, 2019 & Work Plan.
- Financial Report.

BANQUET 6:00 – 9.00 PM

- Special AUA Report.
- Presentations
- Key Note Speaker.
- Awards and Recognitions.
- Workshop Summary and Recommendations.
- Stakeholders’ Remarks.



1. Opening Prayer.
2. Welcome Remarks & Introduction Program, Arch. John T. Richardson (Past President PP, LIA), Master of Ceremony.
3. Summary of Workshop Findings & Recommendations by Arch. Elijah Karnley (Secretary General, LIA).
5. Special Report: AUA Liberia Declaration, 2016 LIA Convention. by Arch. Adolphus McCritty (IPP, LIA) and Dr. Ophelia Weeks, President of the University of Liberia.
6. Key Note Speaker: “Economically Transforming Lives Through Planned Villages, Towns & Cities: The Mauritius Experience”, by Arch. Vinesh Chintaram (Secretary General of the Africa Union of Architects, AUA).
7. Dinner and Poem.
8. Awards & Recognitions.
9. Remarks by Stakeholders and Strategic Partners.
10. Closing Statement: Arch. Sylvanus O’Connor, President, LIA.
11. Vote of Thanks: Arch. Paula Fares.

Profile of Presenters



Sylvanus O'Connor is a professional Architect trained in the United Kingdom. He has been practicing architecture for nearly 36 years in Liberia (predominantly), Guinea Bissau, Guinea and Sierra Leone. Sylvanus' passion and enthusiasm for the profession is driven by the need for deeper understanding of how architecture intercepts with urban design and physical planning to contribute through space planning to economic and social development. This orientation was strengthened by the experience gained from working at the National Housing Authority in the middle to late 1980s as Chief of Urban / Rural Planning and Research, and later as Consultant to that organization.

In the period early 1990 to mid 2000 Sylvanus devoted much of his professional career to consulting for the Government of Liberia (as national Consultant) through UN-Habitat under UNDP sponsorship in the pursuit and development of strategies and programs for reconstruction of the human settlement sector as a component of Liberia's post war economic recovery and regeneration efforts. Led by his conviction that architecture can, through space planning, play a pivotal role in Liberia's post war economic transformation he sought to integrate the two by leading the development of a proposal for establishment of a National Human Settlements Commission which led to the formation of a National Habitat Secretariat stationed at the then Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs.

Sylvanus is Co-owner and Managing Director of AEP Consultants, Inc., one of the leading architecture and engineering consulting firms in Liberia. He is also Co-owner and Chief Operating Officer of Premier Developers, also one of the leading private housing development companies in the country.

He is the current President of the Liberia Institute of Architects, and in that position intends to continue to drive the idea of architecture being seen and used as a potent tool in the pursuit of Liberia's economic development goals.

Vinesh Chintaram is a Professional Architect and Urban Designer trained in France & Germany. He is an award winning architect; he received the prestigious BDA Prize in Germany as an outstanding young architect. Vinesh has more than 14 years of active work experience across the African continent in the field of programming, strategic planning and development and architecture. He a founding partner and the Chief Executive Officer of VISIO, one of leading architectural practices in Mauritius.

The architectural profession has faced many challenges over the past decade. Vinesh has been bringing his contribution to the field of architecture on various platforms. He has served the Mauritius Association of Architects for 3 consecutive mandates as the youngest President. He further held the post of Director for Strategic Planning and Development Directorate of the Africa Union of Architects. He is currently serving as AUA Secretary General with major reforms in the pipeline.

Very active social entrepreneur, Vinesh further coined the term "socio-architect" which describes his actions against poverty through his passion & profession: architecture. He also set up the platform "Vision Network Africa" to promote sustainable business development at grass-roots across Africa .He further founded and serve as Executive Director for the Green Awards Africa initiative for 5 consecutive editions.

Focus Areas:

- Urban design & planning / renovation / revitalization (including rural development strategies).
- Sustainable & affordable housing (including social housing projects).
- Heritage conservation & reintegration in comp-temporary, cultural, social & economic dynamism.
- Academia, policy making, professional practice.
- Innovative & creative design approach for commercial, office, leisure, high rise projects.
- Energy efficiency + sustainable resource management in architecture and planning.

Philanthropic positions:

- Secretary General, Africa Union of Architects.
- Founder Chair, Green Vision Africa Foundation.
- Past Director, Strategic Development, Africa Union of Architects (AUA).
- Past Vice-President, Federation de Architectes Francophone d'Afrique (FAFA).
- Past President, Mauritius Association of Architects.
- Past Council Member, Professional Architects Council (Mauritius).

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Samuel W. Thompson is a Liberian professional banker, economist and consultant with an overall working experience of about 36 years in various capacities in the private, government and non-government international sectors. He obtained his formal education in Liberia and United States of America, and on the job training through various seminars and other means.

He is currently Elder (Pastor) at the A.M.E. Church; Chairman of the Board of Directors of Conex/M. D. Sow and Associates Inc.; Country Manager of Miyamoto International Liberia; and Senior Consultant for Agency for Economic Development and Empowerment (AEDE).

Samuel Thompson worked for City Bank Liberia from 1982 to 1990 and attained the position of Resident Vice President. He served as Vice President at Citibank N.A., Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (from 1994-1999) and also as Resident Vice President from 1990-1994. He was Deputy Managing Director, Ecobank Development Corporation, Ghana, 2001-2003 and Deputy Risk Manager, Ecobank Transnational Group, Togo, 1999-2001.

His other work experience and engagements in the private and public sectors include:

- Managing Director, National Housing Authority, 2011-2014
- Deputy Governor – Central Bank of Liberia, 2009-2010
- Member, Board of Governors – Central Bank of Liberia, 2008-2009
- Executive Director – Agency for Economic Development & Empowerment (ÆDE), 2006-2009
- Managing Director – Wudarbo Inc., 2006-2009
- Secretary, Board of Trustees – University of Liberia, 2004-2006
- Chairman, Board of Directors – National Social Security and Welfare Corporation, National Transitional Government of Liberia (NTGL), 2004-2006
- Member, Council of Economic Advisors, NTGL, 2003-2006
- Deputy Managing Director, Ecobank Development Corporation, Ghana, 2001-2003

Samuel Thompson is affiliated with several institutions, including being a Cochran Fellow at the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 1995

Joe Osae-Addo was born in Ghana, West Africa, and trained at the Architectural Association in London.

He worked in Finland, the UK and the USA, setting up his practice in Los Angeles in 1991. He is founding partner of the A + D Museum, Los Angeles, whose mission is to advance knowledge and to enable people to appreciate and understand architecture and design. Joe ran his studio in Los Angeles until he moved back to his native country Ghana.

He is currently Director of Constructs R&D, an Innovative (™) design firm based in Accra and the Chairman of ArchiAfrika Foundation. Since 2016, his office has been in Usshertown, where he is engaged in urban regeneration of Accra's old city. His two proof of concept businesses for urban regeneration are Jamestown Café and ArchiAfrika Architecture + Design Gallery at the historic Tarquah on Accra's High Street.

Profile of Presenters

Sam E. Hare, Jr. is a Youth Development Specialist, Personal Development & Leadership Trainer/ Motivational Speaker and Author

Sam E. Hare, Jr. has spent the last 35 years of his life working with Liberian Youths. He served as President of the Federation of Liberian Youth (FLY), instructor of History & Economics at the College of West Africa (CWA) High School and Instructor of Introductory Micro & Macro Economics at the College of West Africa Junior College of Business, now the United Methodist University. After ten years of teaching, Mr. Hare moved on to become the Executive Director of the Monrovia YMCA and then Development Secretary/Deputy CEO of the YMCA of Liberia, an institution he served for twelve unbroken years, moving on to become the Chairman of the National Board of the YMCA of Liberia.

Realizing the need to break new grounds in the area of success, personal development and leadership training, Mr. Hare, in 2004 established the **Liberia Institute of Success Technology & Leadership Studies (L.I.S.T.A.L.S.)** with the goal of providing key strategies, paradigms, philosophies, principles and tools to Liberians that will propel them to new levels of achievement, excellence and personal fulfilment.

From January 2007 March 2013, Sam E. Hare, Jr. served the people and Government of Liberia as Liberia's first Deputy Minister for Youth Development at the Ministry of Youth & Sports.

In February, 2014 Mr. Hare was appointed as the Secretary General of **Liberian National commission for UNESCO**, a position he currently occupies.

Mr. Hare is the author of the personal Development Book: **“You Can Succeed...Despite your Present Circumstances.”**...and is in the process of launching his new transformative book entitled: **“Shifting the Leadership Paradigm of Liberia...The Key to Personal, Organizational and National Growth & Development!”**

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PROF. GEORGE WILLIAM KOFI INTSIFUL

George William Kofi Intsiful is a Professor of Architecture at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, (KNUST), Kumasi. He joined the Department as a Lecturer in October 1979 after his National Service in the Department from 1978 to 1979. Prior to that, he had been a Demonstrator in the Department whilst doing his post-graduate studies. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Design) degree and a Post Graduate Diploma degree in Architecture from the KNUST, Master of Architecture degree in Housing from McGill University, Montreal, Canada and a Doctor of Architecture degree from The University of Michigan, An Arbor, USA.

He has considerable research, teaching and consultancy experience in Architecture, Housing and Tourism Facility development. He has taught in Universities in Ghana, Liberia, Zimbabwe and the USA. He has also been the acting Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Building Technology in the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Head of Department of Architecture and the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Building Technology, KNUST, Kumasi. His areas of research include Housing, Architectural History and Criticism, Environment and Behaviour and Urban Design. He has also been a leader or part of the leading team in several research activities across Ghana with various Universities in Europe and the USA. He has also been an External Examiner for the EAMAU Architectural and Planning School in Lome, Togo as well as the Katholieke University in Leuven, Belgium. He was a keynote speaker at the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) Research Conference in June 2010 in Washington, D. C., USA. Additionally, he was the Moderator for the Architecture Programme at the Central University at Miotso, Prampram, Ghana for over five years and has served both as a Chairman and Member of two accreditation teams for two new architectural programmes in Ghana.

He has served as a Consultant to the Christian Service University College (CSUC), Kwadaso, Kumasi. KNUST, Kumasi and the University of Cape Coast (UCC), both in Ghana, where he has designed and supervised the construction of offices, classrooms, auditoriums and a hotel. He has also designed a golf course as well as many residential buildings across Ghana.

He has published papers in refereed journals in Ghana, the UK, USA and Switzerland and was a co-author of the 15-year National Tourism Development Plan for Ghana, a UNDP project for the Ministry of Tourism. He also has written chapters in two books in the USA and Ghana and sections of other books in addition to several publications in the *Daily Graphic*, on various developmental topics in Ghana.

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BRIEF BIO OF MR. ELIJAH B. KARNLEY

Mr. Karnley was trained in the United States and earned two degrees in Architecture (BS, & B.Arch.) with focus in Design and Urban planning, a Diploma in City & Regional Planning with specialty in Land Development from Georgia Tech, and Southern Polytechnic State University, as well as a Master in Project Management, and a Master in Public Administration from Keller.

Over the past twenty two years Mr. Karnley has had the opportunity to work in various capacities as Project Architect, Project manager, and City Planner for Architecture-construction institutions, Government, and Real Estate corporations in the United States and Liberia. In recent years, providing academic guidance for graduate students in Housing and Community Planning at the University of Liberia has been a wonderful experience. His service as the first National Zoning Officer-Liberia in three years accorded him to lead and participate in infrastructural planning at the National level.

Mr. Karnley is currently the President and Managing Partner of Amalb Systems, Inc. (ASI) of the USA and Liberia. He's past Vice President and current Secretary General of the Liberian Institute of Architects, an Associate member of the AIA, and member of the American Planning Association (APA).