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SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**

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01 THE SOCIAL HABITAT AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD BASES BAQ 2022

Since 1978, every November of every even year, the Ecuadorian Association of Architects – Pichincha Province (Colegio de Arquitectos del Ecuador Provincia Pichincha, CAE-P) organizes the Pan- American Quito Architecture Biennial BAQ, considered to be one of the most important events for architecture in the American region.

In every edition there is an exchange, comparison and analysis integrating architectural and urban production in the American continent, as well as ample debate on contemporary thinking.

The BAQ revolves around three axes:

- The BAQ Awards
- The Academic Event
- Cultural Events and Exhibitions

In every edition of the BAQ a particular theme is developed for the lectures and debates of the Academic Event. The BAQ Awards are a platform for the confrontation of contemporary production in the built environment. All axes are parallel and operate within specific objectives.

1.1. BAQ2022 INFLECTIONS – REVISIT TURNING POINTS – LOOKING BACK

In the current edition of the Biennial's Academic Seminar, there will be a discussion about architectural production during different turning points, determinants of the historical and cultural changes of the human scenario. Turning points that, concerning our practice, generate questions and demand reflections and actions from those involved.

Following this, the BAQ2022, comparing opposite case studies, will seek a common ground where a dialogue can emerge from different points of view to discuss the relationship between moments and the spatial and transitory uses that the architectural project has offered. Moments in which diverse realities interact and present the challenge of adjusting scales and uses, from the domestic nucleus to the city and the territory.

1.2. THE BAQ AWARDS

The BAQ Awards are an open call to all projects and publications built or published in the American continent during the four years previous to each edition of the BAQ. In its 22 editions, the award has had over seven thousand entries and has recognized important achievements and the strive for excellence in the fields of architecture and urbanism, in practice and theory.

All of the entries that meet the criteria described in this document will be judged in the different categories of the awards, and will form part of the BAQ Awards 2022 exhibition, as well as of the digital BAQ ARCHIVE (ARCHIVO BAQ)

www.arquitecturapanamericana.com.

1.3. BAQ AWARDS AT THE 23RD 2022 PAN-AMERICAN QUITO ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL

The Organization Committee of the 23rd edition of the Biennial has established, as one of its main goals, to consolidate and reinforce both the processes and products of the BAQ Awards, which represent one of the main aspects that originated the Quito Architectural Biennial in 1978. This has been considered in this document regarding the 23rd edition of the BAQ Awards.

The structure of the awards has now the following sub-division, each with several categories. The five awards are:

- National Award
- Pan American Award
- Habitat And Sustainability Award
- Publications Award
- Students Gold Medal Award

1.4. SOCIAL HABITAT AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

For several editions, Quito's Pan-American Architectural Biennial, has had a single world participation Award aimed at recognizing and promoting the best architectural practices that demonstrate a positive and tangible impact of the habitat in contexts of social vulnerability.

Understanding HÁBITAT in a comprehensive way and aligned with the global sustainable development agenda, the SOCIAL HABITAT AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD is presented and has the following participation categories:

In this edition, the BAQ2022 organization committee incorporated a specific category to promote efforts towards the protection of natural resources and the reduction of the environmental impact of the construction industry.

- Social habitat and development
- Sustainable architecture and energy efficiency

02 CATEGORIES



SOCIAL HABITAT AND DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY

Open call for projects and interventions built worldwide, it is oriented to identify and reward the best architectural practice that has made a positive and tangible impact within the improvement of the habitat and living quality of people or groups of people in a situation of vulnerability.

This category is open to all new architecture or architectural intervention of social housing and social infrastructure, with the following characteristics:

- Adequate, safe and accessible social housing projects of any scale.
- Inclusive, safe and resilient, private or public social infrastructure, that improves a vulnerable habitat.



SUSTAINABLE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT ARCHITECTURE CATEGORY

This category seeks to promote and reward architectural practice that can demonstrate an integral approach in sustainability and efficiency. This category is a worldwide open call for built projects and/or interventions.

That is:

- Projects that during the design, construction and operation process consider local construction practices and knowledge.
- Projects that are located on accessible land.
- Projects that have adapted efficiently to its local context.
- Projects that use materials available locally or have a low environmental impact, incorporating energy efficiency and thermal comfort strategies to reduce the building's footprint throughout its life cycle.

We encourage the participation of:

- Multi-family housing projects.
- Facilities and infrastructure that exceed 500 square metres.
- Administrative, institutional and corporate building projects that exceed 500 square metres.

Within the architectural practices that we seek to encourage, we will consider the total or partial incorporation of the principles of energy efficiency and thermal comfort proposed by the experts of the Swiss Cooperation and CEELA.

03 ENTRY CONDITIONS

- BUILT projects in any country around the world.
- Projects built between 2018 and 2022.
- Projects that did not win an award or recognition in past editions of the BAQ.
- Projects must fully comply with their local laws and regulations.
- Authors must be qualified professionals in architecture and urbanism, authorized to practice in their country at private or public instances.
- Projects must be 100% completed.

04 REGISTRATION PROCESS

- All entries must be made online on the BAQ webpage.
- All fields must be filled out.
- All projects must be complete and comply with each required format.
- Only the entry fee ensures the project's participation in the 2022 BAQ Awards.
- All authors and collaborators must be named for each project entry. The information given in the entry form will be used for the following:
 - Certificates and verdict documents, in the case of being recognized or winning an award.
 - Credits for the BAQ 2022 book
 - Credits for the BAQ digital archive: [www. arquitecturapanamericana.com](http://www.arquitecturapanamericana.com)
 - Participation certificates.

NOTES

- Each project or publication may only be entered once. If the same work has multiple entries by different authors, they will all be disqualified and the entry fees will not be refunded.
- The organization committee does not take responsibility for any errors or imprecisions in the information given in the entry forms.

05 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All the documents and information submitted will be forwarded to the jury for judging. The exhibition of participating and winning projects during the 2022 BAQ will be designed by the Organizing Committee of the 23rd edition of the Biennial. All entries will be exhibited.

BOARD

- Digital file of 3 A2 size sheets (42 cm × 59.4 cm), horizontal (landscape), PDF format.
- The design for the board format cannot be modified and must be downloaded from the BAQ website
- The flag corresponding to the country where the project is located must be inserted in the allocated space.
- PDF file no larger than 100 MB.

The Organizing Committee recommends that participants save the document in **high quality print**.

DESCRIPTIVE TEXT

- Descriptive text for the project in 500 words or less.
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COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

- 2 cover photographs to be used for the BAQ ARCHIVE: 1 portrait and 1 landscape image in JPEG format, smallest side of 20 cm at 300 DPI resolution with a maximum file size of 6 MB each.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 professional quality photographs must be provided.
- JPEG format, 300 dpi resolution (minimum side 15 cm).
- Maximum file size: 6 MB each.

DRAWINGS

- Up to 8 drawings (site plan, plans, sections, elevations, diagrams, etc.) with graphic scale. Each drawing must be a separate file.
- JPEG format, 300 dpi resolution (minimum side 15 cm).
- Maximum file size: 6 MB each.

Entries that do not comply with the established format will be automatically disqualified.

All the information in every entry will form part of the BAQ ARCHIVE. No economic retribution will be recognized for images or photographs used in the exhibitions and publications. The Biennial may use this information to communicate it as needed in print or digitally, in exhibitions and/or publications.

06 JUDGING PROCEDURE

STAGE 1

The first stage will recognize the best entries in each category; these will be determined as finalists and will go through to the second stage.

These finalists will be recognized as the selection representing the best in the American continent, and such will receive:

- Finalist Diploma
- Publication in the BAQ2022 Book
- Publication as a finalist in the BAQ Archive: www.arquitecturapanamericana.com
- Promotion as a finalist at a national and international level.

STAGE 2

The winners of each category will be chosen from the group of selected finalists.

The winners of each category will receive:

- Winner trophy
- Winner diploma
- Publication in the BAQ2022 Book
- Publication as a winner in the BAQ Archive: www.arquitecturapanamericana.com
- Promotion as a winner at a national and international level.

07 JURY

The Ecuadorian Association of Architects – Pichincha (Colegio de Arquitectos del Ecuador Provincia Pichincha, CAE-P) and the Organizing Committee of the 23rd BAQ 2022 reserve the right to select the jury members. This selection will be made considering experience and recognition in the field of architecture at a national and international level, and the relevance of the jury's familiarity with each category.

The decisions made by the jury are final and all the finalists and winners will be assigned as defined in the chart.

No awards are to be declared null, unless exceptionally justified by the jury.

08 ENTRY FEES

- National and international participants: **\$165 USD** (local taxes included).
- Ecuadorian affiliated participants up to date on their payments to the Ecuadorian Association of Architects - Pichincha (Colegio de Arquitectos del Ecuador – Provincial Pichincha): **\$150 USD** (local taxes included).
- For the first entry, you will receive one free pass for the 2022 BAQ to be held in Quito from November 14th through November 18th, 2022.

09 IMPORTANT DATES

- Entry deadline for all categories is **September 30, 2022 at 18:00** (06:00 p.m.) Quito time.
- Finalists for every category will be announced **November 15, 2022**.
- Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony to be held **November 18, 2022**.

Note: The parties are bound by the conditions stipulated in this instrument, except in cases of fortuitous event or force majeure. In accordance with the Civil Code regulations, unforeseen events that cannot be resisted constitute force majeure or fortuitous events.