



**Press Release**  
**Young Architects in Africa competition results**  
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Further to the previous editions promoting the New Chinese Architecture in 2010 and Young Arab Architects in 2012, AS.Architecture-Studio organizes this year the Young Architects in Africa competition, in order to highlight African projects creativity, and help a rising generation of young architects achieve worldwide recognition.

The international jury gathered on Monday, March 31st 2014 to review the 194 projects submitted (from 26 African countries).

Three winners tied for the first place:

- **Architects of Justice:** Kuba GRANICKI, Mike RASSMANN, Alessio LACOVIG (South Africa)  
Project: Seed, blueprint for libraries in South African Schools, Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Urko SANCHEZ,** Urko Sanchez Architects (Kenya)  
Project: Red Pepper House, Lamu, Kenya
- **Andre CHRISTENSEN & Mieke DROOMER,** Wasserfall Munting Architects (South Africa)  
Project: Dordabis Community Spine, Namibia

Jury members have also awarded nine honourable mentions:

- Saskia VERMEIREN & Matthew BEATTY, South Africa
- Tsai Y / Tsai Design Studio, South Africa
- Maxwell MUTANDA, Zimbabwe
- Jacques MURAMA, ASA Studio + Africa Nos Mira, Rwanda
- Bruce ROWLANDS, Architexture Spatial Design, Zimbabwe
- Jack OLWETHU, CORC (Community Organisation Resource Center), South Africa
- Hamdi ZEKERIA & Amen TADESSE, Ethiopia
- Dean MACGREGOR, South Africa
- Boubacar SECK, EIRL SECK, Senegal

Four additional candidates have particularly held the jury's attention: Matthew James WILSON, Kobina BANNING, Mariam KAMARA / UNITE4DESIGN, Amadou Doudou DEME / Atelier KOE.



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**Urko Sanchez Architects**  
Red Pepper House



**Wasserfall Munting Architects**  
Dordabis Community Spine



The jury has been very sensitive to the social, environmental and participative approach displayed in the submitted projects, representative of a new way of thinking the community.

These projects will be exhibited at the CA'ASI, AS.Architecture-Studio's Common House in Venice, as part of the 14th Architecture Biennale's Collateral Events (June 5th – August 30th 2014), then at arc en rêve centre for architecture in Bordeaux, the Academy of Architecture in Paris, and several other cultural institutions across Africa. All projects from the candidates to the YAA competition will be published in a widely distributed bilingual catalog.

AS.Architecture-Studio wishes to thank everyone involved in the competition success, specially the jury members:

Jean-Louis Cohen, Professor in the History of Architecture, NYU, and Curator for the French Pavilion, 14e Venice Architecture Biennale

Jean-Bernard Detry, Director, SETEC TPI

Farrokh Derakhshani, Secretary-General, Aga Khan Fondation

Frédéric Edelmann, Journalist and Architecture critic

Didier Faustino, Artist-architect

Michel Jacques, Artistic Director, arc en rêve, Bordeaux

Constant Nemale, President, Africa 24 TV

Jean-Jacques Kotto, Architect and Head of ESSACA school of Architecture

Nicole Roux Loupiac, from the Academy of Architecture

Romane Sarfati, Advisor responsible for Arts, Architecture, Design and Fashion at the Ministry of Culture (not available on March, 31st 2014)

Four partner architects from AS.Architecture-Studio also deliberated as part of the jury: Martin Robain, Rodo Tisnado, Roueïda Ayache, Amar Sabeh El Leil.

AS.Architecture-Studio has founded the CA'ASI to promote dialogue between architecture, contemporary art, and the public from the Biennale. AS.Architecture-Studio defines architecture as « an art which is socially committed and engaged in the construction of mankind's living environment ». It is based on team work and shared knowledge.

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