

ARCASIA COMMITTEE On SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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*Meeting held on 26 September 2016
37th Council Meeting @ Hong Kong*





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**SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY**

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HONG KONG



Agenda:

- **Last meeting report confirmation**
- **Chairman's Update on status of work/past events**

- **Updates by members**

- **Understanding ARCASIA Chart on Social Responsibility**
- **Discussion on what defines Social Responsibility**

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Committee members attendance:

- **Zone A :** Bangladesh 
Bhutan
India
Nepal 
Pakistan
Sri Lanka
- **Zone B :** Indonesia
Laos
Malaysia
Philippines
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam 
- **Zone C :** China
Hong Kong
Japan
Korea
Macau
Mongolia 

not present 

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The following were discussed:

- **Public Toilet Project in Kathmandu Nepal**

 - : informed by President Kishore of SONA that current focus is on reconstruction efforts

- **Update on Post Relief Effort in Kathmandu by SONA pending update**

- **Key events reported by 14 Institute members**

 - : Notwithstanding the wide Social Responsibility, many institutes centred focus on emergency architecture, inclusive design, social housing, communal public spaces, smart bus-stops....*details will be uploaded on Arcasia website* (Fabulous support from many members!)

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AEA : *ARCASIA Emergency Architects* group

To provide aids and assistance to our region in the event of emergencies (instead of seeking assistance from outside our region)

1. Establishment of Legal and Finance Entity *in Hong Kong*

a. Legal Advice

Establishment of a “company limited by guarantee” in Hong Kong to carry out post-disaster reconstructions, training etc.

Costs plus disbursements for establishing the said company are in the region of **HK\$30,000.00**. As it is a charitable organization, the legal firm will discount the legal fees to **HK\$25,000.00 (US\$3,250.00) inclusive of disbursements.**

Prefer at least one local/Hong Kong director in the company.

Need to draft a Memorandum of Association (MoA) for the company.

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1. Establishment of Legal and Finance Entity in Hong Kong

b. Financial Advice

To tie to ARCASIA's HSBC account but HSBC rejected

To explore establishing account:

Accountant's advice - as a charity (with "section 88 approval" from the Inland Revenue Department) run by professional architects, which can provide source of funds (i.e. target donors' identities) and proof of compliance with all relevant rules within its own professional standards, there's a good chance of success.

It is likely **Bank of East Asia** can be explored

The Accountant's fee is HK\$2,000.00 (US\$260.00)

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2. Establishment of Training Programme for Disasters Relief

a. ADPC (Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre)

MOU signed by ARCASIA with ADPC at Ayutthaya in November 2015. This MOU is effective with a duration of three (3) years beginning from the date of the signing until November 2018.

One-day course

One-off development cost: **\$5000**

Delivery cost per course: **\$2300** (for 2 trainers) plus travel cost

Four-day Training of Trainers (ToT) course

One-off development cost: **\$14,000**

Delivery cost per course: **\$8000** (for 3 trainers)

b. Other Training programmes

Possible alternatives: JIA

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One-day course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to disaster risk management• The role of architects in DRR• How can architects help? Preparedness via building codes and regulations. Regional/National emergency response mechanism.• The build back better concept and case studies from previous disasters	One-off development cost: \$5000 Delivery cost per course: \$2300 (for 2 trainers) plus travel cost
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2. Establishment of Training Programme for Disasters Relief

<p>Four-day ToT course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to disaster risk management • How to train the trainer using this course • The disaster cycle: mitigation, preparedness, relief, reconstruction... • The role of architects across the disaster cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigation - safe design, building codes, upgrading, retrofitting Preparedness – adaptive design, promoting skills within the community Relief - temporary shelters, specific needs (gender, disability) Reconstruction – building back better, working with communities, community-led design, interdisciplinary working with other service providers, universal design • Hazard specific concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earthquake, Flood, Drought/water table change/ subsidence, Slopes Storms, Fire • Dynamics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate change, Land use and urbanization, Universal design • What happens in an emergency response? Global/ regional/national emergency response arrangements • Case studies from earlier disaster response, the dos and don'ts • Further information – signposting 	<p>One-off development cost: \$14,000 Delivery cost per course: \$8000 (for 3 trainers)</p>
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Ongoing Tasks:

ACSR Symposium

- **ACA 17 Congress: Day 2 September 30 2016**

Panel presentations (3 hrs)

- **Emergency Architects - HKIA John Cock**
- **Nepal Reconstruction update - SONA Ar Suman Meher**
- **Post-Disaster Reconstruction in the Indus - IAP Ar Hydr MI**
- **Public Housing in Singapore - SIA Ar Siew Man Kok**
- **Universal Accessibility & Inclusive Design - KIRA Ar Kim Sung Min**
- **Universal & Inclusive Design - IAP Ar Ramiz.Baig**

- **Panel Discussions (0.5 hr)**
: moderated by ACSR Chair Ar Rita Soh

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Ongoing Tasks:

Disaster Management & Mitigation Experts

- ***ARCASIA Directory of the Architects/Experts with experience*** relating to various aspects of natural disaster – design, pre and post-disaster, management and mitigation, reconstruction, supervision, training, etc.
- ***Resources Publication*** on all aspects of natural disaster, design for rural and urban context, fire, flooding, earthquakes, typhoons, etc. websites, International and Regional NGOs.

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Events attended by Chairman:

Actions (2015-16)

- IAP hosted ACSR Roundtable, Islamabad, November 15-16, 2014
Resolutions adopted at last Council meeting
- IAP Karachi Chapter Annual Building Material Exhibition & International Forum IAPEX 2016, April 22 -24, 2016
Karachi Pakistan
“ Towards a Responsible Architecture ”
- AIA 2016 Convention at Philadelphia, May 17 - 21
Dialogue sessions with AIA & RIBA committees on SR
- ARCASIA 8th ACGSA Roundtable Discussion on Sustainable Development, July 13, Colombo Sri Lanka
“ Towards a Sustainable Built- Environment ”

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Actions (2016 & beyond)

- *To include social responsibility topics and issues within the main **Forum and ACA programmes.***
- *To continue promotion of social responsibility topics through **architectural competitions** for students and the professional.*
- *To promote Good Practice Designs in social responsibility through **ARCASIA Awards.***
- *To collaborate with ACAE to formulate the principles of social responsibility & promote its inclusion into **architectural educations in Schools***
- *To encourage commitment by Member Institutes to promote social responsibility topics in their **CPD Programmes.***
- *Work to promote and encourage social responsibility in **ACAE, ACPP, ACGSA, ACYA***

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Appreciation of our CHARTER: *Printed November 2015*

GENERAL

[Corporate Social Responsibility] is a concept whereby companies integrate social and environmental concerns in their business operations and in their interaction with their stakeholders on a voluntary basis.

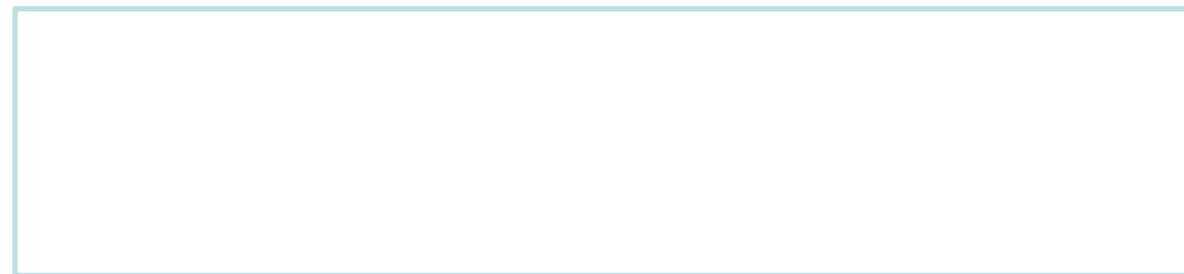
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ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility (ACSR)



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Charter

Introduction

- ARCASIA President's Message
- ACSR Chairman's Message
- ARCASIA Background

The ARCASIA Charter on Social Responsibility (ACSR)

- The Charter
- ARCASIA Member Institutes (Signatories to the Charter)

Background Information

- United Nations Global Compact
- ISO 26000:2010

Explanation of the Charter

- General
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Ethical Behaviour
- Respect for Stakeholder Interests
- Respect for Rule of Law
- Respect for International Norms of Behaviour
- Respect for Human Rights

Examples of Socially Responsible Architecture

- Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Post-construction
- Planning with the Local Community to Re-generate and Re-vitalise the Community through Cultural Heritage
- Sustainable Low Cost Regeneration of Existing Social Housing and Community
- Pro Bono Work
- Accessibility and Universal Design
- Climate and Environmental Change

Bibliography

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ARCASIA comprises 19 member organisations across the Asia region. ARCASIA originated during the 1967 Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) New Delhi Conference, when it was felt that there was an urgent need for the establishment of a regional centre that would be concerned with environmental design and unity among the six Asian member Institutes of the CAA – India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. A proposal was subsequently made for a Centre for Environment and Technical Advancement (CETA) and for the establishment of an ARCASIA Formation Council.

The First Formation Council (1969-1974) in September 1970 resolved that future assemblies of the National Institutes of the Asian region of the CAA and ARCASIA be formally called the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA). While also addressing the need for worldwide associations, the organisation was formed to enable closer working relationships between the individual Member Institutes within the region to deal with matters that are of more immediate importance to the region.

In 1979, ten years after the establishment of the First Formation Council in Hong Kong, the constitutions for ARCASIA and the ARCASIA Board of Architectural Education (ABAE) were signed at the inaugural meeting held in Jakarta.

The Objectives of ARCASIA are:

- to unite National Institutes of Architects on a democratic basis throughout the Asian region to foster friendly, intellectual, artistic, educational and scientific ties;
- to foster and maintain professional contacts, mutual co-operation and assistance among Member Institutes;
- to represent architects of the Member Institutes at national and international levels;
- to promote the recognition of the architect's role in society;
- to promote the development and education of architects and the architectural profession in their service to society;
- to promote research and technical advancement in the field of the built environment.

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Accountability

ARCASIA supports initiatives to encourage individual professionals and companies engaged in architectural practice to conform to socially responsible standards.

Transparency

ARCASIA supports a policy of total transparency with all stakeholders in order to build trust, create a positive brand image and reduce reputational risks in times of crisis.

Respect for Stakeholder Interests

ARCASIA supports respect for the interests of all stakeholders, including ongoing engagement and formal acknowledgement of stakeholders' expectations.

Respect for the Rule of Law

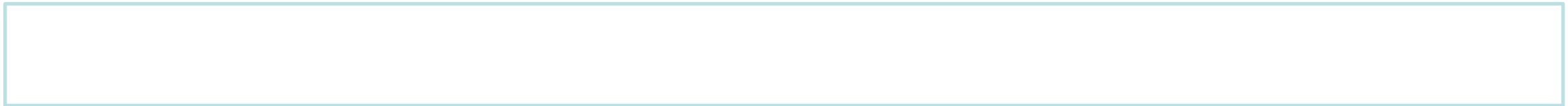
ARCASIA respects the rule of law and the legal systems as applied in all respective Member Institute countries.













Respect for International Norms of Behaviour

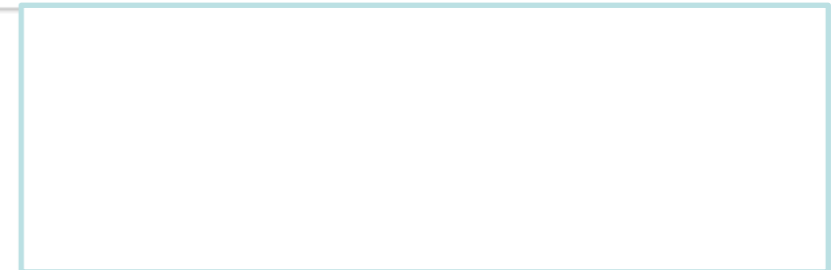
ARCASIA supports respect for international norms of behaviour in order to promote and protect the implementation of adequate environmental and social safeguards.

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Adoption of Charter



 Institute of Architects Bangladesh <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Ikatan Arsitek Indonesia <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Institute of Architects, Pakistan <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Architects Association of Macau <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Architectural Society of China <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Singapore Institute of Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Sri Lanka Institute of Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Society of Nepalese Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	
 The Indian Institute of Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 The Japan Institute of Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 The Hong Kong Institute of Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Korea Institute of Registered Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Association of Lao Architects and Civil Engineers <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 United Architects of the Philippines <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Union of Mongolian Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Vietnam Association of Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>	 Bhutan Institute of Architects <hr/> <p>(Signature of the President)</p>



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Discussion on ARCASIA CSR Charter

Social responsibility: **7** core subjects



Source: ISO 26000:2010

**The figures denote the corresponding clause numbers in ISO 26000*

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Questions:

- What are our thoughts on **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**?
- **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY = RESPONSIBLE ARCHITECTURE?**
- So what is **RESPONSIBLE ARCHITECTURE** to us?

How do we:

- **internalize this approach?**
- **externalize its outcomes?**

***"There is no happiness
if the things we believe in
are different from the things we do "***

- Albert Camus

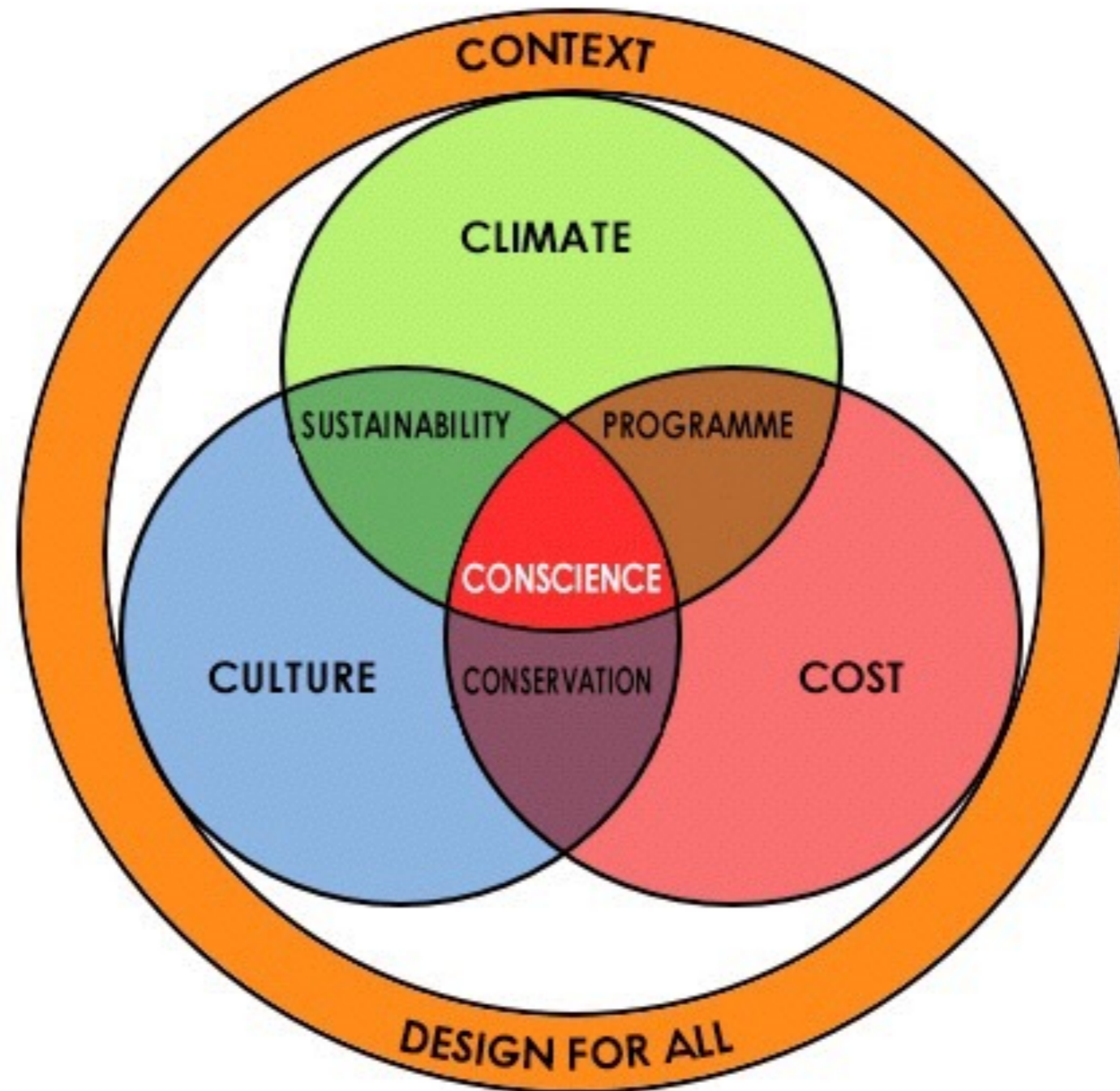
Perhaps, it's the principles of the 5 C's....

- **CONTEXT**
- **CLIMATE**
- **CULTURE**
- **COST**
- **CONSCIENCE**

Embracing it with Universal Design principles
"Design for All"

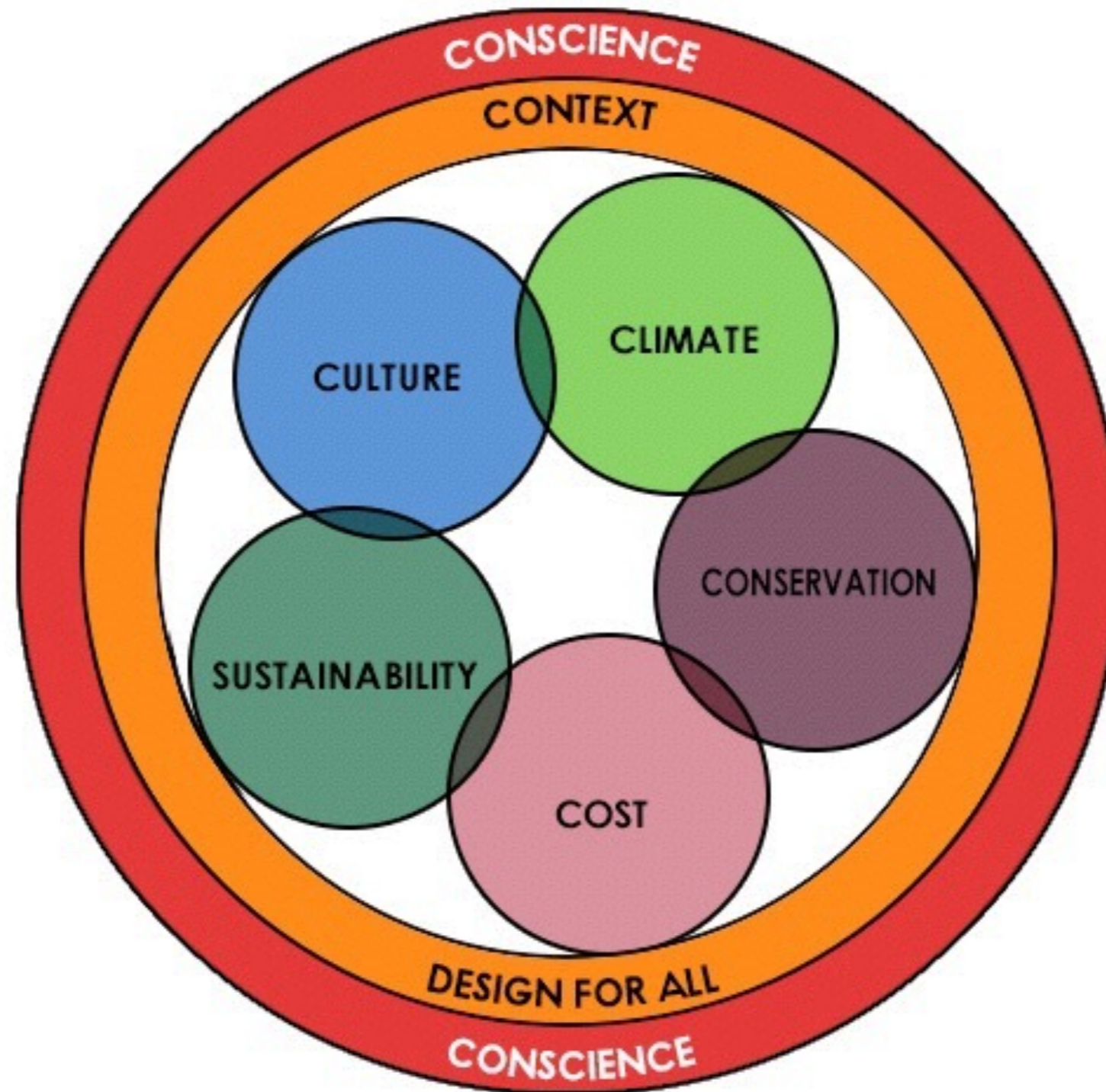
Fundamentally
it should be interwoven in...

- **The Environment we live in**
- **Our Education & Training**
- **Our Culture & Traditions**
- **Our up-bringing & Values**



Responsible Architecture principles -1 @Rita Soh

Courage



Responsible Architecture principles -2 @Rita Soh



Deputy Chairman:
IIA : Ar B. Sudhir

*will assume
chairmanship from
2017*

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THANK YOU!