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CIB W104 – Open Building Implementation New Joint Commission Coordinator

In October 2018 the CIB Programme Committee appointed Prof Amira Osman as new Joint Coordinator of the Working Commission W104 – Open Building Implementation.

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Short CV

Amira Omer Siddig Osman is a Sudanese/South African architect/lecturer/researcher. She is currently a professor in architecture at the Tshwane University of Technology.

Amira studied at the University of Khartoum in Sudan in 1988 (B.Sc.) and 1996 (M.Sc.). In between the two she also studied at the Institute for Housing Studies in Rotterdam (IHS) in 1992 where she obtained a post-graduate diploma. She completed her PhD in Architecture at the University of Pretoria in 2004. She worked as an architect in Khartoum during the period 1988-1997 with various practices on small and large projects and was a United Nations Volunteer (UNV) in Maseru, Lesotho 1997-1998, as an architect with the Department of Public Works. She practiced as an architect in the Sudan and has participated in a number of projects in South Africa including a hostel upgrade and designs for social housing in Pretoria. Amira is a registered Professional Architect with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) while her focus is academic and research-oriented.

Amira taught at a number of institutions for about 30 years in total, with 10 years at the University of Khartoum, 11 years at the University of Pretoria and 5 years at the University of Johannesburg.

She established the Housing and Urban Environments (HUE_UP) research field at the University of Pretoria

and at the University of Johannesburg. She also established UJ's research and academic UNIT 2 "Architecture and Agency: DESIGN | MAKE | TRANSFORM" in 2015. Amira taught Housing and Urban Policy at BTECH level during the period 2016-2017.

She has previously worked as a Senior Researcher at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in Pretoria (2010-2012).

Amira was one of the conference conveners for the World Congress on Housing in 2005 at the University of Pretoria and the convenor of the Sustainable Human(e) Settlements: the urban challenge, 2012, hosted by FADA, University of Johannesburg and its partners. She also served as UIA 2014 Durban General Reporter for the International Union of Architects (UIA) and the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA).

Personal Statement

I am delighted to be appointed as Joint Coordinator of CIB W104. I intend to encourage more involvement from Africa as well as other parts of the globe and to find a way to bring more voices and more people into the network and to establish more presence in the global south, expanding the current membership.

I plan towards collaborations to launch intercontinental conversations on Open Building, better articulating the benefits of an Open Building approach in diverse contexts.

I look forward to working with my joint coordinators and everyone in the network.

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