



**AGENDA  
FOR HUMANITY**  
5 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES  
24 TRANSFORMATIONS



# **Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - Royal Institute of British Architects 2016**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Royal Institute of British Architects

**Organisational Type**

Other

**City and Country where Headquartered**

London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**Focal Point Name**

Carys Rowlands

**Region**

Europe

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## 4C Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
<p>The Royal Institute of British Architects is working in collaboration with colleagues at the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Institution of Structural Engineers to create the 'UK Built Environment Advisory Group', the aim of which is to provide the international humanitarian and development community with a more effective conduit to the collective expertise of its member institutes together with access to the combined resources of over 100,000 members working in more than 150 countries throughout the world. The aim is to provide access to built environment expertise (i.e. architects, engineers and town planners) in connection with strategic policy making and also, via the Institutes, to their members at times of need in the form of technical capacity either remotely or in the field.</p>	Capacity	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

### Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Recognising that built environment professionals are not systematically engaged with the humanitarian sector and that the humanitarian sector is facing increasing pressure from urban conflicts caused by natural disaster and civil conflict.

### Achievements at a glance

The UK Built Environment Advisory Group (UKBEAG) was launched at Habitat III in Quito and is now represented on the steering group of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises (GAUC). In 2017 we will be looking to extend membership of the group to engage with other disciplines while promoting awareness among our global network and contributing to the work of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises.

### How is your organization assessing progress

For 2017 we aim to 1) engage with the workgroups being created by the Global Alliance for Urban Crises, 2) produce material to highlight the role of the built environment professionals in the humanitarian sector, 3) promote awareness among our members and our global networks, 4) undertake a 'Survey of the Profession throughout the Commonwealth' in collaboration with colleagues at the Commonwealth Association of Architects, 5) engage in a range of complimentary activity with partner organisations.

### Challenges faced in implementation

Lack of capacity among built environment professionals globally, weakness of built environment policy globally, lack of structured engagement between built environment professionals and their governments, especially in those countries which are most vulnerable to humanitarian crises.

### Next step to advance implementation in 2017

Developing a programme of activity for members of the UKBEAG and also the GAUC.

### If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides , what would it be

Working more collaboratively to build capacity among built environment professionals and reviewing built environment policy to strengthen resilience, especially in those countries which are most vulnerable to humanitarian crises.

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#### Keywords

Urban



## Specific Initiatives

- Global Alliance for Urban Crises

## Agenda for Humanity

- 3A - Reduce and address displacement
- 4C - Deliver collective outcomes: transcend humanitarian-development divides