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2nd LANDSCAPE SYMPOSIUM. November 23rd, 2017.

THEME: THE ROLE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN THE CREATION OF FLOOD ADAPTIVE AND FLOOD RESILIENT CITIES: *A Look at Lagos State, Nigeria.*

BACKGROUND: Anthropogenic activities have significantly altered the natural landscape and cities with large water bodies are working hard to create road connectivity in which the role of water in the city structure is gradually being neglected. Thus, the cities are losing their unique characteristic and inhabitants are becoming more vulnerable to flooding. Lastly, climate change will have a serve impact on the natural system of the delta and in the lives of those living in these areas, namely: flood events, storm surge, water scarcity, subsidence and salinization.

BODY: This symposium aims to hold an intellectual discourse on the role of landscape architects in the creation of urban environments which are flood resilient and flood adaptive. A critical look would be given to Lagos state as a case study and we would come up with ideas which would be summarised in a document that can be of benefit to the state as well as the country and continent at large.

We hope to address but not limited to the following issues:

- 1. What are the unique characteristics (Including city typology and urban settlement typology) of Lagos city landscape?*
- 2. How did its nature landscape, infrastructure and urban layer transform throughout its history?*
- 3. What are the problems of Lagos city? What are the challenges in the future?*
- 4. What would be a more sustainable and less vulnerable form of urban development in Lagos city*
- 5. How can Landscape architects help to create a flood adaptive and resilient city.*
- 6. How can Landscape architects be more visible in an age of social media and how can they leverage on this to aid the development of the city, nation and continent as a whole?*

The symposium will explore discourse in the areas of issues on flood management and water quality, with highest possible regard for the urban environment We would explore recent interventions such as the “cloudburst” tool box of urban interventions, such as cloudburst boulevards, cloudburst parks, cloudburst plazas, as proffered in the Copenhagen flood masterplan. Also the exploration of blue infrastructure as well as green infrastructure in addressing essential city services such as mobility, recreation, health and biodiversity, creating a strategic and feasible approach to ensure long-term resilience and economic buoyancy. Please make time out of your busy schedule to join us for this exciting and stimulating intellectual discourse.

Date: November 23rd, 2017.

Venue: University of Lagos Guest house, Akoka, Lagos. Time: 10:00 am prompt