



*Seminar for lecturers at the Department of Architecture.*



*Practical workshop on earth construction technology with the students of the School of Architecture.*

development of the local economy, and the protection of the environment and heritage.

1. Improvement of living conditions: It is expected that a larger proportion of the population will have access to proper and financially accessible housing.
2. Better use of resources: It is expected that in the building sector, more appropriate choices will be made in terms of the techniques and the materials used, thus favouring the local economy and protecting the environment and aiding sustainable development.
3. Promotion of the culture: It is expected that not only will efforts be made to preserve heritage, but also that there will be a recognition of the value of the local culture.

### Conclusion

For any development project to be sustainable, the initial actions must be followed by activities in all peripheral sectors. In this case, we believe future interventions will have to target not only the training of architects, but also the training of teachers, researchers, builders, technicians, and artisans. They will have to address not only the development of standards and the modifications of the

regulations but also the promotion of the use of local materials at the national level. They will have to raise not only the people's awareness of environmental problems, but also the government's and the builders'. They will have to not only support the emergence and development of production and implementation networks, but also the organization of the population into building associations or co-operatives.

The future activities proposed in the project are entirely in line with the strategies defined in the *National Shelter Strategy for Uganda*<sup>1</sup>. While this does not guarantee future funding, it does at least represent clear political support.

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<sup>1</sup> In 1992, A *National Shelter Strategy for Uganda* was elaborated in order to develop viable, applicable and sustainable strategies, which would lead to improved and accessible shelter for all in the year 2000.

In this study, the *Department of Housing, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development* tried to assess the global situation of housing in Uganda and identify the problems, their causes and their extent in order to elaborate a series of strategies.

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## Leading Off

It is anachronistic to think that the tragic terrorist attack to the United States on September 11th, 2001 was an act of war, in its classic sense. The real message of that still unbelievable tragedy is that we live in an interdependent world where no territory, however rich and powerful, can insulate itself from catastrophe. As Mabhub-ul Haq mentioned in his Barbara Ward Lecture in the occasion of the 21st SID International Congress in Mexico in 1994: *"An island of wealth and prosperity cannot survive in an ocean of poverty and deprivation"*.

It was precisely inspired by Mabhub-ul Haq's thinking that SID launched in the early 1990's the concept of global human security, an idea that is today ever more relevant. Although it is no longer possible to request the peace dividend of the post-Cold War, it is still a concept that can help people understand the challenges posed by the spread of fanaticism and hatred so evident today.

In this issue of *Bridges*, we have selected a few quotes from the reactions of the SID network and friends. They generally call for a more lucid analysis of the events of these last weeks than western mainstream media propagates, pointing to more positive and comprehensive outcomes.

The comments presented and most of the messages we have received call for the creation of institutions that could respond appropriately to the challenges ahead: from the International Court of Justice, to the revival of the United Nations and its

General Assembly, or to the Currency Transaction Tax for the financing of measures against poverty. They also challenge the decreasing interest of the North towards the problems of the South since the end of the Cold War and call for a new political project aimed at finding a co-operative global alternative.

Great crises have often resulted in great moments of lucidity of Humanity. They have been the starting point of institutions and ideas that were ahead of their time. This is the case of the Charter of the United Nations and of the institution itself. Unfortunately, the United Nations after more than 50 years of existence remains, above all, a great promise. Let us hope that the tragedy of September 11 will serve as a catalyst for these institutions to live up to their promise.

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### SID 23rd SID International Congress postponed

Due to the recent dramatic events in the United States, the Governing Council has decided to postpone the Congress to late Spring 2002. The **new dates** will be confirmed in the coming weeks once the uncertain international situation stabilises again.

All those participants who have already registered can get the refund of the fees and accommodation.