

## Committee on the Environment

**AIA** Knowledge Community



LEVER Architecture brought an equity lens to the design of Meyer Memorial Trust, a COTE Top Ten winner in 2022 Image: Jeremy Bittermann/JBSA



### Letter from the chair: January/February 2023

By Lori Ferriss, AIA

As we enter 2023, we look to leverage the momentum building in the broader industry and within our own volunteer community, focusing on the COTE Top Ten awards programs, climate action and climate justice, communications, and advocacy.

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## AIA @ COP27

The built environment community was well represented at COP27, and the AIA sent a delegation again this year, bringing its voice into the chorus. [Learn more:](#)

- [COP27: AIA attends press release](#)
- [Learn more about the key takeaways here >](#)
- [See more AIA moments from COP27 here >](#)
- [Hear more about policy for a net zero future here >](#)



## Connecting people and place: Data tools for architects

By Sandra Montalbo, Assoc. AIA

Architects can leverage and learn from data about environmental justice – and there are a number of tools out there; here's a look at four tools readily available.

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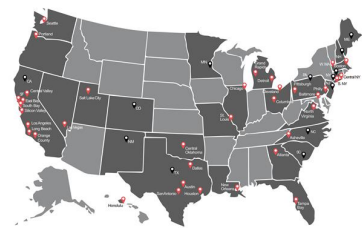


## Advocacy update: AIA @ COP27 and a look ahead

By Mike Davis, FAIA, and Kara Kempski

In November, AIA was a presence at COP27...and here's a peek at what's afoot this year in Congress.

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## COTE Network update

By Bunny Tucker, AIA

The COTE Network is excited to share an updated resource for local and state chapters: the 2023 COTE Chapter Guide and version 2023.0 of the Common App for Design Excellence.

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# Readings + Resources

## ESG: 6 Things Building Professionals Need to Know

By Paula Melton | BuildingGreen

Clients need AEC professionals to help them achieve environmental, social, and governance goals. Here's how people are turning aspirations into strategies.

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## How Design Can Help Ensure All Communities Benefit from Climate Adaptation

By Heather Rosenberg & Raphael Sperry | Common Edge Collaborative

We need holistic solutions that put disadvantaged communities first and transition buildings that would otherwise be left out, leading to bottom-up market transformation that benefits everyone.

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## Climate Change from A to Z

By Elizabeth Kolbert | The New Yorker

Climate change resists narrative—and yet some account of what's happening is needed.

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## New on AIAU: The Future of Cities

AIA Communities by Design (CxD)

This new AIAU series will focus on a number of key themes facing the future of our cities, offering provocative ideas about how we conceptualize our collective future and the role of design leadership in achieving global goals.

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## Partner Content: ROCKWOOL

AIA partner ROCKWOOL explains how stone wool supports decarbonization efforts in both its manufacturing and use in energy-efficient buildings.

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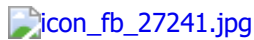
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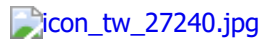
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