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COMPETITION PROJECT BRIEF

by CPDI Africa 2015

The Community Planning & Design Initiative Africa (CPDI Africa) is a culture-inspired, research-based, design-build competition, created to inspire the development of successful neighbourhoods and communities on the continent, with modern African architecture that is both culturally and environmentally sustainable. Believing that the redevelopment of Africa's built environment should be as it has always been, built as a collaborative effort between the community members and designated master builders, CPDI Africa engages participation from the design community in Africa and the Diaspora at large, for the accomplishment of its vision.

CPDI Africa works through annual design competitions, where students and practitioners in the global design community develop residential prototypes, guided by a 'kit of parts' database of African architectural elements. A panel of distinguished Jurors, consisting of our well renowned architects, Africanists, artists, urban planners and engineers, will select winning designs for the CPDI Annual design-build events in Africa, and for the publication of our annual design compendium. Designers who create winning prototypes that best fit interpretations of modern African architecture, will receive cash prizes, design recognition and also participate in the design-build trips to the various featured African countries.

The CPDI design-build competition is open to both students and practicing designers across the world; applicants may register from all parts of Africa, the Americas, Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Participants may enter the competition as individuals, or may submit their entries as part of a team of designers, artists, engineers, and planners. The competition is open to any race, religion or creed, and encourages collaborative ventures between development professionals in Africa and the Diaspora. Campaign events to create awareness of the design competition commenced in 2015, with a series of exhibitions and information seminars across the US and Nigeria.

CPDI Africa is a signature initiative of Southern Sahara Nigeria Ltd and Southern Sahara Realities USA. In a collective effort to accomplish shared goals for innovated solutions for sustainable development in Africa, Southern Sahara has initiated relationships with both private and public Partner Organizations such as The Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, The American Institute of Architects, The National Organization of Minority Architects, Global South Research Consortium, Acres & Acres Abuja, Mass Media Productions, the Centre for African and African Diaspora Studies at Kennesaw State University. CPDI Africa continues to establish relationships with organizations who promote shared interests in this ground breaking initiative, and are committed to achieving mutual goals through the objectives set by CPDI Africa!

The Challenge:

To Design An Innovative Residential Home That Reflects The Comforts Of Contemporary Urban Lifestyle, Yet Celebrates The Essence Of Traditional African Living

1. Create a Design Concept for a One or Two Bedroom Bungalow
2. That Is Humble Yet Dignified in Concept
3. Not More Than 120 Square Meters (1, 300sqft)
4. A Floor Plan That Reflects an Element Of African Culture, Lifestyle, or Philosophy
5. That Celebrates the Visual Aesthetics of An African Identity
6. Built of Materials That Are Locally Available, Sustainable, Affordable.
7. That Explores The Concept Of The Modern 'African Kitchen'
8. Pays Homage To The African Concept Of Courtyard Design
9. Can be Constructed with Less Than \$30, 000.00 USD (The equivalent once converted to any African currency)
10. Can Be Replicated Easily By Both Skilled and Un-Skilled Laborers

Prize Awards – CPDI Africa 2015 Competition

Winning Prize

- \$5,000 cash prize
- Best Design Recognition, and prototype chosen for the Design-Build Project
- Major feature in our publication on contemporary residential design for building in Africa.

Runner Ups

- Second Prize of \$2,000, major feature in publications, plus Special Awards
- Third Prize of \$1,000, major feature in publications, plus Special Awards

Special Awards

22 notable applicants will receive these Special Awards:

- Special feature in publications on contemporary residential design for building in Africa.
- Recognition and presentation of their submissions at the CPDI Africa Award Ceremony.
- Opportunity to earn paid internships with Southern Sahara and affiliate Organizations.
- Opportunity to advertise their designs and architectural services on the International CPDI Africa platform.
- Invitation to participate in CPDI Africa design-build projects, in Africa & the Diaspora.
- Invitation to feature their works in the annual 'Art of Modern African Architecture' Traveling Exhibitions.
- Special appearances in the CPDI Africa educational and documentary films on architecture, community planning and urban development for Africa.
- Opportunity to attend local and international seminars and workshops hosted by Southern Sahara and CPDI Africa!