

PRESS RELEASE:

Oubuntu-DASUDA & BKVV Architects win public award Architizer A+ Awards 2022 with project National Teachers Colleges Uganda

Public Award 'Popular Choice Winner'

Winners of the Architizer A+ Awards 2022 are announced by the Architizer organisation from New York at Monday 6th of June 2022. The public award in the category 'Architecture for Good' is awarded to the project National Teachers Colleges (NTC) Uganda. It is about large-scale campus renovation and new build facilities at 2 education locations near the towns of Kaliro and Mubende in Uganda. The built project for approximately 2000 students totalling 24 renovated and 8 new buildings. It consist of student and teachers housing, class room buildings, energy-efficient kitchens, sports facilities, sustainable energy facilities, waste recycling, and food production.

Enabel Country Representative Tom Vanneste said the initiative ensured the creation of a safer and more conducive learning environment for over 2000 learners and their teachers.

The project is realised in a joint venture collaboration between Oubuntu Consulting, DASUDA en bkvv architects. The clients of this large-scale project are Ministry of Education and Sports in Uganda and Belgium Development Agency. The project is funded by the Belgian Government.

NTC is part of an ambitious national programme to improve the education in Uganda. The approach for NTC is the future teachers becoming the example for a better Uganda. Living and learning at NTC campus reflects just that.

Architizer A+ Award

The A+Awards celebrates the extraordinary work of the world's best firms, highlighting the work of pioneering architects and designers as they strive to create architecture that will stand the test of time.

The reputable judges has nominated five finalists within each award category out of 5,000 entries received from 100+ countries. The Popular Choice Winners were awarded in several categories, with over 400,000 votes cast by the voting public.

The category Architecture + for Good celebrates those projects and architects that use their skills and passions to address crises in collaboration with communities.

The project National Teachers Colleges Uganda will be published in the next edition of "The World's Best Architecture", a hardbound compendium published annually by the Monacelli Press.

National Teachers Colleges Uganda

The design for National Teachers Colleges started in 2019 and construction is recently completed. The buildings are recently handed over during a well visited inauguration ceremony in December 2021.

Minister of State and Ambassador of Belgium signed the Manifesto for Climate Responsive Design during the inauguration ceremony. NTC is as first project in Uganda acknowledged as best practice example of Climate Responsive Design. The project is poised to become a reference for institutional developments in the country.

It has indoor and outdoor spaces and local artisan technologies applications. And it also focuses on the enhancement of the green environment through local-bio diversity safeguards and water protection.

It uses locally available materials such as bamboo and earth bricks that promote community participation.

Simple but pleasant architecture optimizes, natural lighting and ventilation, passive cooling. Resulting in thermal comfort spaces with a relatively low indoor temperature. At the same time it has low-cost maintenance, as well as a reduction in project cost and implementation period. No air conditioning is required, and buildings still have a cool feeling temperature inside.





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Background information

Oubuntu Consulting

Oubuntu Consulting is an established multi-disciplinary consultancy firm based in Kampala- Uganda that comprises professionals with technical experience spanning over 30 years. Oubuntu offers services across a myriad of disciplines including the firm's predominant Architecture Practice, Engineering, Project management and BIM-related services to ISO 19650 standards. It also fosters a design culture of communal collectivism, with a shared value system of teamwork, which encourages group cooperation, and consensus and accommodates innovation and diverse ideas.

DASUDA

DASUDA stands for Dutch Alliance for Sustainable Urban Development in Africa. This foundation is a collaborative collective with a number of European and African experts such as physicists, economists, ecologists, engineers, architects, landscape designers, urban designers and planners.

bkvv architects

Design is guided by its location. bkvv architects discover the energy of place and translate this into spatial solutions. The existing is the starting point for development of a building, a living environment, and a community.

bkvv architects focuses on the realisation climate friendly architecture. How can we achieve harmony with our environment, how do we use our collective energy to creating liveable and live worthy environments, how can we continuously adapt to changing circumstances? Through keep on learning and curiosity. Through recognising values and opportunities, to respecting and to turn it to good account.

Architecture makes culture experienceable, through watching and listening to the existing and collaboratively find answers to current and future questions.

bkvv architects strengthen the existing and show the next possible step. Sometimes by contrast, sometimes by symbiosis, always with attention to significance. bkvv architects creates projects which keep communities vital, resilient, and to allow celebrate life.
