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Poster Competition

Shaping Sustainable Horizons

Competition Brief

Shaping Sustainable Horizons invites architecture students to explore how their discipline can respond to the evolving needs of society and the environment. The competition encourages participants to envision future-ready spaces that promote sustainability, inclusivity, resilience, and responsible use of resources.

The poster should tell a **clear visual story, expressing the designer's intent, concept, and vision for the future.** Through drawings, diagrams, illustrations, and minimal text, the poster **must communicate what the idea is, why it matters, and how it contributes toward a better tomorrow.**

The emphasis is on storytelling through design, where the poster itself becomes a narrative—connecting context, concept, and impact in a simple yet powerful manner.

Sub-Themes (Based on Sustainable Development Goals)

(Participants may choose any ONE sub-theme)

1. Responsible Use of Resources in the Built Environment

(Aligned with SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption & Production)

2. Water & Architecture

(Aligned with SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation)

3. Nature-Integrated Architecture

(Aligned with SDG 15 – Life on Land)

The focus should be on clarity of thought, relevance to SDGs, and architectural intent, rather than technical complexity.

Evaluation Criteria

- **Concept & Relevance:** Clarity of idea and alignment with the theme
- **Creativity & Innovation:** Originality of thought, innovation in approach, and uniqueness of concept.
- **Integration of Sustainability:** Effective interpretation and application of sustainability principles and SDGs.



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- **Visual Communication:** Quality of drawings, graphics, layout, composition, and overall visual presentation.
- **Clarity of Narrative:** Ability to communicate a clear story, intent, and design rationale.
- **Overall Impact:** Overall impression, coherence, and effectiveness of the poster.

Participation & Registration Guidelines

- Registrations open to students of Architecture from all institutes/schools across India.
- Team Composition: **A maximum of 03 members** per team is permitted.
- Maximum of **02 entries shall be permitted for every sanctioned intake of 40 students or part thereof.**
- **Certificate of Excellence** will be awarded to the best poster in each category and **Certificate of Participation** will be issued to all participants.
- Selected posters will be **exhibited during COA's International Conference SHAPE 2026 (26-27-28 February 2026).**
- Selected posters will be **featured in the official conference proceedings and showcased digitally on the conference website.**

Last date for registration : 05 February 2026

- Upon successful registration, each team will receive a **unique Registration Code.**
- This Registration Code must be clearly mentioned at the **BACK of the poster.**
- Posters without a valid registration code will not be considered for evaluation.
- **Any indication of the participant's name, institution, college, or university on the poster (other than the allotted registration code) will lead to disqualification.**
- Participants are advised to pack the poster securely to prevent any physical damage during transit. It is recommended to use protective coverings such as plastic sheets or hard tubes. The organizing committee will not be responsible for any damage caused during transportation.



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Poster Specifications

Poster Size: A2 (42 × 59.4 cm)

Format: Hand-made only (Digital printouts are not permitted)

Orientation: Portrait only

Submission Details

- Participants are required to email a scanned copy of the poster to **coaconfshape2026@gmail.com** on or before **15 February 2026**, before dispatching the final physical poster.
- The physical poster must reach Chitkara University, Punjab on or before **20 February 2026, by 4:00 PM**, either by hand or through courier.

Address for courier

Chitkara School of Planning & Architecture,
Chitkara University, Punjab
Chandigarh–Patiala National Highway
Punjab – 140401

**Please note*

- *A maximum of 40 participants will be permitted for this activity, and selection will be on a first-come, first-served basis.*
- *Registration for the conference is mandatory to participate in any Pre-Conference Activity.*
- *There is no separate fee for Pre-Conference Activities.*

Register for Competition: <https://forms.gle/VxbKi6jPe9iburDc9>

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For further information, please reach out at:
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