

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

**THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (IFLA)**

AND

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION (SACLAP)**

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1. PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the International Federation of Landscape Architects (hereinafter referred to as “IFLA”) is a global organisation committed to promoting landscape architecture and ensuring the highest standards of professional practice and education worldwide, for which IFLA holds both globally and regionally administered systems of education programme recognition, that are titled IFLA Recognition and IFLA Accreditation¹;

WHEREAS, the South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession (hereinafter referred to as “SACLAP”) is responsible for the regulation and advancement of the landscape architectural profession in South Africa, including setting education standards and accreditation procedures;

IFLA and SACLAP hereby agree to this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a collaborative framework for the mutual recognition of higher education policies, education standards, and accreditation or recognition of education programs in landscape architecture.

2. PURPOSE

This MoU aims to create a partnership between IFLA and SACLAP that enhances the mutual recognition of tertiary education programs’ recognition and accreditation outcomes.

3. OBJECTIVES

What is framed in the purpose section implies the following objectives:

- Alignment of Accreditation Systems:
 - Mutually recognise the validity of IFLA and SACLAP accreditation and recognition to ensure mutual recognition of education programmes.
 - Ensure respectively accredited or recognized programmes meet respective standards to provide assurance in mutual recognition of education programme.
- Global Recognition of SACLAP Accredited Programmes:
 - IFLA agrees to recognise SACLAP accredited programmes as equivalent to IFLA recognised programme under IFLA Global Programmes Recognition policy, therefore facilitating the mobility of South African graduates globally.
- National Recognition of Foreign Programmes:
 - SACLAP agrees to recognise foreign programmes that have achieved IFLA recognition or accreditation, subject to compliance with national statutory

¹ Note: IFLA Recognition means that the programme offers the IFLA Education Standards within their curriculum and has the resources to deliver that curriculum; recognition does not assess teaching methods or the ability of graduates to perform as landscape architects in the workforce; this is undertaken in an Accreditation review and as such informs IFLA Accreditation.

requirements, facilitating the global exchange of landscape architecture graduates and professionals.

- Transparency in Recognition and Accreditation Processes:
 - Ensure transparency in recognition and accreditation processes and decisions, thus allowing for mutual scrutiny, if required.
- Continuous Improvement:
 - Nurture inter-institutional dialogue to improve the respective accreditation and recognition procedures.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 IFLA Responsibilities:

- Recognise SACLAP Accreditation status as equivalent to IFLA Global Recognition status.

4.2 SACLAP Responsibilities:

- Provide to education programmes that holds an IFLA Recognition or Accreditation status an expedite way to undergo SACLAP recognition procedures of foreign academic programmes.

5. IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT

IFLA and SACLAP commit to maintain open and transparent communication channels to ensure effective collaboration.

6. DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MoU shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing and may be extended by mutual written agreement. Either Party may terminate this MoU with a thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party. Any notice required to be given by either Party under this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed given when received by the other Party to the following addresses below:

<u>To IFLA</u>	<u>To SACLAP</u>
Names: Sally Robertshaw Title: IFLA Executive Secretariat	Names: Cecilia Chinga Title: Registrar
Address: Le Potager du Roi 10 Rue De Marechal Joffre, 78000 Versailles, France	Address: 2 nd Floor Lourie Place, Hillcrest Office Park, 179 Lunnun Road, Hillcrest, Pretoria, 0083, South Africa
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7. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of shared information and not to disclose it without prior consent.



8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes arising from this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual discussion and negotiation.

9. SIGNATORIES

This MoU shall be signed by duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of IFLA and SACLAP, have signed this MoU on the date herein indicated.

FOR IFLA:	FOR SACLAP:
	
Bruno Marques IFLA President	Ngwako Edward Hutamo SACLAP President
Place: Versailles, France	Place: Polokwane, South Africa
Date: 20 June 2025	Date: XXX 23/06/2025

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