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“KIGALI YACU” Activating Public Outdoor Space One Bench at a Time

Applications open: May 20, 2020

Submission ends: July 20, 2020

Language: English, French or Kinyarwanda

Location: Kigali - Rwanda

Prizes: Please see details below

Type: Ideas competitions

Calling all university students of school of architecture in University of Rwanda. New design challenge for a public outdoor bench exhibition! Architectural students, whether individual or in teams, are invited to design a sustainable, outdoor bench with focus on:

FUNCTIONAL SPACE | THE BENCH must function as a comfortable public seating with minimum of four seating surfaces. Ease of use and access is an important consideration to facilitate instant, ongoing and changing street dynamics. General street safety including traffic related issues and legibility of its physical presence are important considerations in the design. Ancillary functions such as bike racks, and planting areas, can be considered as part of the design as long as they do not interfere or compromise the ‘seating function’ and ‘street-safety’ aspects of THE BENCH.

PERMANENT STRUCTURE | THE BENCH, as a permanent public infrastructure, will be installed on the street’s edge. Once installed, THE BENCH will remain outdoors exposed to the weather conditions and public interactions. The fabrication, installation and the material condition of THE BENCH must consider such exposures and interactions. The design must also consider the structural and functional integrity of THE BENCH for the entire duration of its installation.

FABRICATION INSTALLATION | from digital fabrication to reuse/recycle, the competition is open to all mediums and methods. However, all entries are expected to position their ideas in responding to the following general criteria: 1. Simplicity in construction and ease of assembly, 2. exposure to elements of the street environment, 3. ease of cleaning and maintenance of functional and structural integrity, including general safety within the street environment, and 4. Affordability.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

The Jury will base its scoring on the following considerations:

- Aesthetically pleasing;
- Innovative design in terms of material exploration, use of technology and fabrication methodology;



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- Safe for outdoor public use;
- Sustainable design using recycled, reclaimed, and/or renewable materials;
- Suitable for outdoor use (durable, robust, weatherproof, etc);
- Stable and securable at the site once installed;
- Depth and quality of design process documentation;
- Follow the modularity to make replicability of the furniture easier;
- Adherence to local context in terms of material use and design forms.

Schedule at a Glance:

- May 20: Applications Open
- July 20: Final Deadline, 11:59pm
- July 27: Finalists Announcement
- All applications should be in a PDF format and send via: onestopcenter@kigalicity.gov.rw
- You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your submission
- Entrants may be individuals or a team of three people maximum.

PRIZES

All the semi-finalists will be exhibited in Kigali City Exhibition room and will get a participation certificate.

In partnership with Rwanda Institute of Architects (RIA), Institution of Engineers Rwanda (IER), Gasabo 3D and MASS Design Group, the three finalists will receive certificates, media coverage, as well as cash prizes. Grand prize (1st entry): 500,000 Rwf cash prize and 3 months paid internship at MASS Design Group. The first Runner-up will receive a 300,000 Frws cash prize and internship in Gasabo 3D. The second Runner-up will receive a 200,000 Frws cash prize and internship in Gasabo 3D.

For more information and clarification about the sites or the design competition, please call toll free line 3260 or email us on onestopcenter@kigalicity.gov.rw or SMS/WhatsApp: +250 789 448 873.

GOOD LUCK!

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