

INTERNATIONAL  
COMPETITION**HOUSE OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN BEIRUT, LEBANON**

Mr. **Tarek Mitri**, Minister of Culture of Lebanon, announced the **launch** of an international competition for the design of the House of Arts and Culture in Beirut city centre, on 4 July 2008, during the **UIA General Assembly**. In conformity with the UNESCO-UIA regulations, this project competition, open and anonymous, has been approved by the International Union of Architects. This landmark building is part of the reconstruction process of the Lebanese capital and will be **realised with the support by the Sultanate of Oman**.

Situated in the **Ghalghoul district**, that was severely affected by the conflicts that occurred in Beirut, the future House of Arts and Culture will be built on a **site of 3 785 M2**, in this area of the city in full expansion where several prestigious buildings are being constructed by renowned Lebanese and foreign architects. Conceived as a **dynamic and interactive centre**, the programme will propose, on **15 901 M2**, a vast range of spaces devoted to creativity, *exchange, debate, education and cultural diffusion* addressed to **all publics of all generations**.

The international jury will be composed of : the Minister of Culture of Lebanon or his representative; a representative of the Sultanate of Oman; **Marwan Saleh** representing the Lebanese Order of Engineers and Architects; a representative of SOLIDERE (the Real Estate Company for Reconstruction and Development of Beirut Central District); Ms **Magda Hosam Eldin Mostafa**, architect, Egypt, representing the UIA ; **Suha Ozkan**, architect, Turkey; Ms **Momoyo Kajima**, architect, Japan; Ms **Izaskun Chinchilla Moreno**, architect, Spain; **Okwui Enwezor**, Dean of Academic Affairs, Senior Vice-President, San Francisco Art Institute. Two deputy members will be appointed shortly.

**TIMETABLE**

- . Deadline for registration **29 September 2008**
- . Deadline for delivery or mailing entries **30 January 2009**
- . Deadline for reception of posted projects **10 February 2009**
- . Jury meeting and announcement of results **16-20 March 2009**

**PARTICIPATION**

The competition is open to licensed architects practising architecture in their country and multi-disciplinary teams headed by an architect. The competition working languages are English and French.

Registration will be made on-line on the competition web site [www.darbayrut.org](http://www.darbayrut.org)  
The non-refundable **registration fee of 250 USD** may be paid on-line or by direct bank transfer.

**PRIZES**

The **total prize money is 90 000 USD**: 1st prize: 40 000 USD; 2nd prize: 30 000 USD; 3rd prize: 20 000 USD.

**Information and registration:**

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