

IFLA Affiliation



IFLA

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Whereas

the National Associations or Professional Institutions of Landscape Architects of the World, following discussions held in Brussels (Belgium, 1935), Paris (France, 1937) and Berlin (Germany, 1938), agreed in Cambridge (United Kingdom, September 1948) to establish the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA).

Whereas

the 52nd IFLA World Council held in Moscow in June 2016 decided to accept the membership application of the Lebanese Landscape Association (LELA) with the proviso that the statements of its Articles of Association and By-laws would have been modified no later than December 31st, 2015 in those parts not clearly or completely complying with the IFLA Constitution and Regulations.

Whereas

the applicant national association fulfilled the above mentioned membership requirements modifying its Articles of Association and By-laws within the set deadline, and that therefore the proviso weighting on its membership application cannot be imposed anymore.

Whereas

the constitution of the applicant national association was duly registered on May 2nd, 2015 by the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities of the Republic of Lebanon.

Whereas

the applicant national association declared to accept to comply with the Constitution, By-laws and Code of Ethics of IFLA and to acknowledge its vision, mission and statutory objectives.

*Having due regard to the aforementioned,
the*

LEBANESE LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION (LELA)

agrees to become an

> IFLA MEMBER (CATEGORY A) <

effective from January 1st, 2016

Kathryn MOORE
IFLA President

Benjamin ROBERTS
IFLA Executive Director

Carlo BRUSCHI
IFLA "Professional Practice and Policy" Committee Chair

> January 12th, 2016 <



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Salma Samaha

PRESIDENT

Salma Samaha, a sustainable landscapes and outdoor spaces senior consultant, lecturer, speaker and advocate, with more than twenty years experience. Dr Samaha is LELA co-founder and president and served as IFLA elected chair of Education and Academic Affairs from 2018 to 2022. Passionate about creating inclusive sustainable public spaces, she empowers communities to combat nature deficit disorder and spatial injustice. Through her movement “Yalla Go Outside!” Salma aims to reconnect people to nature, promoting improved well-being and sustainable places, with a vision to change the world one neighborhood at a time.



Jala Makhzoumi

VICE PRESIDENT

Jala Makhzoumi is adjunct professor of landscape architecture, American University of Beirut, acting president of the International Federation of Landscape Architects Middle East region. In her practice, research and teaching, Jala pioneers a landscape approach that is place and culture responsiveness, and that mediates community needs and environmental health. Jala received the European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools (ECLAS) Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019, and is laureate of the 2021 IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award for her outstanding contribution to education and practice.



Hala Chmaitelly SECRETARY

Hala Chmaitelly is a landscape designer and an agricultural engineer based in Beirut, Lebanon, with a wide experience in planning and ecological studies, urban landscape design, agricultural advisory on regenerative agriculture, farm planning and urban agriculture. With a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture (1989) and a Master's degree in Plant Science (2007) from the American University of Beirut, Hala is a registered and a certified member of the Order of Architects and Engineers in Lebanon, and a member of the executive committee of the Landscape Architecture chapter. Hala is also the elected Secretary of the Lebanese Landscape Association (LELA), member of International Federation of Landscape Architecture World (IFLA World). Hala's professional experience extends beyond the borders of the State of Lebanon to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, and Malaysia, addressing large and small-scale projects in the public and private environments. Her experience was also established as a part-time instructor, between 2007 and 2013, at the Landscape Design and Eco-System Management Department at the American University of Beirut. Hala's passion lies in integrating natural and edible landscapes to the built environment in both public and private realms.



Salwa Al-Sabbagh TREASURER

Urban and Landscape Designer, Salwa Al-Sabbagh holds an MS in Urban Design and a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Design and Eco-system Management, American University of Beirut. Salwa is Senior Landscape Architect at Dar Al Omran, KSA, and founding member and treasurer of the Lebanese Landscape Association. Her professional experience includes landscape architecture, urban design and urban planning projects in Lebanon and the MENA region. Her research centers on landscape and public space, urban planning and development policies.





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Nayla M. Al-Akl

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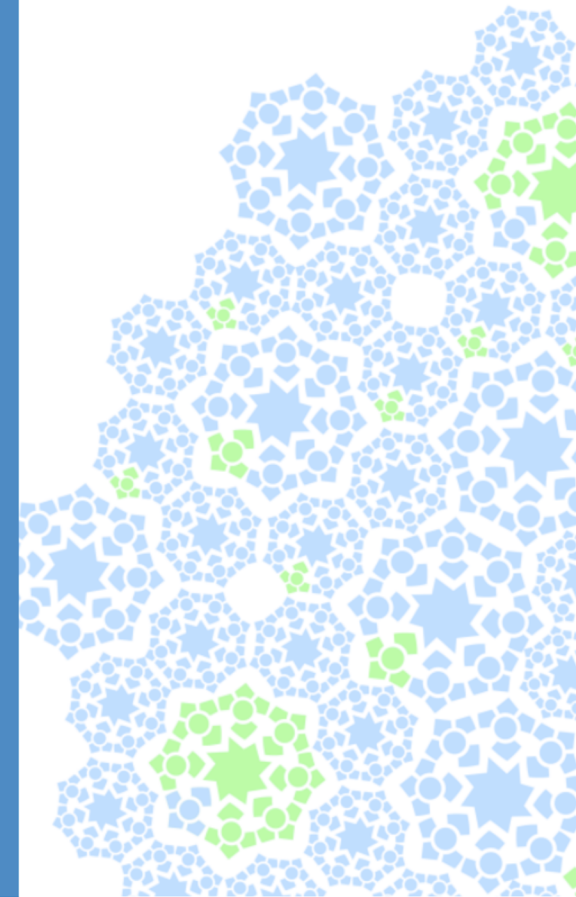
Nayla M. Al-Akl is Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture and Dean of Student Affairs at the American University of Beirut. She is co-founder and administrative member of the Lebanese Landscape Association (LELA). Nayla has worked on a number of landscape architecture, planning and urban design projects in the Middle East, the US and China. Her research interests lie in the relationship between humans and their environments and the interface of nature/culture/society. Nayla's most recent work looks at the role of urban landscapes, including university campuses and urban cemeteries, for the promotion of social inclusion, human wellbeing and ecological health. Nayla holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the American University of Beirut and a Masters of Landscape Architecture from Harvard University Graduate School of Design.



LELA Co-Founders



From left to right: Salwa Al-Sabbagh, Nayla M. Al-Akl, Maria Gabriella Trovato, Jala Makhzoumi and Salma Samaha (2015)



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