DESIGN COMPETITION 2026

REIMAGINE AN AFRICAN URBAN HABITAT FOR THE YEAR 2050

A CALL FOR **BOLD IDEAS** FOR GENERATION **AFRICA 2050**

Let your ideas shape the Africa of 2050 — inclusive, resilient, prosperous and sustainably **African**.

Design a **living cluster** — homes, livelihoods, and community spaces.

OUR FUTURE
OUR SPACES
OUR AFRICA

DESIGN A SMALL URBAN CLUSTER
NOT A SINGLE BUILDING

HOMES
Inclusive, diverse and adaptable living spaces

LIVELIHOODS
Spaces that support work, enterprise and skills

COMMUNITY SPACES
Shared places for interaction, culture, care and play

SUSTAINABLE FUTURES
Resilient, green and climate-conscious solutions

OPEN TO EVERYONE

From high school students to college students, graduates, candidates, technologists, and professional architects, urban planners & urban designers.

ACROSS AFRICA.

SUBMIT

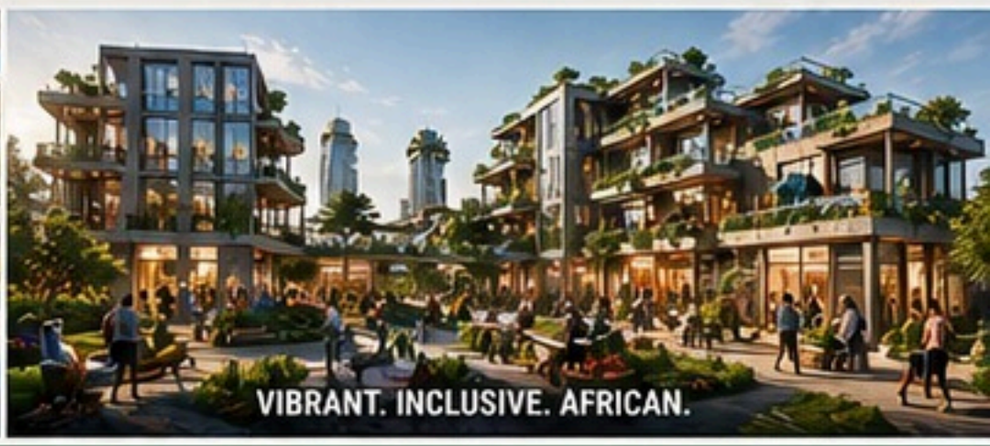
- Concept images / sketches / renders (any format)
- One paragraph narrative explaining your idea

NO TECHNICAL DRAWINGS REQUIRED

IMAGINE. DESIGN. IMPACT.

Your idea could inspire the next generation of African cities and communities.

GOOD IDEAS CAN BUILD BETTER FUTURES.



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EXAMPLE SUBMISSION (FOR INSPIRATION ONLY)

A mixed-use, green urban cluster that integrates housing, local enterprise, learning spaces and community facilities around shared courtyards and public spaces. Designed for walkability, resilience and connection in 2050 and beyond.

DEADLINE
7 JUNE 2026

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