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At the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz to his parents

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The General Secretary of Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture participated in the workshop about charitable activities in mosque architecture. The workshop has been attended by various stakeholders and related charitable entities. The attendees discussed ways to coordinate efforts in this field to avoid any expected duplication of works, and also to setup guidance for mosque locations throughout the Kingdom. The attendees also discussed the establishing a methodology for maintaining of worldwide mosques. Throughout this workshop, Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award presented a working paper about the working progress at the Saudi National Mosques Building Code project, which the award is currently working on in cooperation with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, furthermore, the general secretary of the award called for establishing national guide lines for charitable work for mosque architecture, which will eventually organize the process of architectural design, construction and maintenance.





The Abdullatif Al Fouzan Award for Mosque Architecture carries a message of civilization and aesthetics from the Houses of God to the world

The Abdullatif Al-Fawzan Award for Mosque Architecture participates in the Partners Forum at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris



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The General Secretary of Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture received an invitation from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to attend the Partners Forum at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris last September 2018. During this forum, the Secretary-General of the Award, Dr. Mashary Al-Naim, presented the Award, its objectives and its working methodology. Several international organizations (partners) expressed interest in the content of the award and its leadership in the field of mosque architecture.

The Secretary-General met on the sidelines of the Forum with many "partners" from all over the world, where he discussed with them the development of professional, scientific and cultural mechanisms for cooperation between these organizations and the Award.





Developing architectural guides and specifications for local mosques in Central and West Africa

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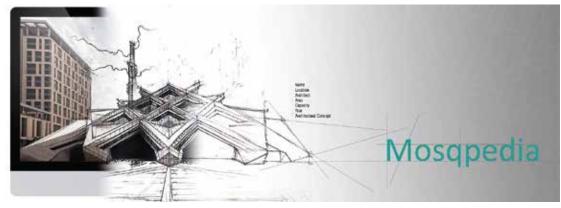
Dr. Mashary Al-Naim, Secretary-General of the Abdullatif Al-Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture, visited the headquarters of the Center for Earth Architecture (CRAterre) in Grenoble, France. Throughout this visit, Dr. Al Naim briefed the general director of about the Award's objectives and its methodology for the development of mosque architecture in the world. The two sides also discussed some proposals for cooperation between the award and CRAterre Center for developing architectural guide lines for the construction of mosques with local structural techniques at western and Central Africa. It's worth to mention that CRAterre has a long experience in architecture of west and central Africa, in which Award seeks to benefit from the professional and knowledge network of the French center. Finally, it's planned for signature of memorandum of understanding between the two institutions at Paris next January 2019. This MoU is organizing future cooperation in various fields of research, mosque architectural applications and related joint activities.

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The Abdullatif Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture will provide several scientific and professional portals

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The Abdullatif Al-Fozan Mosque Architecture Award has the intention to serve as an international expertise center for mosque architecture. It will contain the world's largest architectural database for mosque architecture. Three mega projects are in process of implementation now, those three are Asfaar, Mnaber and Mosqpedia. However, the first and the largest project of the three will be "Mosqpedia" as it will classify the mosque architectural database as "architectural, scientific, artistic and historical categories" on the one side, and on the other side mosques will be classified "alphabetically, chronologically or geographically".

Mosqpedia is planned to be electronically connected with universities and scientific research centers around the world. According to the working plan of Mosqpedia, mosques will be classified architecturally and functionally into six categories:

1. Central Mosques: It contains the mihrab and the minbar and other services such as library and classes for memorizing the quran.

- 2. Friday mosques: contains the mihrab and minbar.
- 3. Local mosques: contains the mihrab
- 4. Mosques built by the community.
- 5. Historical Mosques: mosques of historic and archaeological value

6.T emporary mosques: which are located in institutions, schools and shopping centers.