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HITESH MEHTA

ECO-PROJECTS Resume

SUMMARY

Mr. Mehta is one of the world's leading authorities, practitioners and researchers on sustainable tourism, ecotourism physical planning and both the landscape architectural and architectural aspects of ecolodges. He is probably the only design professional in the world to be inducted as a **FELLOW** in three different continents - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), England and Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), Kenya - and in two different professions - Landscape Architecture and Architecture. In 2015, Mr. Mehta was the recipient of *United Nations* (UNEP/GFHS) "**Outstanding Achievement Award**" for his work with alleviating poverty and protecting sensitive ecosystems. In July 2006, *National Geographic* identified Mr. Mehta as one of five Sustainable Tourism **Pioneers** in the world.

Mr. Mehta has thirty-four years of work experience, consulted in sixty-five countries (spanning six continents) in the world and is a multi-International award-winning designer with Awards in Landscape Architecture, Planning, Architecture, Urban Design, Creative Writing and Publishing, and Interior Design. Mr. Mehta's firm **HM Design** (which began in Kenya in 1991) is currently working on environmentally and socially friendly projects in Galapagos, Philippines, Mexico, Kenya, and Dominica. He has vast experience in Protected Area Physical Planning and has worked on Sustainable Tourism Plans that protect the last remaining endangered species such as Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda; Tigers in India; Giant Pandas in China; Jaguars in Costa Rica; Galapagos Shark; Bali Starlings etc.

Mr. Mehta regularly conducts research on Ecotourism and Ecolodges and is the author and photographer of the award winning **Authentic Ecolodges** (launched by *Harper Collins* in November 2010). He is currently working on **Authentic Ecolodges- Volume 2**. Mr. Mehta is also the editor of the **International Ecolodge Guidelines** and the co-author of the chapters on "Site Planning" and "Architectural Design". He was the longest serving Board Member of The International Ecotourism Society (sixteen years) and was an on-site inspector for the *National Geographic* Unique Lodges of the World program.

Mr. Mehta has a distinguished history in academia and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Florida International University (FIU), University of International Corporation, Costa Rica and VATEL Hotel and Business School, Madagascar. He has been the External Examiner for the Dept. of Landscape Architecture, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya for five years. He was also the Chairman of Landscape Architecture Section, Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi and conducted studios in sustainable planning and design for five years. Mr. Mehta conducts one-of-a kind Ecoplanning and Design Workshops and Charettes around the world and which are attended by academicians, practitioners etc. Mr. Mehta is a well-sought out speaker and has presented at over 198 Conferences/Seminars/Public lectures/webinars in thirty-six countries across all six continents.

Mr. Mehta is also a *Professional Photographer* and a Hall of Fame / ex- Cricket Captain from Kenya. In July 2005 he was named by **Men's Journal**, a New York based Magazine as the "**25 Most Powerful People in Adventure**" in the world. He has been featured / interviewed / mentioned in over 196 international magazines, newspapers, books, newsletters and blogs.

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **FELLOW**, American Society of Landscape Architects.
- **FELLOW**, Royal Institute of British Architects.
- **FELLOW**, Architects Association of Kenya.
- Associate, The American Institute of Architects.
- Registered corporate member, Landscape Architects' Chapter of the Architectural Association of Kenya (A.A.K.).
- Registered corporate member, Architects' Chapter of the A.A.K.
- Associate, Royal Institute of Canadian Architects (past).

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

current

- Adjunct Professor: Florida International University, Miami
- Nominator, Aga Khan Award for Architecture
- IFLA Africa Regional Representative - *Landscape Architects without Borders*
- Adjunct Professor: VATEL Hotel and Tourism Business School, Madagascar
- Executive Board Member of International School of Sustainable Tourism (ISST)
- Advisory member, ASLA Strategic Committee on Sustainability
- Founding member of *Global Ecotourism Network* (GEN), African Ecotourism Network (AFEN) and North American Ecotourism Network (NAEN)
- Affiliate Member– The Long Run
- Member, IFLA Africa Region Advisory Committee.

past

- Member of Jury - IFLA APR (Asia Pacific Region) Annual Awards 2021.
- Judge - World Legacy Awards - National Geographic
- Inspector – National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World
- Member, ASLA Council of Fellows Task Forces (Growing the Profession and Developing the Council as a Brain Trust)
- Executive/Advisory Board Member of The International Ecotourism Society (1999-2015)
- Evaluator - 2016 Top 100 Sustainable Destinations
- Advisor to the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations
- Head of Jury - IFLA Africa Symposium Students Competition, Abuja 2013
- Member of Jury - IFLA Africa Symposium Students Competition, Nairobi 2011
- Member of IFLA Jury for China Jinzhou World Landscape Art Expo design competition.
- International Advisor to Japan Ecologne Association & Iranian Community Lodges Association.
- International Advisor to French Ecotourism Association.
- Eco-Advisor to Kiwi Collection (largest Collection of Luxury hotels in the world)
- Judge and on-site inspector for the Tourism for Tomorrow (WTTC) awards
- Judge - World Heritage Tourism Awards (National Geographic / Conservation International)
- Judge - Ecotourism Awards (Conde Nast Traveler)
- Judge - Green Hotelier Awards (Caribbean Hotel Association).
- Member - Sustainability Leaders Research Panel- Sustainability Leaders Project
- Judge and Advisory Board - African Real Estate and Housing Finance Academy Awards
- Member of Juries for both FAU and FIU Architecture/LA Studio student presentations.
- Chair of "Standards and Ethics Committee" – The International Ecotourism Society.
- Chair of "Board Development Committee" – The International Ecotourism Society.
- Ecotourism Advisor to Sacred Natural Sites Initiative
- Advisory Board member of Adventure Council
- One of five Founding members of Ecotourism Kenya (1995)

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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE - summary

Mr. Mehta's has worked in offices in Nairobi, Kenya; San Francisco, Oakland CA; Silver Springs, MD and Ft. Lauderdale, FL. From 1997-2007, Mr. Mehta was a Vice-President at EDSA where he started and led the first Ecotourism Planning Market Sector of any large company in the world. For the past seventeen years, he has dedicated his professional approaches to only eco and socially friendly projects and was the visionary team planner and Project Manager for the multi-international award winning Crosswaters Ecolodge, China.

2007-Present HM Design, President, *Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*
1997 – 2007 EDSA Inc. Vice President, *Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*
1996 – 1997 CHK Planners and Architects, Landscape Designer, *Silver Springs, Maryland*
1990 – 1996 HM Design, Founder and Principal, *Nairobi, Kenya*
1989 – 1990 Amphion Environmental, Environmental Planner, *Oakland, California*
1988 EDAW Intern, *San Francisco, California*
1986 – 1987 Mehraz Ehsani and Associates, *Nairobi, Kenya*
1979 – 1985 Various Internships at Design/Real Estate/Contractor firms, *Nairobi, Kenya*

AWARDS

2021 World Agri Tourism Award in the category of Farm and Sustainable Tourism Education to International School of Sustainable Tourism (ISST)
2021 *Newsweek* magazine's "**The Future of Travel Award Winners**" to Volcanoes Safaris – Rwanda and Uganda.
2020 Landscape Architecture Foundation (USA) recognition to *Eagle View Camp* as the first Case Study in Africa to be certified in their **Case Studies Investigation** (CSI) program.
2019 United Nations (GFHS/UNEP) "**Planning and Design**" award for Plataran L'Harmonie West Bali National Park
2019 United Nations (GFHS/UNEP) "**Planning and Design**" award for Mara Naboisho Conservancy.
2018 **Winner** (with KZ Architecture) for **Scenario 1** – UN Habitat's and The World Bank's "Resilient Homes Design Challenge".
2018 Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) "**Award of Excellence**" to *Eagle View Camp, Naboisho Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya*
2018 Honourable Mention of *Eleven Magazine's SAFARI Lodge Design* Competition
2018 The World's Top 10 Sustainable '**GREEN Destinations**' award to Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda
2017 **The Sustainable Destinations Top 100** award to Plataran L'Harmonie and Mara Naboisho Conservancy.
2017 Travel + Leisure Magazine's World's Best Awards: **#1 Hotel in the World 2017** to Nihiwatu Luxury Retreat.
2017 ISST Award for **Lifetime Achievement** in Ecotourism, Subic Bay, Philippines.
2016 African Responsible Tourism Awards "**Overall Winner**" to Mara Naboisho Conservancy
2016 African Responsible Tourism Awards "**Joint Gold Winner**" to Mara Naboisho Conservancy
2016 United Nations (GFHS/UNEP) "**Planning and Design**" award for Cerro Verde Ecolodge.
2016 Travel + Leisure Magazine's World's Best Awards: **#1 Hotel in the World 2016** to Nihiwatu Luxury Retreat.
2015 United Nations (GFHS/UNEP) "**Outstanding Achievement Award**" for work with alleviating poverty and protecting sensitive environments.
2015 "Florida American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) **Planning and Analysis Award** to "Jambo Kilimanjaro Ecolodge"

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- 2014 Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) "**Award of Excellence**" to Cerro Verde Ecolodge, St. Cristobal Island, Galapagos.
- 2014 Architects Association of Kenya's (AAK) "**50th Year Awards of Excellence in Landscape Design Category**" to Aga Khan University Hospital Diagnostic Center.
- 2014 Architects Association of Kenya's (AAK) "**50th Year Awards of Excellence Merit Award in Health Center Category**" to Aga Khan University Hospital Diagnostic Center.
- 2014 Architects Association of Kenya's (AAK) "**50th Year Awards of Excellence Merit Award in Residential Category**" to Radhadesh House.
- 2014 - Lonely Planet "**World's top ten eco-retreats**" to Lapa Rios Ecolodge.
- 2014 "Interior Design's 9th Annual Best of Year Awards to Crosswaters Ecolodge Bamboo Villas
- 2013 - Conde Nast Magazine's "**World Savers Award**" to Nihiwatu Luxury Retreat
- 2013 - Travel and Leisure "**Global Vision Award for Sustainability**" to Volcanoes Safari Lodges
- 2013 "**Florida American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) Planning and Analysis Award** to "Kwanari Ecolodge"
- 2013 Conde Nast Magazine's "**World Savers Award**" to "Volcano Great Apes Safari Lodges".
- 2012 "**Florida American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) Research and Communications Award** to the book "Authentic Ecolodges"
- 2011 "**Florida American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) Environmental Sustainability Honor Award** to Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, China
- 2011 "**Florida American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) Award of Excellence** in the Resort and Entertainment Category to Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, China
- 2011 "**Florida American Society of Landscape Architect's (FLASLA) Award of Excellence** in the Planning and Analysis Category to Crosswaters Ecolodge, China
- 2011 "**Langfang Eco-City**" – \$100,000 second prize in Local- International Team Competition, China
- 2010 "**WTTC Tourism for Tomorrow Destination Stewardship Finalist Award**" – Ministry of Tourism, Montenegro
- 2010 "**American Society of Landscape Architect's (ASLA) General Design Honor Award**" for Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, China
- 2009 "**China Best Design Hotels Awards**" for 'Best Concept Hotel' and 'Judges Choice' to Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, Shanghai, China
- 2008 "**India Ministry of Tourism Best Planned National Park Award**" to Corbett National Park, India
- 2006 "**American Society of Landscape Architect's (ASLA)**" Research and Site Analysis Award" for Crosswaters Ecolodge, China
- 2001 "**American Institute of Architect's (AIA) Merit Award**" for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- 2000 "**Architects Association of Kenya (AAK) Commercial Category Award**" for Diagnostic Center, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2000 "**American Society of Landscape Architect's (ASLA) Award of Excellence**" for EDAW Intern Program, USA
- 2000 "**American Institute of Architects**" Honor Award in Urban Design, for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- 2000 "**Maryland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award**" for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- 1998 "**United Nations (UN) Habitat Award**" for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- 1994 "**Washington State Aggregate and Concrete Association Grand Award (all categories)**" for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project, Tacoma, Washington, USA
- 1994 "**Washington State Aggregate and Concrete Association "Excellence in Concrete Contrcution Awards, 1st Place (Case Structure Category)**" for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project, Tacoma, Washington, USA

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- 1993 “**AIA Southwest Washington Chapter Special Citation Award**” for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project in downtown Tacoma, Washington, USA
- 1991 “**Most Creative Stand**” awards for Reef Hotels at the Kenyan Tourism Exhibition Show, Nairobi, Kenya
- 1989 “**AAK Residential Category Award**” for Chestnut Groves, Nairobi, Kenya

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE - details

Mr. Mehta has had various experiences in sustainable landscape / architectural design projects, Ecology / Ecoresort design, environmental / protected area planning and conflict resolution planning including:

2007– Present: President *HM Design LLC*, Ft. Lauderdale, USA.

- **Six Senses Galapagos**, St. Cristobal, Galapagos. *HM Design* is the lead Consultant, site planner, landscape architect and Design Architect for a new ecoresort located in the eastern part of the island of St. Cristobal, Galapagos. Mr. Mehta is leading a consultant team that is providing FULL Planning and Design services. The master plan includes High-End Villas, Main Reception, Dining and Lounge Building, Six Senses Spa and Fitness Center, Experience Center, Research Center, Meditation and Massage Gazebos, Solar Farm and Battery Storage, Organic Vegetable Garden etc. *HM Design* prepared a detailed “Landscape as a Visual Resource Analysis” for this project which was one of four projects that won the “Award of Excellence” for the FLASLA 2014 awards. *HM Design* is currently working on the Design Development package (10/16 to present).
- **Ajit and Neelam House and Garden**, Cotswolds, England. *HM Design* is providing consultancy services for the Design of a House and garden located in one of the more beautiful villages in England – Charlbury. The existing house is being demolished and a new one designed by a local Architect will replace it. *HM Design* has drawn-up a conceptual Site Plan that seeks to create a classic English Garden experience (10/20 to present).
- **Emporium**, Coral Springs, Florida, USA. *HM Design* is part of this winning submittal of a Conceptual Master Plan for a 70-acre ecological Town Center which is to be located on a former PGA golf -course. EMPORIUM will become an exemplary best-practice eco-development that addresses South Florida’s most pressing environmental and social issues: climate change, COVID, hurricanes, flooding and food security. The Development and Planning team are committed to sustainability from the inside out – to create healthier spaces for visitors as well as energy-efficient infrastructure that saves money and minimizes broader environmental and social impacts. The distinctive landscaped architecture will mimic organic and native earth mounds, visually and physically connecting the buildings with the canals and nature preserve. The Master Plan includes Lifestyle and Wellness Center, Botanical Garden, Discovery Center, Micro-retail, Local Artisan shops, Fresh Market, Designer Stores, restaurants, Amphitheatre, Conference Hall, Medical Offices, Professional Offices and School. Next stages of the planning and design are under negotiation. (9/20 to present).
- **Bweju Beach Ecoresort and Spa**, Zanzibar Island, Tanzania. *HM Design* was a member of a Kenya led team for the planning and design proposal of a Boutique Hotel on the eastern Coast of Zanzibar Island. The team designed the hotel architecture and gardens to have a strong Islamic character and one which is inspired by the Dhows and artifacts of the region. The clients have placed this project on hold due to covid. (2/20 to 5/20).

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- **EcoThotam House and Garden**, Ft. Lauderdale, USA. Mr. Mehta's firm, HM Design carried out an extreme eco-makeover of a 1,200 square feet townhouse and provided conceptual and construction supervision services. Four months of research went into the selection of some of the most environmentally-friendly and durable materials from all over the US and the interior refurbishment took five months to complete. The modern, almost minimalist, interiors reflect the clients' worldwide cultural background of three continents. The garden was designed and implemented with the same meticulous approach as the interiors and every single plant species is not only native but selected to attract butterflies, bees or birds. HM Design created a garden that has been certified as a *Wildlife Habitat* by the National Wildlife Federation. All the power needs of the house and garden are supplied by newly installed Solar Panels. This House and Garden is probably the most eco-friendly single-family residence in Florida (8/18 to 5/21).
- **Tilicho Home upscaling and COVID Design**, Annapurna Circuit, Nepal: Mr. Mehta provided Covid Design consultancy to IFC to help improve the safety and health of guests of seven mountain-based lodges operated by a local Company – Tilicho Homes. Mr. Mehta prepared plans and sections that also demonstrated the eco-upgrading of the lodges so as to cater for a more eco-friendly minded clientele. (4/20 – 6/20).
- **Annapurna Conservation Area Consultancy**, Nepal. For this IFC project, Mr. Mehta, together with Solimar International, undertook a field visit to the ACA (Annapurna Conservation Area) and conducted a series of on-site ecotourism infrastructure studies to identify and elaborate tourism concession opportunities. Mr. Mehta identified several investment-ready properties as well as opportunities to conserve the rich cultural and architectural heritage of several mountain villages. Mr. Mehta will be disseminating information to Government, private sector and local/foreign investors to show the potential for this particular region. Mr. Mehta co-organized (with SOLIMAR) and participated in a two-day virtual conference. (10/19 – 6/21).
- **Atauro Beach Ecolodge**, Atauro Island, Timor Leste. *HM Design* is the landscape architect for the creation of a revised Overall Master Plan for an existing Tented Camp (Atauro House) located adjacent to the most biodiverse Coral Reef Ecosystem in the world. The approach is to have an extreme makeover as the existing property is 1-star and the new one will be high-end. The new Master Plan will include an arrival experience, permanent eco-Villas, Dive Center, Marine Research and Education Center, native species gardens, restaurant, seawater swimming/diving pool, back of house, staff/scientists/researcher housing etc (12/19 to present).
- **Madagascar National Parks Consultancy**, Madagascar. Together with four other consultants (contracted by IUCN), Mr. Mehta undertook field visits to six protected areas and conducted a series of on-site studies to identify and elaborate tourism concession opportunities for seven selected sites. He provided site analysis and land use sketches and best practice example photos that are compatible with the principles of sustainable design and the park management plans in marine and terrestrial protected areas. Mr. Mehta also supported the Investment Specialist in exploring opportunities for modernization of developments and new developments that could be achieved through partnership with the private sector as part of the protected area concession process. The planned developments will include various types of functional infrastructure such as ecolodges and infrastructure for ecotourism activities in the buffer zone of protected areas (6/19 – 2/20).
- **Ecotourism Facilities Infrastructure Consultancy**, Timor Leste. Together with SOLIMAR International, Mr. Mehta has undertaken two visits to Atauro Island, Timor Leste. He conducted site assessments of community lands ii) the hot springs site and iii) the visitor information center site. Through these site assessments he gathered the information needed to prepare master

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plans and architectural conceptual designs with the ultimate goal of improving the variety and quality of facilities and attracting new investment to the island. These Conceptual Plans were presented to the various stakeholders and Mr. Mehta revised the drawings (5/19 to 12/19).

- **Kwanari Ecolodge, Dominica, West Indies.** *HM Design* is the lead Consultant, concept architect and landscape architect for an ecolodge in the eastern part of the Commonwealth of Dominica. The lodge was to open in the summer of 2018 but was partly destroyed by Hurricane Maria. It will be the first planned and designed ecolodge in Dominica and there are many benefits to the neighboring native Kalinago people. Mr. Mehta is introducing a whole new type of Architecture in the Caribbean called “Forest Caribbean”. *HM Design* and their local team of consultants (including Architect of Record) are providing full services including construction supervision. The master plan includes an ecolodge and wellness center, forest and ocean cabins, tree house, swimming pool, library and trails. This lodge won a 2014 FLASLA ‘*Planning and Analysis*’ award (9/15 to present).
- **Ecolodge Planning and Design Training Workshops.** Mr. Mehta has been conducting Ecotourism Facilities Planning and Design workshops all over the world for over 20 years and currently at Florida International University and International School for Sustainable Tourism, Silang, Philippines . He has previously conducted these workshops for George Washington University and The International Ecotourism Society. These workshops range from 4 hours to 5-days and have taken place in Manila, Silang and Subic Bay, Philippines; Miami, Portland and Hilton Head Island, USA; Puerto Rico and St. John Island, Caribbean: Nairobi and Juja, Kenya; Cyangugu, Rwanda; Misiones, Argentina; Quebec and Montreal, Canada; Dili, Timor Leste; Gangtok, Sikkim and Jim Corbett NP, India; Muscat, Oman; Cairo, Egypt; Blue Ridge Mountains and Alice Springs, Australia; (4/99 to present).
- **Antipolo Botanical Gardens, Organic Farm and Lodge, Antipolo, Philippines.** *HM Design* is the site planner and landscape architect for a one-of-a-kind project which combines three (Flor’s Garden, Ed’s Farm and Carolina Bamboo Garden) existing gardens and farm into one single ‘legacy’ destination of fifteen hectares. The integrated biodiversity conservation and sustainable tourism master plan, is climate-change friendly and includes the first Botanical Garden (including several themed gardens) in the Philippines, an Organic Farm and Education Center, Café and Restaurant for day visitors, a boutique Green-Lodge and Spa, Bamboo Research Center, Wedding Pavilions, Bamboo Museum and Bridge, Welcome and Visitor Center, Picnic Areas and Restored Forest Trails. One of the main concepts is to re-plant native trees and bring back the original montane forest which will help with carbon sequestration (8/17 to present).
- **El Equimite Coffee Farm, Ecolodge and Spa, Coatepec, Mexico.** *HM Design* is the site planner and landscape architect for a project where an existing coffee farm (located in the Veracruz area of Mexico) is being converted to a climate-smart Biodynamic Farm, Conservation Community and Ecotourism experience. The Long-Term Physical Plan involved other professionals including scientists and environmentalists. The master plan includes a farm for coffee and edible food, a Café for day visitors, a boutique Ecolodge, a wellness center, a Student Education Center containing dormitory and classrooms, single family lots, Green School and trails. *HM Design* is currently working on the next stage of the planning process – Schematic Design (8/18 to present).
- **National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World:** Mr Mehta is an on-site auditor for the National Geographic ‘*Unique Lodges of the World*’ program and has travelled to Kenya, Brazil Zambia, Alaska and St. Vincent and the Granadines to inspect twelve properties and certify whether they are credible to join the program or to continue to be part of the program (04/15 to

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- **City Park Conceptual Master Plan**, Nairobi, Kenya. *HM Design* is providing pro-bono master planning services to a grassroots organization- *Friends of City Park* for the rehabilitation of an iconic 90-yr old urban park located in one of the suburbs of the capital city. *HM Design* conducted a participatory Planning charette with over 35 stakeholders and began by preparing a Land Use Plan. The master plan includes restoration of several gardens and creation of new sporting facilities as well as new income-generating activities (5/18 to 6/19).
- **River ecoHouse**, Nairobi, Kenya. *HM Design* is the Design ecoArchitect and ecoLandscape Architect for the development of a 9,000-sq. ft. (850 m²) single family house located adjacent to a small river. Program includes a Penthouse Suite, four master-ensuite bedrooms, Wellness Center, Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi, steam room, Staff Housing etc. This project is currently on hold. (6/18 to 7/20).
- **Ataúro Island Sustainable Tourism**, Timor Leste. Mr. Mehta conducted site assessments of several sites adjoining the Marine Protected Areas and gathered the information needed to prepare master plans and architectural conceptual designs with the ultimate goal of improving the variety and quality of facilities and attracting new investment to the island. The final deliverables included Conceptual Site Plans and Architectural Floor Plans for a Visitor and Conservation Center AND an upscale Ecolodge (5/19 – 8/19).
- **Guifeng Nature Reserve Integrated Sustainable Tourism Master Plan**, Guangdong, S China. *HM Design* was the Team Planning and Design leader for the development of a one-of-kind-mountain experience in Guifeng Nature Reserve, located two-hour drive from Guangzhou. *HM Design* was one of five international and local teams, that submitted to the clients, a 40-page Conceptual Vision Plan for the Tourist Destination which includes an Arrival Gate, Welcome and Visitor Center, High-end Accommodations, Mineral Water Spa Experience, Temple, Zip Line, Elevated Tree boardwalk/ Riverside Trails/Mountain Trails and Chinese-inspired garden. (11/18 to 2/19).
- **Pueblo Del Sol Farm Village and Ecolodge**, Oaxaca, Mexico. *HM Design* was the site planner and landscape architect for a project where an existing abandoned coffee farm (located in Xalapa State of Mexico) is being converted to an Organic Farm, Staff Village and Ecolodge. The master plan includes an organic farm for coffee, cacao and edible food; a restaurant for day visitors; a boutique Ecolodge and Spa; Art Center, Health Clinic; a School for staff children; Volunteer and Researcher accommodations; Meditation Temple; Waterfall Trails, Zip-Line, Canopy-Walk; Rock-Climbing etc. All the local farmers working at the property were empowered from day one and their needs for work, accommodations and schools were incorporated in the Land Use Plan (12/17 to 10/18).
- **Wilpena Resort and Camping Master Plan**, Wilpena Pound, South Australia. *HM Design* was the landscape architect for the creation of an Overall Master Plan for an existing Resort and Camping area in one of the most significant aboriginal landscapes in Australia – Wilpena Sound. *HM Design* also prepared detailed site plans for unpowered and powered camping areas as well as the mid-end luxury tented camp. The master plan also included new arrival experience, visitor center, new eco- accommodations, existing resort, cooking stations, restrooms, play areas, staff housing etc. (11/16 to 8/18).
- **Majorie Stone Douglas Nature Center**, Key Biscayne, Florida. *HM Design* consulted on the new Landscape Design for the Arrival Experience for this popular Nature Center located on an island in Miami (5/18).

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- **The Ngurratjuta Experience, Toritja National Park, Central Australia.** *HM Design* was the Sustainable Tourism Destination Planner for the region in Central Australia popularly known as the “Red Center”. The client for this project were the local Aboriginal Association - *Ngurratjuta/Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation*. The Ngurratjuta Experience Destination Plan is a first in the history of Australia to have been created by Aboriginal peoples and with majority of the names of towns and places labeled in aboriginal language (3/18 to 6/18).
- **Yapalpa Lodge, Toritja National Park, Central Australia.** *HM Design* was the landscape architect for the creation of a revised Overall Master Plan for an existing Resort and Camping area (Glenn Helen Resort) in one of the most scenic aboriginal landscapes in Central Australia – Yapalpa Gorge (previously Glenn Helen). The master plan also included new arrival experience, Visitor Center, eco-villas, eco-cabins, restored Museum, native species Aboriginal garden, restaurant, swimming pool, Artists Residence and workshop, powered camping, cooking stations, restrooms, play areas, staff housing etc. (3/18 to 6/18).
- **Khumalo Stone Ec lodge, Madopo World Heritage National Park, Zimbabwe.** *HM Design* teamed up with LAND to design a site plan and architectural concepts for a design competition organized by ELEVEN Magazine based out of England. This entry won a Honorable Mention (2/18).
- **Matari Camp, Maasai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya.** *HM Design* provided pro-bono site planning services for the re-visioning and upgrading of a safari tented camp located close to the confluence of the Mara and Talek rivers in the World Heritage Site of Maasai Mara Game Reserve. The new accommodations are currently being built and located as per *HM Design’s* recommendations (1/18).
- **Azulik, Tulum, Mexico.** *HM Design* provided pro-bono site planning and Interior Architecture services for the re-visioning and upgrading of a Eco-friendly hotel located in Maya Riviera, Quintana Roo state of Mexico.(9/17)
- **Jerriwerri Eco-Cabins, Jervis Bay, NSW, Australia.** *HM Design* was the landscape architect for a mid-end tourist eco-camp located in an aboriginal-owned property overlooking Jervis Bay. *HM Design* was responsible for preparing a Preliminary Conceptual Master Plan which includes eco-camp cliff-side and beach accommodations, cliff-restaurant, reception and lounge as well as an area for aboriginal people to camp etc. The project is currently being reviewed by local authorities before the preparation of a detailed Conceptual Master Plan (6/17 to 8/17).
- **Panama National Park Facilities Consultancy, Panama.** *HM Design* provided Conceptual Master Plans for several Visitor Centers in San Lorenzo National Park. *HM Design* also supervised the preparation of Conceptual Master Plans and Architectural Designs for several Ecotourism facilities (Interpretation Centers, Ranger Station and housing, affordable tourist accommodations) in Coiba National Park (02/17 to 08/17).
- **Worimi Cabins, Port Stephens, NSW, Australia.** *HM Design* provided the WORIMI LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL, a two-day consultancy for the preparation of Conceptual Master Plan for a tourist dune-cabins on the coast of Port Stephens. NSW (6/17).
- **Pearl Sanctuary, Boracay Island, Philippines.** *HM Design* was the Master Planner for the Development of an integrated Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism Plan for the 17-acre Pearl Sanctuary, which is located in one of Philippines most visited destinations – Boracay Island.

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The existing property has a run-down Beach Hotel and two six-storey condominium towers. The Overall Master Plan includes a refurbished Beach hotel, a forest lodge, beach club-house, a retail and spa area, a protected wetland area, boardwalks and trails (8/17 to 04/18).

- **Head of Bight (HOB) Destination Plan**, Nullarbour Plains, South Australia. *HM Design* assisted the Aboriginal Lands Trusts HOB to prepare a Destination Plan for the Nullarbour Roadhouse area to help improve access to one of Australia's most spectacular natural landscapes and World class land based Southern Right Whale watching experience. *HM Design* also prepared a preliminary Master Plan that included improved arrival experience to the Visitor Center, exclusive 50 sites cultural camping experience, premium eco-accommodation near the dunes, trails along the cliffs etc. (6/17 to 7/17).
- **Master Plan and Villa Architectural Design Audit for Al Beidha Lodge**, Little Petra, Jordan. *HM Design* prepared a Conceptual Master Plan for a 20-unit high-end Desert Lodge located near Little Petra. The Master Plan included the main building (Reception, Dining, Lounge, Staff Area, Storage etc.), various types of Villa accommodations, Spa, Olive Garden, Swimming Pool, Sunset Pavilion and Trails. Mr. Mehta also audited the Villa Climatic Designs and provided design techniques to help cool the buildings without the use of air-conditioning (1/17 to 4/17).
- **Plataran L'Harmonie West Bali Nature Reserve**, Bali, Indonesia. *HM Design* was the Master Planner for the Development of a Sustainable Tourism Plan for the 382-acre *Plataran West Bali Nature Reserve*, a destination which is located within the utilization zone of West Bali National Park. The whole concept was to develop financially successful tourism through immersive low-impact climate-adaptive accommodations / activities and tropical forest/marine management. The Overall Master Plan includes accommodation, wellness, small conference, recreation, interpretation, education, and administration. The detailed program includes boutique forest and beach resorts/lodges, single family villas, camping, trails, diving, snorkeling, horse riding, bird watching, bike trails, zip-lining, ranger posts and housing etc. (7/16 to 04/17).
- **Gulkula Experience Master Plan**, East Arnhem, Australia. *HM Design* assisted the local Aboriginal Council to help identify tourist attractions and prepare a Destination Plan for the Gulkula region. *HM Design* also prepared a Conceptual Master Plan for the Gulkula Site that included improved arrival experience, ticket office, performance spaces, new mid-end and high-end eco-accommodations, re-planned unpowered camping areas, trails in the valley etc. (11/16 to 12/16).
- **Cooinda Resort Master Plan**, Kakadu National Park, Australia. *HM Design* performed an environmental planning and market demands audit on the existing facilities and was the landscape architect for the preparation of a Preliminary Master Plan for the indigenous-owned Gagudju Cooinda Lodge which is the gateway to Yellow Water Billabong in the heart of Kakadu National Park. The Master Plan includes an existing mid-end lodge (48 rooms), a new high-end lodge (15 eco-shacks), caravan and camping grounds (100 powered sites, 200+ unpowered sites, Grassed sites, swimming pools, restaurants/bar, tour desk, staff housing, maintenance areas etc. (11/16 to 2/17).
- **Three Capes Walk and Lodges**, Tasmania, Australia. *HM Design* provided consultancy to the *Tasmanian Walking Company* and conducted a 4-hr planning and Design workshop for project managers, CEO etc. (11/16).
- **Parc National D'Azagny Product Development Plan**, D'Azagny National Park, Ivory Coast. *HM Design* prepared an Illustrated Booklet that provides an Overall Tourism Product Development

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Master Plan for the Park as well as a technical case for a high-end concession ecolodge (Ebric Ecolodge) located in the Park, a RAMSAR site which is home to some rare and endangered bird species as well as Chimpanzees, Pygmy Hippopotamus, Forest Elephants and Buffalo. *HM Design* proposed the development of five different types of Ecotourism Accommodations as well as a Visitor Center, Observation Towers, Guided Savannah and Forest Trails, Canoe Rides etc. The overall objective of the report is to jumpstart ecotourism in this National Park and in so doing help benefit local communities (3/16 to 7/16).

- **Peninsula Estates**, Emerald Coast, Nicaragua. *HM Design* was the master site planner and landscape architect for the development of an eco-luxury second-home conservation community on the Pacific SW Coast of Nicaragua. *HM Design* provided Conceptual Design services. The master plan includes high-end eco-luxury 'cabin in the woods' homes, nature center, environmental center, fine -dining health restaurant, entrance arrival experience, clubhouse, observation towers and trails (2/16 to 6/16).
- **Ecotourism Audit for Tayrona National Park**, Colombia. Mr. Mehta prepared a 'professional expert' Audit in a court case between a private land-owner and a concessionaire in one of the iconic Colombian National Parks – Tayrona. Mr. Mehta visited the Park and prepared an evaluation to establish whether the efforts by the concessionaire represent Authentic Ecotourism best practices and whether they are directly supporting and protecting Natural Heritage and Biodiversity of Tayrona NP. Mr. Mehta specifically evaluated environmental damages that were caused to the Tayrona National Natural Park and to the properties of the private land owner due to the actions of the concessionaire (02/16 to 05/16).
- **Crosswaters Mountain Experience**, Guangdong Province, S. China. Mr. Mehta was the Team Planning and Design leader for the development of a Tree-Canopy, Zip Line, mineral water spa experience in Nankun Mountain Reserve. *HM Design* prepared a Conceptual Master Plan booklet and the team consisted of well known Australian Designer, Paul Pholeros and Zip Line expert, Bradd Morse from New York. The Mountain experience includes Elevated Tree boardwalk/ Riverside Trails/Mountain Trails, Zip Line Tour, Botanical garden, Eco-museum, Forest Hot-springs Spa and Public restrooms (11/15 to 5/16).
- **Authentic Ecotourism and Ecolodge Development**, Panama. *HM Design* provided a 1-week consultancy to the Panamanian Ministries of Environment and Tourism on the creation of an authentic ecotourism in Protected Areas. *HM Design* helped identify the best location for an Authentic Ecolodge in Panama's premier Protected Area – Coiba National Park and helped the selected local Architect with the siting/concepts for an Interpretation Center in Vulcan Baru National Park. *HM Design* also conducted a 2-day Workshop to show to both private and protected area personnel new and innovative approaches on planning and design of ecotourism facilities and infrastructure (02/16).
- **Woto Moro Island Master Plan**, North Maluku, Indonesia. *HM Design* conducted a visioning workshop for the development of an Integrated Ecotourism Master Plan for Woto Moro Island (10/15).
- **Punta Sabana**, Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta conducted 'Mehtaphysical' analysis workshops for a property on the Guanacaste Peninsula of Costa Rica. It was the wish of the client to create a sense of place, authenticity, and fit the proposed 5-star resort product (160 hotel rooms, 200 residences, 4 restaurants, 4 pools, a conference center, spa, and other amenities) within the local environment and community. Mr. Mehta employed his very own "Mehtaphysical" approach to analysis and conducted three 'six-senses' site connection workshops - one on the

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beach, one on the interface of beach and forest and one in the forest. In these workshops, all consultants (Architects, Landscape Architect and Project Manager) and clients immersed into the site and experienced it through their six senses. The results from these workshops were presented in an illustrated 30-page booklet (09/15 to 10/15).

- **Hana River Ecolodge**, Tai National Park, Ivory Coast. *HM Design* prepared a feasibility report that provided a technical case for a better concession and suggested improvements and enhancements of an existing dilapidated lodge, located in Parc National de Taï, (TNP), a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is home to endangered species such as the Pygmy Hippopotamus. The overall objective of the report and New Conceptual Master Plan was to jumpstart ecotourism in this pristine yet fragile part of West Africa. In February 2016, the National Park Service began inviting bids for a Concession for the Hana River Ecolodge and a private partner is currently operating the lodge. (4/15 to 6/15).
- **Jambo Kilimanjaro Ecolodge**, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. *HM Design* was the lead Consultant, site planner, landscape architect and concept architect for a new luxury ecolodge located in the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Mr. Mehta led a local consultant team that provided Planning and Design services. The master plan includes high-end villas, main reception, dining and lounge building, conference center, wellness center, Wedding lawn and pavilion, wildlife waterhole etc. This lodge won a 2015 FLASLA 'Planning and Analysis' award. (3/14 to 5/15).
- **Naivasha House Eco-Residences**, Nairobi, Kenya. *HM Design* was the eco-Master Planner for a 5-house, 2.25-acre residential community in Nairobi, Kenya. The site slopes towards a small river and is adjacent to an Urban Forest (4/14 to 4/15).
- **Amity Eco-Shacks**, Stratford Island, Australia. *HM Design* was the concept landscape architect and part of the Architectural team for the design and implementation of eco-Glamping cabins in one of the most popular camping vacation sites in Australia - Amity. For this first phase project - *HM Design* and the local Landscape Architect were responsible for all services from Conceptual Planning to Construction Supervision. *HM Design* prepared an overall Conceptual Master Plan as well as site plan, planting design plan, details etc.. This award-winning eco-camps opened to the public in August 2015 (1/14 to 9/15).
- **Para la Naturaleza Ecolodge Site Selection**, Puerto Rico. Mr. Mehta was the prime consultant helping Para la Naturelaza (part of Conservation Trust) to determine the most optimal locations for low-infrastructure Ecolodge development in the various Protected Areas that are being managed and owned by Para la Naturaleza. Mr. Mehta used a 23-point criteria system to help with selecting six of the very best sites that would result in financially, socially and environmentally friendly ecolodges (11/13 to 4/14).
- **Mannar Island Sustainable Tourism Master Plan**, Mannar Island, Sri Lanka. Mr. Mehta was part of the Consultant team that completed the Destination Master Plan for Mannar Island, Northern Sri Lanka. The program for development includes Visitor Centers, Waterfront experiences, accommodations, retail enterprises etc. Mr. Mehta also prepared preliminary master Site Plans for the main Visitor Center and 4 privately-owned lodges by Palmyra House Property Group (1/14 to 4/14).
- **Minjerribah Eco-Camping**, Stratford Island, Australia. *HM Design* was the landscape architect for a series of eco-camps located in four different camping sites in Stratford Island, Queensland. All the four camping sites are in fragile locations but with high visitor usage. *HM Design* prepared

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Conceptual Master Plans for all the camping sites. The master plans included eco-camp accommodations, cooking stations, restrooms, play areas, beach boardwalks etc. (6/13 to 5/14).

- **Las Lunas Lodge and Interpretation Center**, Caguas, Puerto Rico. Mr. Mehta was the Master Site Planner for the development of a 14-acre site that consists of several heritage buildings. The program included Main Lodge and Guest Accommodations, Students Summer Camp/Research Center, Conference Rooms, Wellness Center, Visitor / Interpretation / Environmental Center with auditorium, Gardens, Caretakers House Mr. Mehta conducted participatory workshops with the local community and is also advised on the eco-conversion of existing accommodations (6/12 to 3/13).
- **Qianshan New Village**, Zhuhai, China. Mr. Mehta was the Planning and Design Team Leader for the development of a 15,000 resident socially friendly Village which offers a high quality mixed-urban village product, integrated in a cultural and environmental atmosphere under the concept of high-end and middle-end residential multi-story apartments, 4-star hotel, pedestrian mall, retail, temple and museum. The project employs several ecological principles including native plantings, use of geo-thermal energy, re-cycled stone, environmentally friendly solid waste management systems etc. Mr. Mehta's firm in conjunction with other sub-consultants provided services from Conceptual Planning to Design Development. The project is currently at Phase 3 (1/10 to 3/14).
- **Antam Cluster Conceptual Master Plan**, Java, Indonesia. Mr. Mehta helped prepare a Master Plan of a 15,000-acre (6000Ha) parcel of the 113,000Ha Halimun Salang National Park in Western Java. The Master Plan offers a high-quality tourist product, harmoniously integrated in a cultural and environmental atmosphere under the concept of Visitor and Welcome Center, Quarry Garden, Nature Park, Ecolodge, Ecohotel, Amphitheatre; Mining Museum, Mine Cave tourism, Trails, Research Center, Biodiversity Conservation Center etc. (7/12 to 10/12).
- **Integrated Biodiversity, Pastoralism and Tourism Development Master Plan for Naboisho Conservancy**, Greater Maasai Mara, Kenya: Mr. Mehta was the Planning and Design Team Leader for the development of an Integrated Master Plan for Mara Naboisho Conservancy, which took on a new bold and innovative master physical planning approach to community based tourism. Mara Naboisho Conservancy is located within the Great Rift Valley and borders the world famous Maasai Mara National Reserve. Naboisho, which in Maasai means "coming together", is a community driven initiative to create a wildlife conservation and tourism area that supports the livelihoods of the landowners and surrounding communities. The core conservation area for the conservancy comprises of over 50,000 acres (20,628 Ha), which is dedicated to wildlife conservation. The program also includes 6 Tourism camps (maximum of 24 beds each), Research Center, Guiding School, Visitor Center, Wardens Housing, game viewing roads, walking trails etc. (1/12 to 9/12).
- **Landscape Park Young Danube**, Upper Danube River Valley, Germany. Mr. Mehta provided a one-week consultancy for a Landscape Park Master Plan of a 60 miles (100km) section of the Upper Danube River Valley (from Tuttlingen to Sigmaringen). Mr. Mehta wrote a report that included suggestions of the eco-vision of the Park as well as illustrated concepts for the individual Urban Parks and trails (6/12 to 7/12).
- **Buchinger Clinic**, Uberlingen, Lake Constance, Germany. Mr. Mehta provided a 3-day consultancy for a new Master Site Plan for the 5 acre internationally renowned Buchinger Clinic. Mr. Mehta provided advice and materials on Healing Gardens (6/12).
- **Eagle View Camp**, Naboisho Conservancy, Kenya. Mr. Mehta was the lead Consultant, site planner, landscape architect and co-Architect for an existing lodge in Naboisho Conservancy

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located just north of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve. Mr. Mehta led a local team that provided Conceptual to Design Development services for the expansion and eco-reconversion of existing buildings. The new master plan includes high-end villas, renovated existing villas, entrance arrival experience, re-furbished and expanded main building, interpretation center, swimming pool etc. The Architecture borrows from vernacular Maasai homesteads and marries it with modern safari tent roofs (2/11 to 3/12).

- **Gandhara Flower Valley**, Yunnan, China. Mr. Mehta was the team Planning and Design leader for the Gandhara Flower Valley Conceptual Master Plan which offers a high quality tourist product, harmoniously integrated in a cultural and environmental atmosphere under the concept of an entertaining yet awareness building Flower Valley experience with luxury Spa Lodge, Visitor Centre, Ecology Exhibition Hall, Wanfu Temple Complex and Buddhism Lodge, Retail and with very distinctive landscape architectural characteristics and innovative environmentally friendly technology for the preservation of the valley bed and lake. Gandhara Flower Valley Conceptual Master Plan creatively merges the opportunities that the project offers with economics and physical planning (4/11 to 11/11).
- **Bonobo Ecocamp**, Salonga National Park, Democratic Republic of Congo. Mr. Mehta was contracted by the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany to consult on the feasibility of an ecocamp adjacent to Salonga National Park and near to their research site of Luikotale. Mr. Mehta visited the site for ten-days and produced a report that included a Conceptual Site Plan for the Ecocamp (6/11 to 10/11).
- **Tourism Diversification Vision Plan**, Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico. Mr. Mehta's firm prepared an alternative sustainable tourism strategy for the islands of Vieques and Culebra. He also surveyed and analyzed properties handed over by the navy and which are now protected areas. The main objective of these missions was to carry out a comprehensive site reconnaissance and identify environmentally friendly projects that would help the local communities and investors (2/04 to 5/04 and 5/11 to 6/11).
- **Minorities Community Center and Eco-Camp**, Kakaoland, Namibia. Mr. Mehta was the Environmental Planner, Landscape Architect and Architect for the design of a Cultural and Community Center for several remote Minority communities in Northern Namibia. This was a pro-bono project and Mr. Mehta helped select the most optimal site for the development and co-created the program for development. *HM Design* prepared the Conceptual Site Plan and Architectural drawings (4/10 to 4/11).
- **Lapa Rios Master Plan**, Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta led the team that prepared an overall sustainable master plan for a 1100-acre Forest Reserve and Ec lodge. The existing ec lodge has been operating for over 15 years and is one of the most authentic ec lodges in the world. *HM Design* produced in conjunction with sub-consultant, Vida Design Studio and stakeholders, an Overall Master Plan which considered the total build-out on the whole property and included additions to the existing ec lodge as well as new products such as destination forest wellness center, luxury rental villas, nature interpretation center, conference center, beach clubhouse, wedding chapel, organic garden, walking trails etc. The Sustainable Master Plan Booklet is currently being used by the client to solicit investors. (2/10 to 11/10).
- **Anne Winn House**, Dominica, West Indies. Mr. Mehta's firm conducted detailed site analysis and prepared schematic master site plan for a 14-acre mountain site, study site and building models, and detailed design architectural floor plans, elevations and sections for a 1,500ft² Owners House and 1,000ft² Guest House. Other amenities included a demonstration permaculture farm with

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greenhouses, a caretaker's house and rope bridge (8/09 to 6/10).

- **Preserve at San Miquel**, Darien, Panama. Mr. Mehta's firm *HM Design* performed a detailed social and environmental site analysis of a 7500-acre private park in one of the most biodiverse regions of Panama – Darien. The Terms of Reference was to develop a low-density minimal impact Overall Sustainable Development Master Plan which is sustainably planned and designed. The program for development and conservation includes 500 homes, a marina residential village, ecolodges, Ecoresort, scientific research facility, large-scale reforestation, trails and refurbishment of existing Native American, Mestizo and Black communities. The project is currently on hold (9/09 to 11/09).
- **Nihiwatu Ecolodge**, Sumba Island, Indonesia. Mr. Mehta was the lead Consultant, site planner and landscape architect for an existing award winning ecolodge in Sumba Island. Mr. Mehta led an ecolodge 'dream' team (Simon Velez- Bamboo Architect, Paul Pholeros – Environmental Architect, Marcelo Villegas – Bamboo furniture, Matt Flynn – Landscape Architect) to provide Conceptual and Schematic services for the expansion of existing accommodations and amenities. The master plan includes high-end rental pool luxury homes, entrance arrival experience, spa and wellness center, new ocean villas, stables (2/08 to 6/09). The First Phase of the project (Arrival Experience, Reception Terrace and High-end Villas was opened in January 2012).
- **Laguna Mar**, Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta was the Planner for an environmental planning audit that *HM Design* prepared for an existing master plan of a 950-acre property in the Nicoya Peninsula of Costa Rica. In association with other consultants, the firm then completed a functional relationship plan that respects the land, and which proposes a conservation community with alternative locations of some of the amenities and creation of additional conservation area. The program includes rural residential houses, high-density residential, a retail and recreational complex, hotel site, equestrian stables, and protected wetland and mangrove ecosystems (1/09 to 5/09).
- **Wild Beauty Tourism Accommodations**, Montenegro. Mr. Mehta assisted the German Aid Agency GTZ and the Ministry of Tourism in Montenegro to help create a new concept of accommodations in the wilderness areas of Montenegro. He has written a Handbook that defines concepts such as 'wilderness' and 'wild beauty' in the context of Montenegro and which details all the various environmentally and socially friendly accommodations (including ecolodges) that should be permitted to build in the 'wild beauty' areas (8/08 to 4/09).
- **Ario Ranch**, Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta was the lead Consultant, ecotourism planner and landscape architect for an ecolodge and Ranch in the Nicoya Peninsula of Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta's team of Eco-psychologists and Landscape Architects worked very closely with the client family to prepare a sustainable Master Tourism plan for the whole 4000-acre property. The master plan includes a high-end 18-unit ecolodge and wellness center, rental pool homes, pool, stables, polo field, family estate, research station, ranger post, library and trails (1/08 to 10/08).
- **Canalete Conservation Ranch**, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. Mr. Mehta provided a five –day consultancy for the development of a conservation community at Canalete Ranch, a 2500 acres (1040Ha) working cattle farm located 6 miles (10km) north of the town of Cartagena de Indias on the Caribbean coast of Colombia. Surrounding Canalete Ranch are several Afro-Caribbean villages such as Tierra Lugo and Bayunca. The forward-thinking developers vision is to create an authentic ecologically and socially friendly '*conservation community*' at Canalete Ranch. The developers have jumpstarted the development with several flagship projects designed by the

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world's topmost Bamboo Architect, Simon Velez: non-denominational water temple, a horse stable, cattle viewing corral, horse-keepers house, a horse viewing pavilion and two 4 –bedroom homes one of which is for a member of the development team. The total build-out includes private eco-villas, recreational components, a luxury ecolodge, wellness center, school, health clinic and links golf course using innovative technology for the preservation of the environment. (6/08 to 7/08).

- **Kyambura Gorge Lodge**, Uganda. Mr. Mehta was part of a team that designed the first Ecolodge in Uganda. *HM Design* is also the Landscape Architect and Site Planner and recently prepared the overall Site Plan of this beautiful site that overlooks the famous Kyambura Gorge which has a resident family of Chimpanzees. The ecolodge site is creating a buffer zone between Queen Elizabeth National Park and local community farms. *HM Design's* input was on a fixed day consultancy (6/07 to 2/08). The lodge opened to the public in June 2011.
- **Nyungwe Ecolodge**, Nyungwe Forest National Park, Rwanda. Mr. Mehta was the lead Consultant, concept architect and landscape architect for the team that planned, designed and supervised the construction of the first ecolodge in Rwanda until it was taken over by Dubai World. The ecolodge was sited in a tea plantation and at the edge of Nyungwe Forest National Park. *HM Design* provided full services (from Conceptual Design to Construction Documents) and the local team consisted of Architect of Record, Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, a community Crafts liaison and an interior designer. The master plan includes four different types of villas, tree houses, conference center, wellness center, nature activity center, tree houses, library, and trails. The project was under construction when *Dubai World* took over the project. The lodge is currently being operated by *One and Only* (3/06 to 1/08).
- **Volcanoes Safaris Lodges**, Rwanda and Uganda. Mr. Mehta advised the largest Great Apes Lodge Operator – Volcanoes Safaris on greening their three existing properties, namely Virunga Lodge (Rwanda), Gahinga Lodge (Uganda) and Bwindi Lodge (Uganda). *HM Design's* task was to audit and write a report on the existing site planning and Architectural designs, technologies and operations and to propose new environmentally friendly technologies, eco-design techniques and most importantly on how to create community, conservation and interpretation programs which would upgrade the existing lodges into Ecolodges. *HM Design* also designed the new 'Executive Villa' (6/07 to 9/07).
- **The Lodge at Chaa Creek**, Chaa Creek Nature Reserve, Belize. Mr. Mehta led a team that prepared a master plan for a 375-acre Nature Reserve that contains over 70 Mayan ruins. The existing ecolodge has been running for over 25 years and is one of the most awarded ecolodges in the world. Mr. Mehta helped the client build a multi-disciplinary consultant team which included an Architect, Environmental Planner, landscape architects and eco-psychologist. *HM Design* produced in conjunction with consultants and staff members a ten year overall Master Plan which includes additions to the existing ecolodge as well as conservation areas. *HM Design* also designed high end 'rental pool' forest villas which are a first in Central America. The Overall Master Plan now includes a forest ecolodge, destination wellness center, summer tented camp, nature interpretation center, conference center, wedding chapel, swimming pool, 'rental pool' villas, organic garden, horse and walking trails, canoeing etc. (4/07 to 9/07).

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- **Ecotourism Product Implementation Programme**, Kenya, East Africa. - Mr. Mehta was the lead consultant for TTC International which is based out of Dublin and contracted by the European

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Union (EU) to identify, design and develop tourism products which would contribute to the diversification of tourism in Kenya. Hitesh Mehta helped prepare sustainable tourism development plans for Western and Nyanza Provinces; an Ecotourism Plan for Mbeere District; a conceptual master plan for an Ecolodge and construction documents for a Mud-crab restaurant. Mr. Mehta has also worked with TTF (Tourism Trust Fund) on all the above projects (8/03 to 8/07).

- **Dellis Cay Resort and Spa**, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies. Mr. Mehta was the Project Manager for the development of a low density mixed use development on 209 acres on Dellis Cay. The island will be subdivided to provide lots for private dwellings, a resort hotel, resort residences, spa, condo hotel, and leisure facilities. Mr. Mehta worked with some of the world's most renowned architects including Zaha Hadid, Shigeru Ban, Kengo Kuma and David Chipperfield etc. EDSA provided full services for this project – from conceptual design to construction supervision (4/06 to 1/07)
- **Dhikala Ecolodge**, Corbett Tiger Reserve, India. Mr. Mehta was the facilitator and team leader for the preparation of conceptual master plan for the rehabilitation of the existing Dhikala Lodge in Corbett Tiger Reserve, six hours north by car from New Delhi. Mr. Mehta facilitated a participatory ecolodge design charette comprising of local community, professionals, developers and members of the Forest Department and led the teams that is preparing the plans for the Dhikala Ecolodge. The program includes private accommodation (villas, dormitories) areas, old Forest Rest House, an interpretation center, day-use visitor center, amphitheater and public spaces such as reception, lounge and dining (5/06 to 7/06).
- **SPCA Wildlife Care Center**, Davie Florida. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for this 15-acre center which includes a public education center and a private animal hospital. The Animal Hospital takes care of abused wild and domestic animals. EDSA prepared an overall conceptual plan and artists perspectives (3/06 to 7/06).
- **Holbox Island Vision Plan**, Isla Holbox, Mexico. Mr. Mehta was the project manager of tourism vision plan for the island of Holbox, Yucatan, Mexico. The intention is for Holbox to develop into a sustainable development project that would benefit both the local villages and the developer without compromising the environment. The intention is to design an all-island conceptual land use plan, which is sustainably designed and engineered. The island will consist of several boutique hotels, eco-resorts, ecolodges, retail, recreational etc. EDSA prepared the Vision Plan booklet. (2/06 to 7/06).
- **Parque Nacional de Los Nevados Ecotourism Plan**, Colombia, S. America. Mr. Mehta was the lead consultant contracted by the Governor of Departamento de Caldas to prepare an ecotourism plan for Los Nevados National Park which is home to the Volcano of Nevado Ruiz. The park includes high altitude volcano vegetation, the lakes and active volcanoes (8/05 to 3/06).
- **Coeur d'Alene Ecopark**, Idaho, USA. Mr. Mehta led a team that prepared a master plan of an 'ecopark' for the Native American Tribe of Coeur d'Alene. Mr. Mehta helped the client build a multi-disciplinary consultant team which includes Architects, Planners, landscape architects, conservation biologists, ecologists, archaeologists, community based ecotourism specialists and environmental engineers. EDSA produced in conjunction with consultants and local tribal members a master plan which includes an ecolodge and wellness center, cultural village, museum, community based activities and products, visitor center, trails, kayaking, horse riding, canoeing etc. Coeur d'Alene was destined to be the first ecopark in a Native American reservation in North America (7/05 to 5/06).

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- **Kasese and Kabarole District Tourism Development Plans**, Uganda, East Africa. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that planned World Bank funded sustainable development tourism plans for two districts in Western Uganda. These districts contain the UNESCO World Heritage site of Ruwenzori Mountain National Park, Kibale National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park – protected areas that are important watersheds for Africa and which harbor the largest number of primate species in the world. EDSA produced in conjunction with local consultants and stakeholders an overall sustainable tourism master plan which includes community based products, royal tombs, museums, ecolodges, visitor centers, mountain and forest trails, crafts markets. EDSA also developed Zoning Plans and Tourism Circuits (6/05 to 6/06).
- **Menjangan Ecoresort**, Bali, Indonesia. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that designed the Conceptual Master Plan for the first Ecoresort in a National Park in Indonesia. The Ecoresort lies in the buffer zone of the West Bali National Park. EDSA's task was to audit the existing master plan and facilities and to propose new environmentally friendly tourism products (Spa and wellness Center, Village, Dive Lodge etc) which will bring value to the property (4/05 to 6/06).
- **Shalta Desert Ecolodge**, Al Ghat, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Mehta was the facilitator and team leader for the preparation of a Desert Ecolodge in the Al Ghat National Park, three hours north of Riyadh. Mr. Mehta facilitated a participatory ecolodge workshop comprising of local community, professionals and members of the Supreme Commission of Tourism and led the team that prepared the final plans for the Shalta Ecolodge. The program includes private accommodation areas, presidential suite, an environmental utility learning area, nature center and public spaces such as reception, lounge and dining (3/05 to 10/05)
- **Desert Ecolodge Guidelines**, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Mehta helped the Supreme Commission of Tourism to select the best desert sites for ecolodge development in Saudi Arabia. Mr. Mehta also produced a comprehensive Desert Ecolodge Guidelines Document that will be handed out to potential developers and investors of ecolodge projects in the designated Ecotourism areas around the country. The prescriptive guidelines cover all aspects of development including site planning, architectural design, infrastructure, construction (3/05 to 10/05).
- **Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa**, Guangdong Province, S. China. Mr. Mehta was the project manager (at EDSA) for the team that planned, designed and supervised the construction of the first ecolodge and wellness center in China within Nankun Mountain Reserve. EDSA provided full services (from Conceptual Design to Construction Documents) and the team consisted of well known Australian Designer, Paul Pholeros and the world's leading bamboo Architect, Simon Velez from Colombia. The ecolodge includes five different types of luxury villas and rooms, conference center, wellness center, nature activity center, fine dining restaurant etc. The project opened in 2007 and has now become the most published hospitality project in the world in the past 4 years. Crosswaters Ecolodge has also become one of the most highly awarded projects by American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and Florida ASLA (3/03 to 1/07).
- **Nosy Be Island and Toalagnaro Sustainable Tourism Development Plans**, Madagascar. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that worked on two World Bank projects. The team prepared two separate sustainable tourism development plans for the northern island archipelago of Nosy Be and the southern region of Toalagnaro. Nosy Be is an existing 'sun and sand' tourism destination and includes a few protected areas while Toalagnaro is still developing and includes the important protected area of Andohahela. This region has the highest biodiversity in Madagascar including several species of Lemurs. EDSA were the team leaders of an international group of consultants which produced in conjunction with local stakeholders including fisherman

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and handy craftsmen overall sustainable tourism master plans which includes beach hotels, business hotels, bed and breakfasts, community products, museums, ecolodges, interpretation centers, mountain and forest trails. The EDSA team is also developed a Zoning and Phasing Plan (1/05 to 10/05).

- **Nyungwe Forest National Park Ecotourism Plan**, Rwanda, Central Africa. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for this 870 km² Protected Area Ecotourism Plan. Nyungwe Forest is the largest Afro-Montane forest in Africa and is one of only two places in the world that harbor 12 species of primates. EDSA also conducted a three - day Ecolodge workshop and prepared a zoning plan for the whole forest as well as a conceptual master plan for an ecolodge (6/04 to 6/05).
- **Program for Belonger Business Opportunities in Protected Areas**, Turks and Caicos (TCI), British West Indies. Mr. Mehta was the leader for an international and local consultant EDSA team that visited and analyzed the protected areas in the seven inhabited islands of TCI to proactively identify potential businesses which will be supportive of and supported by specific protected areas. The EDSA team comprised of Protected Area Planners, Landscape Architects, Architect, Market and Financial Analyst, Environmental Engineer, Civil Engineer, Terrestrial Ecologist, Marine Ecologist, Solid Waste Expert, local Tourism specialist and a PR professional. The team prepared in association with local stakeholders, Belonger opportunity plans for each island, and conceptual plans and business portfolios for one project in each island. The concept is to provide concessions for Belongers (local people) to allow tourist and visitor service operations within the parks system. These include the development of visitor and interpretation centers, ecotour operations, restaurants, ecolodges and small hotels primarily run by local entrepreneurs. This plan is funded by the British AID agency, DIFID (10/04 to 4/05).
- **Virunga Massif Transboundary Tourism Plan**, DR Congo, Rwanda and Uganda. Mr. Mehta was the lead consultant of the team that prepared a protected area transboundary tourism plan for the Virunga Massif which harbors half of the world's Mountain Gorilla population and eight volcanoes. One of the main purposes of this long-term plan is to demonstrate how tourism can help alleviate livelihoods of local people. The plan includes hotels and camping sites, ecolodges, visitor centers, boardwalks, canopy walks, trails, entry gates, park administrative offices, visitor / interpretive center, local crafts markets and tourism information offices (5/04 to 3/05).
- **Great Northwest Heritage Trail**, Florida. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that planned a 300-mile Heritage Trail through the Great Northwest of Florida. The main concept is to connect Heritage Tourism properties and attractions through interpretive greenways and trails (3/04 to 9/04).
- **Kisoro and Kanungu District Tourism Development Plans**, Uganda, East Africa. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that planned two separate World Bank funded sustainable development tourism plans for the South-western Ugandan districts of Kanungu and Kisoro. These districts contain Mgahinga Gorilla National Park and Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – protected areas that harbor the last remaining populations of the Mountain Gorilla. EDSA produced in conjunction with local stakeholders including the Batwa (Pygmies), an overall tourism master plan which includes community products, museums, ecolodges, visitor centers, mountain and forest trails, canopy walk, crafts markets. EDSA also developed a Zoning Plan and Tourism Circuits (1/04 to 6/04).
- **Towards Ecotourism in Gabon – The Loango Region**, Gabon. Mr. Mehta was the EDSA representative in an international team contracted by Conservation International to prepare an ecotourism strategy and plan for the crown jewel of Gabon National Parks –Loango. EDSA

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analyzed existing tourism facilities and proposed ecoconversion techniques and new ecotourism products. Several conceptual master plans were developed for the various ecotourism products including ecolodges, canopy walks, existing facilities etc. (2/04 to 4/04).

- **Sustainable Development Master Plan for Wolong Panda Reserve**, Sichuan Province, China. Mr. Mehta is the project manager for the team that is planning a sustainable development master plan for the 220,000-hectare Wolong Giant Panda Reserve which has the largest concentration of Giant Pandas in the world. The master plan includes hotels, ecolodge, wellness spa, visitor/interpretive center, trails and cabins, entry gates, park administrative offices, visitor/interpretive center, local crafts markets and tourism information offices (2/03 to 6/03).
- **West Caicos Island Sustainable Master Land Use Plan**, Isle of West Caicos, Turks and Caicos. Mr. Mehta was the project manager that prepared a sustainable master land use plan for a 6,000-acre island that has two National Parks. West Caicos has several archaeological and cultural sites of high value which will be preserved. The integrated master plan includes opportunities for heritage tourism, nature tourism, ecotourism and a residential plan for the local population (8/02 to 5/03). The First Phase of the Project, Ritz Carlton Molasses Reef is currently under construction
- **Polulu Ecoranch**, Big Island, Hawaii. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for a unique ranch in the northern most part of the Big Island. EDSA prepared a conceptual master plan for the Ecoresort which is sustainably designed to ensure minimum negative impact on the natural environment. The program of development includes a ranch house, ecocenter, equestrian facilities, Wellness center, lodge clusters, satellite meditation areas, visitor, interpretation and retail center, demonstration and working organic gardens and trails (6/02 to 4/03).
- **Northwest Point**, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that is planned and designed a sustainable master plan for a 19,000-acre area in North - West Providenciales. This very unique and pristine site has 4 national parks and reserves. The master plan includes an ecolodge and Park Ranger station, a 40-room Amman resort (opened since 2006), a 200-room Ecoresort and a long-range community plan for the local population (1/02 to 3/03).
- **Vagamon Hill Retreat**, Kerala, India. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for a unique environmentally and socially friendly ecotourism destination in the Conservation International 'hotspot' of Western Ghats. The Tourism Master Development Plan for Vagamon as planned by EDSA, comprises of a 30-year overall Perspective Plan and 1 to 5-year Site Development Plan. Vagamon will be a hill destination that draws its inspiration from philosophical and spiritual traditions that are uniquely Indian. These traditions focus on the close and inextricable linkage in Indian philosophy between nature, spirituality and the self. (6/01 to 2/03).
- **Dos Mares Resort**, Puerto Rico. Mr. Mehta was part of a team that worked on the preliminary master plan for this hybrid resort, which has both economic and conservation benefits. The program for the 400-room resort includes a Spa and Convention Center, timeshare rooms, Research and Ecological Center and 18-hole Championship Audubon Certified Golf Course. The Dos Mares sea shore is one of the most active sea turtle areas in the Caribbean and the resort will be a model of environmental consideration and protection (1/01 to 2/03).
- **Canouan Island Sustainable Master Plan**, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, British West Indies. Mr. Mehta was the project manager of a sustainable development master plan for the 2000-acre island of Canouan. The intention is to design an all-island conceptual land use plan, which is sustainably designed and engineered. EDSA carried out a land suitability analysis using the

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layering process of GIS Arcview software, and organized several stakeholder meetings to actively engage the local community in the preparation of the master plan (3/02 to 01/03).

- **Vision Plan for Wailoaloa Ecolodge**, Nadi, Fiji. Mr. Mehta prepared a vision plan for a seven acre 63 bures Ecolodge. The developers of this project are the owners of the world-famous Turtle Island Lodge. EDSA provided a report and a conceptual site plan which included accommodation for both Turtle Island guests and backpackers, staff accommodation, a sea plane base, rugby field and beach (10/02 to 12/02).
- **Recife Resorts**, Santa Barbara, CA. Mr. Mehta was one of two international experts contracted by Body Glove – Jean-Michel Cousteau Resorts Project to review architectural, infrastructural and landscape architectural standards for their new lodging properties (4/02 to 8/02).
- **Punta Mangle Ecoresort**, Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic - Mr. Mehta was the project manager of an 80-room Ecoresort which was to be developed in the north-eastern tip of Dominican Republic. Sewage is to be treated in constructed wetlands, indigenous vegetation will be cultivated at a newly constructed nursery and a botanical garden will showcase native plant communities. The Ecoresort is to be designed in ‘hacienda style’ Spanish Caribbean architecture to reflect the rich history of the island. EDSA produced a conceptual site plan, sections and elevations and a development report that is being used to present to potential lenders, prospective investors, banks and investment authorities, operators and other such interested parties (9/99 to 5/02).
- **Galala Heights Ecoresort**, Ain Sukhna, Egypt. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for a 54-room Ecoresort on the shores of the Red sea. The program for the resort includes four 3-bedroomed luxury villas, 50 cabanas, a 1000 m² restaurant, and reception and retail area. EDSA’s task was to formulate a conceptual land use plan that meets economic objectives and provide schematic floor plans and elevations of the various facilities (8/01 to 2/02).
- **Tres Rios Ecoresort**, Riviera Maya, Mexico. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that prepared a conceptual master plan for the Tres Rios Ecoresort which included a 5-star 210-room hotel, a spa and healing center, visitor and interpretation center, Estero de la Garzas (Estuary Bird Sanctuary) and a botanical garden. The main concept of the land use plan is to maintain as much as possible, the three main ecosystems present on site and focus development in those areas that have already been disturbed or are close to the beach (7/01 to 10/01).
- **Royal Palm Resort**, Santa Cruz, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. Mr. Mehta carried out an environmental audit on an existing resort that was eight months from completion. The final report suggested ways in which the resort could rehabilitate its infrastructure to become more environmentally conscious. The resort includes 12 villas, swimming pool, tennis courts, spa, business center and small conference space, library and museum. (4/01 to 5/01).
- **Ecolodge Design, Construction and Operation Guidelines**, Red Sea, Egypt – Mr. Mehta was a member of the EDSA team that was involved in the production of a Guidelines Document that is handed out by the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to potential developers and investors of ecolodge projects in the designated Ecotourism Zones. The prescriptive guidelines cover all aspects of development and operations and include site planning, architectural design, infrastructure, construction, marketing, operations, financial aspects, interpretation and conservation (9/00 to 12/00).
- **Exemplary Green Practices, Case Studies 2000**, Caribbean. Mr. Mehta judged eight properties for Caribbean Hotel Association’s (CHA) Annual Environmental Exemplary Green Practice

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awards. EDSA was also contracted to produce a document that exhibits case studies of the various winners and runners-up in both the large and small hotel categories. These case studies include background information on the properties, an assessment of the overall environmental approaches of the individual hotels and detailed descriptions of outstanding environmental and social exemplary practices (5/00 to 8/00).

- **A New Ecotourism Zone**, Red Sea, Egypt. Mr. Mehta was a member of a team that was contracted by U.S.A.I.D. to create a new ecotourism zone in the southern Red Sea area, where the preservation and conservation of natural resources and environmental features were key determining factors in the design process. The team also audited samples of existing hotels and produced a document to suggest ways to improve the sustainability of tourism along the Red Sea Coast (4/00 to 6/00).
- **Family Island Sustainable Development**, Mayaguana, Bahamas. - Mr. Mehta was the project manager of a sustainable master-planning tourism project for Mayaguana, Bahamas. The intention is to design an all-island conceptual land use plan, which is sustainably designed and engineered. EDSA's concept is to creatively merge the opportunities that the island offers with economics and planning that will lead to a successful low impact resort destination and engage the family islands in the Bahamas prosperity for years to come. The intention is for Mayaguana to develop into a flagship sustainable development project that would benefit both the local villages and the developer without compromising the environment (6/99 to 4/00).
- **Monte Carlo Resort**, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for an environmental audit that EDSA prepared on an existing master plan of a 500-acre resort complex in the southwestern tip of Puerto Rico. The firm then completed a functional relationship plan that would respect the land, and which suggested ecodesign techniques for all aspects of the landscape design. EDSA also researched the western region of Puerto Rico and prepared an ecotourism, adventure and heritage tourism activity plan for the resort, which is planned to become the largest solar-powered community in the world (5/99 to 7/99).
- **Tourism Diversification and Development Program**, Kenya, East Africa. Mr. Mehta was a member of a team that was contracted by the European Union (EU) to outline a program which is to contribute to the diversification of Kenya's tourism base through a sustainable model of tourism reconversion. The main objective of this mission was to carry out comprehensive project identification, entailing the gathering of relevant background information, and analyzing and processing it. EDSA's input was to provide a chapter on "Ecodesign and Ecotechnologies" for the Technical report. Three forms of methodology were used to fairly reflect the status of tourism facilities in Kenya: 1) *Interviews*, 2) *On-site visits* and 3) *Participatory Workshops*. The recommendations made in this chapter were compiled from the feedback given by the various stakeholders in the tourism building industry (3/99 to 5/99).
- **United States Green Building Council**, San Diego. Mr. Mehta reviewed and made comments on the first draft of the LEED Criteria (1996)

1991 - 1996 Sole Proprietor and Director HM Design, Nairobi, Kenya.

Architecture, landscape architecture, environmental planning, urban design.

Supervised three architects, two draftsmen and two third-year architecture students.

Over a span of six years, *HM Design* worked on many traditional projects in Kenya including Shopping Malls, Office Buildings and Extensions, Tourism Facilities, Medical Buildings, Schools, Retail and Commercial projects and numerous residential houses and additions. *HM Design* was part of the team

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that designed the 'greenest' office building in Nairobi – House of Vanguard. *HM Design* also worked on several eco-projects some of which are:

- **"Lobolo Ecolodge"**, Lake Turkana, Kenya - consulted on the site selection, site planning, architectural design and landscaping of a 30-bed ecolodge on a 5-acre property (6/96 to 6/97).
- **"Paraa Tented Camp"**, Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda - consulted on the preparation of eco-camp design guidelines (1/96 to 3/96).
- **"Paraa Lodge"**, Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda - was part of a three-person team that prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A.) for alterations and additions to a 100-room existing lodge (11/94 to 5/95).
- **"Voi Wildlife Eco-Camp"**, Tsavo East National Park, Kenya - surveyed and analyzed a 50-acre site along Voi River just before the Voi Gate. Provided consultancy on location, orientation and site planning of eco-camp (6/91 to 8/91).

Associate

Mr. Mehta is/has been an Associate at the following International Firms:

- **"Greentown Times Consultancy"**, China (2018 - present)
- **"INSTITUTO BIOS TERRA (IBT)"** Mexico (2017 - present)
- **"Solimar International"** Washington DC (2014 - present)
- **"Planstatt Senner"** Germany (2012 - present)
- **"Tony Charters and Associates"** Brisbane, Australia (2006 - present)
- **"DGSA International"** San Jose, Costa Rica (2009-11)
- **"Real Goods Renewables Design and Consulting Group"** California (1998-99)
- **"Richard Leakey and Associates"** for Nairobi, Kenya (1993-96)

ACADEMIA - Details

EDUCATION

Master of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1989, **GPA-3.94**
Bachelor of Architecture, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1985, **First Class Honors**

SCHOLARSHIPS

1989 **"California Native Plants Society"** research scholarship
1987 **"Aga Khan Foundation"** scholarship for tuition at UC Berkeley
1986 **"EA Institute of Architects"** 6-Country travel scholarship to Europe

TEACHING and MENTORING

Hitesh Mehta's academic career in the profession dates to 1990 when he started teaching at the University of Nairobi, Kenya and later became Chairman of the Landscape Architecture Section. He is credited as having taught the first English course in Africa on "Theory and History of Landscape Architecture".

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- 2021 Adjunct Professor – Teaching a course on “Sustainable Tourism” at Florida International University (FIU) Hospitality School
Guest Faculty- Universidad para la Cooperación Internacional, Costa Rica
- 2020 Adjunct Professor- VATEL Hotel and Tourism School, Madagascar– Taught a module on Ecodge Architectural Design.
- 2019 Adjunct Professor - Florida International University (FIU) – Conducted a Workshop/ Charette on Ecoresort Planning and Design.
- 2017-2018 Guest Lecturer at Sustainable Tourism Course – FIU
- 2017 - External Examiner for the Dept. of Landscape Architecture, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya.
- 2010- 2013
- 2002 - Present Conducting short-term studios and participating as a juror in studio presentations in several Universities in USA.
- 1996 - Present Mentoring and assisting Thesis students (Landscape Architecture and Architecture) from all around the world including USA, Australia, Kenya, Trinidad, England, India, Reunion, Indonesia, Bermuda and France.
- 1997 - Present Conducted lectures at universities in USA (6), Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Argentina, Kenya, Indonesia, Colombia, South Africa, China, Brunei and Costa Rica.
- 1997 - Present Conducting for George Washington University and The International Ecotourism Society, 1to 5-day EcoPlanning and EcoDesign workshops in Philippines (4 times), Kenya (2 times), Canada (2 times), Australia, India, Brazil, USA, Argentina, Rwanda, Australia, Caribbean and Malaysia.
- 2004 - 2005 Adjunct Professor - Taught “Site Planning” course at Architecture Department - Florida Atlantic University
- 2003 Presented on “Ecotourism Planning” in ASLA online seminar
- 2000 - 2001 Adjunct Professor - Taught “Ecotourism Planning” course at FIU Hospitality School
- 1992 - 1995 Chairman of Landscape Architecture, Dept. of Architecture, Uni. of Nairobi
- 1990 - 1995 Assistant Professor (US Equivalent) in Landscape Architecture at Uni. of Nairobi

AUTHOR/ EDITOR of BOOKS

Hitesh Mehta is responsible for writing/editing the two seminal books on planning/design and guidelines for Ecodge Development. His award-winning book- **Authentic Ecodoges** is the first coffee-table book in the field of sustainable tourism and will soon be published in Chinese. Hitesh Mehta’s first book – **International Ecodge Guidelines** is now used as a textbook in several universities and colleges around the world.

- 2021 “**Authentic Ecodoges – Volume 2**”- to be published in 2023
- 2010 “**Authentic Ecodoges**”- 280-page book published by Harper Collins, USA.
- 2002 “**International Ecodge Guidelines**”- published by TIES, USA

CO-AUTHOR of PUBLISHED REPORTS AND BOOKLETS

- 2021 “**Architectural and Cultural Heritage Tourism Products in Nepal.**” - published by IFC, Nepal
- 2009 “**Wild Beauty Accommodations– Montenegro**” - published by GTZ, Germany.

AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR OF CHAPTERS in BOOKS

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- 2021 **“Applied Ecology Research: Creating Cultural Context Through a “Continuity of the Vernacular” Planning and Design Approach”** in the book “Destination Unknown: Sustainable Travel and Ethical Tourism”. Edited by Carolin Lusby, Common Ground Research Network, Champaign, Illinois.
- 2020 **“Physical Master Plans: A Roadmap to Developing Sustainable Destinations”** in the book “Social Entrepreneurship in Hospitality Principles and Strategies for Change” by Willy Legrand, Miguel Angel Gardetti, Robert Schønrock Nielsen, Colin Johnson, Mehmet Ergul
- 2017 **“The authenticity debate of hunting and fishing as ecotourism”** in the Book Authenticity & Tourism: Materialities, Perceptions, Experiences, Editors: Jillian M. Rickly & Elizabeth S. Vidon Emerald Books, England.
- 2012 **“Small Island Sustainable Planning; A Case for West Caicos”** in the book “Sustainable Tourism and the Millennium Development Goals”, Editors: K. Bricker, R. Black, S. Cottrell, Earthscan Publishing, London.
- 2008 **“Ecotourism in Madagascar: How a Sleeping Beauty is finally awakening”** in the book “Responsible Tourism: Critical issues for conservation and development”, Earthscan Publishing, London.
- 2007 **“Towards an International Ecology Certification”** –in the book “Quality Assurance and Certification in Ecotourism” -published by CARI, Australia.
- 2006 **“Lodge du Grouped de Ngwesie”** –in the book “Le Guide des Destinations Indigenes” - published by Esprit, France.
- 2004 **“Visual Impacts in Tourism”**. in the UNWTO Book – “Indicators in Sustainable Tourism” published in Madrid, Spain.
- 2004 **“Oman Declaration on Built Environments for Sustainable Tourism”** –UNESCO
- 2002 **“Site planning” and “Architecture Design”** in the International Guidelines Book, published by TIES, Washington DC.
- 2002 **“Cairns Charter on Partnerships for Ecotourism”** – Ecotourism Australia
- 1999 **“Ecotourism and Environment Handbook”** – PATA, California.
- 1994 Provided research for a chapter in **“People Places”** – Clare Cooper Marcus.

RESEARCH PAPERS WRITTEN AND PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

- 2017 **“Why Recreational Hunting and Fishing is NOT Ecotourism”**
- 2012 **“Small Island Sustainable Planning; A Case for West Caicos”**
- 2010 **“Greening China one day at a time”**
- 2003 **“North West Point Sustainable Tourism Plan”** for UNESCO World Heritage Convention Virtual Congress
- 2002 **“The Sacred Cow in Ecotourism Planning”**
- 1998 Provided research for a chapter in **“People Places”** – Clare Cooper Marcus.
- 1996 **“Decay of Nairobi Urban Open Space”**
- 1995 **“Lodge Design in Kenya: Working towards a new paradigm”**
- 1994 **“Sustainable Design and Technology”**
- 1993 **“Building Technology in Kenya: The Challenge”**

ARTICLES WRITTEN IN MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS

- 2017 Review written on the book **“Sustainable Tourism on a Finite Planet:”** by Megan Epler Wood.
- 2012 **“Towards an Authentic EcoArchitecture in Kenya”**, *AAK Magazine*
- “Eco marries Luxury”**, *Bon Vivant Concierge*
- 2010 **“Authentic Ecotodges”**, *Culture Magazine*
- 2009 **“Faint Footprints”**, *Discovery Channel Magazine*

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- 2009 **“Ecodesign in Rural and Remote Australia”**, Segra On-Line Magazine
- 2006 **“Going Green”**, Courier Magazine
- 2004 **“The Ahimsa of Ecotourism”**, Jain Spirit Magazine
- 2000 **“Community Empowerment through Planning”** Green Hotelier Magazine
- 1999 **“Here be Ecolodges”** – Quarterly News letter of The International Ecotourism Society

PEER REVIEW OF FOLLOWING BOOKS and PAPERS

- 2020 Second Review of paper – **“Assessing the Tourists Satisfaction of Adventure Lodges: A Case Study of Tadam Hill Resorts, Malaysia.”**
- 2017 Review of paper **“Assessing the Tourists Satisfaction of ecolodges: A Case Study of Tadam Hill Resorts, Malaysia.”**
- 2014 **“Eco-Friendly Technologies”** for Journal of Sustainable Tourism.
- 2013 **“Tropical Plant Resource”** by Tom Hicks.
- 2012 **“Managing the balance between nature conservation and tourism”** - PAN Parks – Authors: Stuart Cottrell and Jana Raadik-Cottrell in the book “Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism: Transitioning into the New Millennium” - Author(s): K. Bricker, R. Black, S. Cottrell
- 2008 **“Ecotourism and Sustainable Development: Who owns paradise?”** – second edition – Martha Honey (2008). Island Press.
- 2005 **“Saving Paradise, the story of Sukau Rainforest Lodge”** - Albert Teo
- 2004 **“Nature Lodges and Justification for Biodiversity Conservation”**, TIES.
- 2003 **“Marine Ecotourism Guidelines”** - Elizabeth Halpenny.
- 2003 **“The Business of Ecolodges”** - Edward A. Sanders and Elizabeth Halpenny.
- 2000 **“Rethinking National Parks for the 21st Century”** - National Park Service, USA
- 2000 **“Designing Tourism Naturally”** – Western Australia Tourism Commission
- 1999 **“The Green House Effect – An integrated approach to sustainable tourism and resort development”** - Sweeting J, Bruner A. (2000). Conservation International.

INTERVIEWS / FEATURES / MENTIONS IN MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS & BLOGS.

Mr. Mehta has been featured / interviewed / mentioned in over 196 international magazines / newspapers / books / blogs including:

- 2021 www.parklandtalk.com; www.lafoundation.org; (USA); Kathmandu Post (Nepal) ; www.spotlightnepal.com; St.johntradewinds.com; st.johnsource; (St. John, US Virgin Islands).
- 2020 Architects Association of Kenya; bestculturaldestinations.com (USA);
- 2019 UBM- Development Magazine (Germany); sixsenses.com; hotelmanagement.net; travelweekly.com; tophotelnews.com; dotwnews.com; luxnomade.com; hoteldesigns.net; latteluxurynews.com; travelweek.ca; karryon.com.ca; travelbulletin.co.uk; hospitality-interiors.net; female.com.au; wellhomeglobal.com; luxurytraveladvisor.com; travelforsenses.com; spabusiness.com; breakingtravelnews.com; traveldailymedia.com; eglobaltravelmedia.com.au; www.toysclassifieds.com; travelandtourismdaily.co.ke; first-class-and-more.de; malaysianfoodie.com; pagtour.info; worldleisurejobs.com; hotelbusiness.com; touristik-aktuell.de; cnddeutsch.com ; globaltravelerusa.com; expreso.info; thetravelcom; travelandtourworld.com; pressreader.com; www.sandiegodowntownnews.com (USA)
- 2018 DIRT (USA), LANDUUM (Mexico); Beyond Magazine (South Africa); Wild Borneo e-Magazine (Malaysia);

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- 2017 Profits and Sustainability: A History of Green Entrepreneurship – a book by Geoffrey Jones, Oxford University Press; VoyageMIA.com (Miami) , Prestige (Indonesia); Manila Times; Philippines Star; <https://www.travindy.com>; Sustainability Leaders
- 2016 Business Mirror (Philippines); La Estrella de Panamá (Panama); Misiones Online; Iguazu Turismo and Empresas; Noticias Del6.com, SentiArgentina.com (Argentina)
- 2015 National Geographic Traveller; UN-Habitat World Best Practices Magazine, Financial Times (Australia); PM Network (USA); Business World, AmCham Journal, Blueprint magazine, The Philippines Star and Philippines Daily Inquirer (Philippines); Green Hotelier (Italy)
- 2014 Atlas of World Landscape Architecture (Braun Publishing), Selling World Travel (India); People Newspaper (Kenya), National Geographic Traveler; "Connecting with Self, Others & A Sense of Wonder" – book by Meg Pier.
- 2013 World Landscape Architecture Magazine; National Geographic Traveler; <http://www.printerpix.co.uk/>; *Vision Magazine*, Dubai; *Le Point –Caijing* (France & China).
- 2012 Architects Association of Kenya Magazine; BUMN Track Magazine and Kompas (Indonesia); Departures On-line Magazine; Uberlingen Times (Germany); Bavarian News (Germany); NatGeo (Indonesia)
- 2011 ODE Magazine; Outside blog; *Gaia Discovery On-line*; Ethical Traveller Online; Sustainable Tourism International Newsletter; Everett Potter Travel Blog; Frances Figart Blog; Healthy Travel Blog; Trailblazer; Treehugger; Green Lodging.com; Cayuga Sustainable Hospitality Blog; Examiner.com ; Epoca (Brazil); Travel Weekly (Australia) ; SEGRA News letter (Online) - Australia; Wave (China); Di; Culture; Blueprint (Philippines); Axis (Japan); Asian Weekly (Kenya); Putovanja (Montenegro); Miami Herald; The Standard (Kenya), Economic Times (India)
- 2010 New York Times; Brunei Observer, Peter Greensburg Radio, Outside Go; China Southern Airlines In-flight Magazine; NWA World Traveler (Northwest Airlines In-flight Magazine); GEO Magazine (France); Asia Spa; Caribbean Business; AD Architectural Digest (French Edition); Miami New Times; Phil-at-home (On-Line); Foyer (Naples); Business Journal (Florida); Pier to Peer; The Victoria Park News; Las Olas Lifestyle; Business Daily (Kenya)
- 2009 Discovery Channel Magazine; National Geographic (Adventure); GEO Magazine (France); Sydney Morning Herald (Australia); China Urban Design; Hospitality Design; Future Arc; Hinge; Sustainable Tourism Industries (On-Line); United Airline Hemispheres Magazine; Cathay Pacific In-flight Magazine; France AD Magazine; Indagare (On-Line)
- 2008 National Geographic (Traveler); China Architectural Journal; Outside Magazine; Metropolis; Florida Trend; Tallahassee Democrat; Vacation Homes; CAAC Magazine
- 2007 Idiot's Guide to Green Living (Book); Conde Nast Traveler; Chiken (Japan)
- 2006 National Geographic (Adventure); New York Times T Travel; Travel and Leisure; Awemainta (Aruba); El Universal (Colombia); Perspective

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- 2005 Mens Journal; Architecture Update (India); Indagare (USA); Lifestyle and Travel; Resort Management and Operations; Action Asia; Green Hotelier; Americas; Discover; Landscape Architecture USA
- 2004 Men's Health; Planning (APA Magazine); Aruba Today (Aruba); Amigoe (Aruba); Bon Dia (Aruba); Diario (Aruba); Omni
- 2003 Daily Nation (Kenya); Oman Daily Observer; S³; the Ritz–Carlton; Courier; Sikkim Express (India); Fiji Times
- 2002 Caribbean Travel and Life; Le Figaro (France);
- 2001 El Vocero (Puerto Rico) ; Eco Currents (TIES); RCI Premier
- 2000 Landscape Architecture Magazine (USA); Philippine Daily Inquirer; 2000 Archi Tech
- 1999 Japan Landscape Design; New Sabah Times (Malaysia);
- 1998 World Ecotour Magazine (Brazil); Audubon; Bahia Invest (Brazil); Green Clips (On-Line)
- 1995 Architecture (Kenya)

PUBLIC SPEAKING, MODERATING and FACILITATING

Hitesh has a global reach and is a well sought-after International Speaker and Moderator. Mr. Mehta has presented as a Keynote Speaker/Guest Speaker, acted as Panel Moderator and Facilitated Seminars in over 198 Conferences/ Seminars/ webinars in 38 countries including four IFLA World Congress, eight ASLA National, six IFLA Regional, four FLASLA, three APA, two AIA, two ULI and 4 LABASH conferences. He was invited to the following international conferences, workshops, seminars & webinars:

- 2021 **Moderator and Presenter** – Panel Presentation: “Africa 3.0!” at the ASLA Annual Conference, Nashville, USA.
Keynote Speaker: A presentation on “Grow Your Own Lodge!: Eco-Rural Construction” at the World Sustainable Tourism Conference (organized by UN Habitat, GFHS) Changsha, China.
Panel Speaker: A presentation on “Long Term Benefits of Holystic Planning and Design” at the Architecture and Urbanism Research Hub Webinar, University of Lagos.
Panel Speaker: A presentation on “How to get work?” at the ILASA/IFLA Africa virtual Conference, Johannesburg, SA.
Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation “Trials and Tribulations of Protected Area Planning” to students at University of Vermont Dept. Parks and Recreation.
Panel Speaker: A presentation “Authentic Ecotourism and Ecolodges” to students at University of Vermont Dept. of Environment.
Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation on “Naboisho Conservancy: Integrated Master Planning” IUCN TAPAS Task Group
Guest Lecture: A presentation on “Ecotourism Planning in Protected Areas” to staff at Headquarters Office of EDSA, Ft. Lauderdale, USA
Guest Lecture: A presentation “Ecotourism Planning in Protected Areas” to Staff at Baltimore Office of EDSA
Moderator and Presenter – Panel Presentation on “Research Based Sketching and Note-taking as a tool for Vernacular Biomimicry and Biophilic Design” at FASLA 2021 in Tampa, Florida.

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FELLOWS Round Table Panel presentation and discussions at the FASLA 2021 in Tampa.

Co-Organizer: Two-Day IFC/World Bank Virtual Investment Forum: *“Utilizing Nepal’s Heritage Resources for Tourism Recovery and Sustained Growth”*.

Moderator: A panel presentation on *“Heritage Based Accommodation Investment Case Studies”* - Two-Day IFC/World Bank Virtual Investment Forum: *“Utilizing Nepal’s Heritage Resources for Tourism Recovery and Sustained Growth”*.

Speaker: A presentation on *“Design Inspiration and Approaches for the Region”* - Two Day IFC/World Bank Virtual Investment Forum: *“Utilizing Nepal’s Heritage Resources for Tourism Recovery and Sustained Growth”*.

Guest Speaker: A presentation *“Sustainable Building and Refurbishment of Ecoresorts”* to the Community of St. John, US Virgin Islands.

Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation *“How can Sustainable Destination Physical Planning reshape World Tourism?”* at The University of Baguio- School of International Hospitality and Tourism Management, Philippines.

Webinar Guest Speaker: A presentation *“Earth, is it possible to treat you like a mother?”* to the staff of SWBR Land Design, a multi-disciplinary company based in Rochester, NY.

Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation *“Ecotourism Planning in Protected Areas”* to graduate students at Blue Sky Institute, Boise State University

Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation *“Regenerative Planning and Design”* at Universidad para la Cooperación Internacional, Costa Rica

Webinar Speaker: A presentation *“A History of Landscape Architects Chapter”* at the Sweden-Kenya Seminar *“Landscape Architecture in Kenya: Growing the profession”*.

Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation *“Protected Area Physical Planning”* to students at University of Vermont.

2020 **Webinar Keynote Speaker:** A presentation *“The Pandemic Office”* at the Architects Association of Kenya (AAK) National Conference.

Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation *“Trials and Tribulations of Protected Area Planning”* to students at University of Vermont.

Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation *“Planning and Designing Ecoresorts”* to students at Endicott College, Massachusetts.

Webinar Speaker: A presentation *“Looking back to solve the future”* at Design Impact, a virtual conference organized by Harvard’s Graduate School of Design.

Webinar Guest Lecture: A presentation *“Ecotourism: COVID Planning and Design”* to students at University of Vermont.

Webinar Guest Speaker: A presentation *“The Art of Ecoresort Planning and Design”* to staff at DTJ Design’s Studio Training Series.

Webinar Speaker: A presentation *“Designing and Developing Ecolodges: The new Normal”* at a International School of Sustainable Tourism (ISST) virtual workshop

Webinar Guest Speaker: A presentation *“Comfortably Dumb: Environmental Actions in the Age of Climate Emergency”* at a virtual panel organized by the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SANATANA DHARMA.

Webinar Speaker: A presentation *“The art of working from home”* at a panel organized by Architects Association of Kenya (AAK)

Webinar Guest Speaker: A presentation *“Everything you should know about Ecotourism and Ecolodges”* to students at Garland ISD, a specialty high-school program in Dallas, Texas.

Moderator: ASLA 2020 African Panel Presentation (postponed)

ASLA Field Trip Leader for *“Swamp walk in the everglades”*. (postponed)

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- 2019 **General Session Panel Speaker:** ASLA's Annual Landscape Architecture Conference in San Diego, USA
Keynote Speaker: Sixth IFLA Africa Seminar on "Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa", Tunis, Tunisia
Keynote Speaker: P3 Ecotourism Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica.
Keynote Speaker, FIU's Tourism and Leisure Studies Conference, Miami, USA
Webinar Keynote Speaker: University of Lagos's conference on "Architecture and Urbanism".
- 2018 **Speaker:** 'Ecoturismo en Areas Protegidas' Conference in Panama City, Panama
Moderator and Panel Speaker: ASLA's Annual Conference and EXPO in Philadelphia, USA
Speaker: The Long Run Annual Conference, Wanas, Sweden
Keynote Speaker: "WE ARE AFRICA" Annual Conference - Cape Town, South Africa
Guest Speaker: "Conservation Lab" – Stellenbosch, South Africa
Public Lecture: "Continuity of the Vernacular in Architectural and Landscape Design" -Architects Association of Kenya Monthly Lecture Series, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2017 **Panel Speaker:** "Transformative Design: Without Borders" World Design Summit and IFLA World Congress, Montreal, Canada
Speaker: The Long Run Annual Conference, Grootbos Reserve, South Africa.
Keynote Speaker: Fifth IFLA Africa Seminar on "Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa", Rabat, Morocco
Keynote Speaker: ISST-GEN Authentic Ecotourism conference in Subic Bay, Philippines
Keynote Speaker: Sustainable Tourism Summit 2017, Cancun, Mexico
Panel Speaker: 'Luxury Tourism of Tomorrow - Gazing at The Stars on The Doorplate or Under the Open Sky', ITB Berlin
Webinar: "Landscape Architecture as a tool for Biodiversity Conservation in Africa"
Presentation made to Master's students in Landscape Architecture, University of Lagos, Nigeria.
- 2016 **Keynote Speaker:** Global Eco 2016, "Fostering Innovation – Sustaining Excellence". Tasmania, Australia.
Panel Speaker: Ecological Design in Walking Destinations, Global Eco 2016, Tasmania
Keynote Speaker IFLA-URBIO conference "From Cities to Landscape: Design for Health and Biodiversity" in Panama City, Panama.
Guest Speaker: Doug Crowell Lecture Series, Vermont.
Guest Speaker: The Long Run Annual Meeting, Maldives
Public Lecture: Indian Society of Landscape Architects (ISOLA) seminar on: "Ecotourism, Ecoresorts and Climate Change – opportunities, challenges and the way forward", New Delhi, India
Keynote Speaker: Encuentro Internacional Ecoturismo - E16, Posadas, Argentina
Public Lecture: "Ecolodge as Platform for Ecotourism", Aristobulo del Valle, Argentina
Public Lecture: "Planificación Ejemplar y Prácticas de Diseño en Ecolodges de Montana", Villa La Angostura, Argentina
Guest Speaker: "The Metaphysics in Ecotourism Planning and Design" - Faculty of Architecture, Design and Urbanism at the University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Public Lecture: "The Siamese in Ecolodges: where the twain shall meet!" - Central Society of Architects, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Speaker: IFLA's 53rd World Congress on "*Tasting the Landscape*" in Turin, Italy.
Panel Member: "African Landscape Convention: - IFLA's 53rd World Congress, Turin, Italy.
Keynote Speaker: Panama Tourism Authority Seminar on Ecotourism in Protected Areas.
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Sao Paulo, Brazil

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- 2015 **Invited Themed Presentation:** “Outside the Studio of HM Design” at ASLA’s Annual Conference and EXPO - “*Perspectives*” in Chicago
Keynote Speaker: Indonesia Landscape Architects Association Conference on “Volcanoscapes” in Lombok.
Guest Speaker: Miniloc Island Resort, Palawan, Philippines
- 2014 **Guest Speaker:** UN Symposium on “Enhancing Sustainable Tourism, Biodiversity and Environmental Protection” - Tehran, Iran
Keynote Lecture: National Seminar on “National Parks and Opportunities for Sustainable Ecotourism Development” - Tehran, Iran
Keynote Speaker: “Sacred Planning and Design”, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX
Guest Lecture: “The Gestalt in Ecolodges” – Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, Alaska
Panel Speaker: ULI “Developing in the Caribbean Basin” Workshop – Miami, FL
Keynote Speaker: IFLA’s World Congress on “**Thinking and Action**” in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Guest Speaker: Taras Foundation “Meet the Scientist” lecture series – “*The science in Ecodesign*” Jupiter, Florida.
Public Lecture: “What is Ecotourism and Ecolodges?” in Mannar Island, Sri Lanka
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Sao Paolo, Brazil
Panel Moderator and Speaker: “The Sense of Place in Authentic Ecolodges”, ESTC 2014, Bonito, Brazil
Plenary Session Facilitator: Succession Planning, ESTC 2014, Bonito, Brazil
- 2013 **Guest Lecture:** “The ‘less’ developing world?”, 5th Graders, Carrolwood IB School, Tampa, FL
Panel Moderator and Speaker: “The Cutting Edge of Ecolodges” TIES annual conference – Kenya
Panel Speaker: “Best Practice Ecolodge Case studies and poverty alleviation” Zeitz Foundation seminar – Kenya
Keynote Speaker: Third IFLA Seminar on “*Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa*” in Abuja, Nigeria
Keynote Speaker: Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Tourism: Ecotourism, Poverty Reduction and Environmental Protection, United Nations Secretariat, New York, October 2013
Speaker in three different panels: ASLA’s Annual Conference and EXPO on “*Gaining Ground*” in Boston, MA.
- 2012 **Guest Lecture:** “Metaphysics in Ecological Planning”, Louisiana State University
Convener and Speaker: Ecolodge Planning, Design and Operations Workshop II. TIES annual conference – Monterey, CA
Speaker: IFLA’s World Congress on “*Landscapes in Transition*” in Cape Town, South Africa.
Public Lecture: “*Towards an Authentic ecoArchitecture in Kenya*” Nairobi, Kenya
Guest Lecture: - “*Authentic Ecotourism*” Bogor Agricultural University, Java, Indonesia.
Public Lecture: – “*The Magic of Bamboo*”, Uberlingen, Germany
Speaker: “*Authentic Ecotourism and Ecolodges*” - Eastern Black Sea Ecotourism Conference, Trabzon, Turkey
Key note Speaker: “*Metaphysics in Ecological Planning*”, El Yunque Forest Service Seminar, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour –San Juan, Puerto Rico
Guest Lecture: “*Authentic Ecolodges – Taking Green Architecture to the next level*”, San Juan Polytechnic, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Guest Speaker: Virtual Skye presentation to LA students at Mississippi State University

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- 2011 **Speaker:** ASLA's Annual Conference and EXPO on "*Landscape Architecture Rising*" in San Diego
Co-Organizer: Second IFLA Seminar on "*Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa*" in Juja, Kenya
Keynote Speaker: Second IFLA Seminar on "*Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa*" in Juja, Kenya.
Conductor of Master Class on Eco-Design: Second IFLA Seminar on "*Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa*" in Juja, Kenya.
Conductor of Master Class on Graphics: Second IFLA Seminar on "*Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa*" in Juja, Kenya.
Speaker and Panel Facilitator: The International Ecotourism Society's (TIES) annual conference - Hilton Head. SC
Convener, Facilitator and Speaker: Ecolodge Planning, Design and Operations Workshop. TIES annual conference - Hilton Head. SC
Keynote Speaker: Philippines MICE Annual Conference "*iShare..youConnect..weChange*" in Cebu Island
Panel Moderator and Speaker: Florida ASLA's Annual Conference and EXPO on "*Growing Diversity*" in Boca Raton
Panel Member: *Landscape Architects without Borders*. IFLA's World Congress in Zurich, Switzerland.
Speaker: Florida Atlantic University and Queensland University of Technology "*Sub -Tropical Cities Conference*" – Ft. Lauderdale, USA.
Speaker: The Livable Cities Summit "*Livable City of the Future: a chinese case study*". – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Plenary Roundtable Participant: The Livable Cities Summit "*Building the Green City: Utilizing Technology to Protect the Environment*" – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Florence, Italy
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Jupiter, Florida, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Chicago, Illinois, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – House + Earth, Austin, Texas, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Bookpeople, Austin, Texas, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Hong Kong, China
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Shanghai, China
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Gainesville, Florida
- 2010 **Keynote Speaker:** Ecotourism Kenya Annual General Meeting – Nairobi, Kenya
Guest Speaker: Naboisho Conservancy Symposium – Nairobi, Kenya
Keynote Speaker and Panel Moderator: ASEAN Annual Conference – Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Johannesburg, South Africa
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – London, United Kingdom
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Los Angeles, California, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Tourism Victoria, Victoria Island, Canada
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Hospitality & Tourism, Victoria Island, Canada
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – TVIC, Victoria Island, Canada
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Seattle, Washington, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Bainbridge Island, Washington USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Menlo Park, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Miami, Florida, USA
Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Artservice, Ft. Lauderdale, USA

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Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Urban Brew Café, Ft. Lauderdale, USA

Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – Costa Rica, Central America

Speaker: Authentic Ecolodges Book Tour – World Premier, Portland, Oregon, USA

- 2009 **Keynote Speaker and Eco-design Workshop Facilitator:** Ecotourism Australia Global Conference – Alice Springs, Australia.
Keynote Speaker: Adventure Travel World Summit – Quebec, Canada.
Guest Speaker: Oshwal Women's League Guest Lecture Series – Nairobi, Kenya.
Keynote Speaker: Mali Ministry of Tourism Seminar – Bamako, Mali.
- 2008 **Keynote Speaker and Eco-design Workshop Facilitator:** Ecotourism Australia Global Conference – Alice Springs, Australia.
Speaker and Facilitator: The International Ecotourism Society's annual conference - Vancouver BC.
Keynote Speaker: Cornell University Central America Hotel Society Conference - San Jose, Costa Rica.
Speaker: Guest Lecture Series – University of Buenos Aires – Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Speaker: Argentinian Institute of Architects Guest Lecture Presentation - Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Speaker: Annual Shanghai Design Week Conference– Shanghai, China.
Speaker: Guest Lecture Series – University of Sydney – Sydney, Australia.
Speaker: Autumn Semester Lectures – Lincoln University– Christchurch, New Zealand.
Speaker and Conference facilitator (MC): First Gulf Landscape Architecture Conference – Dubai.
- 2007 **Keynote Speaker:** Hospitality Design Asia Annual Conference and Expo – Hong Kong, China.
Speaker: The International Ecotourism Society's annual conference - Madison, Wisconsin.
Keynote Speaker: Florida ASLA's Annual Conference and EXPO on "*Landscape Transformations: How shall we grow*" in Miami.
Keynote Speaker: US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on "Survive". Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
Book Study Tour Presenter: "*Authentic Ecolodges*" book progress presentations in San Francisco, California; Sumba Island, Indonesia; Sydney and Pt. Douglas, Australia; Avignon France; London, England; Toronto & Moose Factory, Canada; Lapa Rios, Costa Rica; Nairobi, Kenya; Singapore; Moscow, Russia and Jupiter & Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- 2006 **Keynote Speaker:** Costa Rica National Chamber of Ecotourism's (CANAECO) International Forum on Ecotourism "*The Challenges of Ecotourism*" – Turrialba, Costa Rica.
Speaker: AIA's Hong Kong and Pacific Northwest Chapter Annual Conference "*Pacific Crossings*" – Hong Kong, China.
Keynote Speaker: The American Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Panama's VI International Tourism Forum "*Defining Success*" – Panama City, Panama.
Panel Member: The Adventure Council's annual *Adventure Travel Professional Symposium*, - Orlando, Florida.
Guest Speaker: Coastal Zone Management Aruba's 2nd Stakeholder's Conference - Aruba, Dutch West Indies.
Guest Speaker: Center of Ecotourism seminar presentation "*What's Hot*". Rishikesh, India.
Guest Speaker: Center of Ecotourism presentation "*Ecotourism and Ecolodges*". Uttaranchal State, India.
Panel Moderator and Speaker: American Planning Association's Annual conference. Presentation on "*Ecotourism as a tool for indigenous cultural preservation*" in San Antonio, TX.

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Speaker: US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on “*Be the Change*”. Maryland.

Speaker: Texas A & M University Annual Environmental Conference. Presentation on “*Extreme Planning*”.

Speaker: Oman International Conference on “*Ecotourism*”. Muscat.

Speaker: Dominica Dept. Of. Tourism Seminar Presentation – “A case for Ecotourism in Dominica”, Rousseau.

2005 **Keynote Speaker for 2 Presentations:** Ecotourism Australia’s Annual Ecotourism Conference - “*Ecotourism: Creating Unforgettable Natural Experiences*” - Tasmania, Australia.

Speaker: Tourism Tasmania workshop presentation “*Trends in Eco-Architecture*”.

Speaker: Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service workshop presentation “*Protected Area Planning Exemplary Practices*”.

Guest Speaker: Taras Foundation “Meet the Scientist” lecture series – “*Ecotourism, Gorillas and Giant Pandas*” in Jupiter, Florida.

Speaker: ASLA’s Annual Conference and EXPO on “*Winds of Change, Keys to the Future*” in Ft. Lauderdale.

Keynote Speaker and Speaker: The International Ecotourism Society’s conference - “*Ecotourism in the US*” in Maine, VT.

Speaker: American Planning Association’s Annual conference “*Making Great Communities Happen*” in San Francisco, CA.

Facilitator: Sustainable Tourism Workshop, Muscat, Oman.

Speaker: World Tourism Organization’s Conference on “*Built Environments for Sustainable Tourism*”, Muscat, Oman.

2004 **Speaker:** Sri Lanka Ecotourism Society’s seminar on “*Ecotourism and Ecolodges*”, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Keynote Speaker and Workshop Facilitator: Ecotourism Australia’s Annual Ecotourism Conference on “*Ecotourism – Leading the Business of Sustainability*”, Blue Mountains, Australia.

Keynote Speaker: Conservation International’s conference on “*Tourism and Biodiversity*”, Sichuan, China.

Presenter and Facilitator: Ecotourism and Ecolodge Planning and Design Seminar, Awaji and Hokkaido, Japan.

Panelist: Broward Women Council of Realtors seminar on “*Urban Redevelopment*”. Pompano Beach, Florida.

Panelist and Guest Speaker: US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on “*Worlds Colliding*”. Gainesville.

2003 **Guest Speaker:** American Institute of Architects, Orlando Chapter Annual Meeting. IUCN’s World Parks Congress, Durban, South Africa.

Workshop Facilitator: Conservation International’s seminar on “*Making Biodiversity Work for your Travel Business – Increasing profitability while protecting the environment*”. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Keynote Speaker: Utah State University’s 4th Annual Sustainable Landscapes Conference on “*Uncommon Ground: Collaboration and the Nature of Design*”. Logan.

Speaker: US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on “*Fields of Vision*”. Raleigh.

2002 **Keynote Speaker:** Fiji Hotel Association’s Annual Hospitality Forum in Fiji.

Speaker: Ecotourism Australia’s International Ecotourism Conference on “*Ecotourism – A*

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World of Difference". Cairns.

Speaker: UNESCO's conference on "*Sustainable Planning and Design in World Heritage Sites*", Beijing.

Speaker: Statement presentation at the World Ecotourism Summit, Quebec.

Speaker. Saudi Arabia's "*Ecotourism Symposium*" in Riyadh.

2001 **Speaker:** ASLA's Annual Conference and EXPO on "*Culture and Nature*" in Montreal.

Speaker and Facilitator: American Planning Association's Annual conference "*New Orleans 2001: A Planning Odyssey*" in New Orleans.

2000 **Speaker:** ULI's Fall Conference on "*Real Estate in the New Economy*", Chicago.

Moderator: EDSA's Symposium on "*Environment and Development: Where the Twain shall meet*" in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Keynote Speaker: IFLA's World Congress on "*Conservation and Ecotourism*" in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Speaker: Florida Center for Environmental Studies Third Annual conference on "Ecotourism on Public and Private Lands in Florida" in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Speaker: BIOSFERA "*World Ecotour 2000*" conference in Salvador, Brazil.

Speaker and Facilitator: Egyptian Tourism Development Authority's (TDA) "*Ecolodge Guidelines Forum*" in Cairo, Egypt. for the panel on Design and Construction.

1999 **Keynote Address and Facilitator.** Malaysia Ministry of Arts and Culture's "*World Ecotourism Conference*" in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. Also facilitated the Ecolodge Field Trip.

Keynote Address and Facilitator. PATA Chapter's workshop on "*Ecotourism/Ecolodges*" in New Delhi, India.

1998 **Guest Speaker:** George Washington University workshop on "*Ecotourism Planning and Management*" in Washington, D.C.

1997 **Speaker:** BIOSFERA "*World Ecotour 1997*" conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Speaker: The Ecotourism Society's "*Ecotourism at a Crossroads: Charting the way forward*" conference and field seminar, Nairobi, Kenya.

1996 **Speaker:** 2nd All Africa Seminar on "*Green Architecture and Environmentally Sensitive Sustainable Development*", Nairobi, Kenya.

1995 **Speaker:** The Ecotourism Society's "*Ecolodge Forum and Field Seminar*", Costa Rica.

Speaker: Adventure Travel Society's "*Fifth Annual World Congress on Adventure Travel and Ecotourism*", Paradise Island, Bahamas.

1994 **Co-Organizer and Speaker:** IFLA's Seminar on "*Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa*" in Nairobi, Kenya.

TELEVISION, RADIO

2021 NPR (US Virgin Islands); "Superhouses"- NTV, Kenya

2018 "The Why Factor" - BBC , K-24 TV – Kenya.

2017 Virtuoso, The Long Run.

2016 Noticiero Doce Canal 12 Multimedios SAPEM, Misiones TV, Argentina

2014 Globo TV – Brazil

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- 2012 Spring of Sustainability Summit. – The Shift Network.
- 2010 NBC 6 TV
CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) TV
Washington DC Indian Radio Channel
Design by Nature, Australia National Radio
Miami FM Funk Radio. Interview on Green roofs on Behalf of ASLA.
Turks and Caicos Local radio
Dominica Local radio
- 1994 KBC TV, Kenya

PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILLS

Mr. Mehta is a professional photographer and has been contracted by design firms to document their landscape projects. His photographs have appeared in books, magazines, tourism brochures, newsletters, calendars and wedding cards. He has won nine first prizes in monthly competitions at the Kenya Photographic Society, 1984 –1986 and specializes in audio-visual presentations.

Books

- 2020 Provided photos for the book “Social Entrepreneurship in Hospitality Principles and Strategies for Change” by Willy Legrand, Miguel Angel Gardetti, Robert Schønrock Nielsen, Colin Johnson, Mehmet Ergul
- 2018 – Provided a few photos for "Modeling and New Trends in Tourism: A Contribution to Social and Economic Development", Nova Publishers, ENGLAND
- 2017 Provided photos for Solenn Bardet et Simon Hureau’s book “Rouge Himba”.
- 2016 Provided photos to “*Modeling and New Trends in Tourism: A Contribution to Social and Economic Development*” (Nova Publishers)
- 2014 Provided Photos to the “Atlas of World Landscape Architecture” (Braun Publishing),
- 2010 Photographer of the ‘chai table’ book “*Authentic Ecolodges*”
- 2006 Provided photos for the publication: “*Lodge du Groupe de Ngwesie*” Sylvie Blangy
- 2005 Provided most of the photos for the publication: “*Ecolodges: Exploring Opportunities for Sustainable Business*” International Finance Corporation, World Bank.
- 2002 Provided photos for the publication: “*Tourism and Biodiversity: Mapping Tourism's Global Footprint*”. Costas Christ, Conservation International.
- 2000 Provided most of the photos for the publication: “*The Green House Effect – An integrated approach to sustainable tourism and resort development*” - Sweeting J., Bruner A., Rosenfeld A., Conservation International.

Reports and Booklets

- 2021 Provided most of the photos for the publication: “**Architectural and Cultural Heritage Tourism Products in Nepal.**” - published by IFC, Nepal
- 2009 Provided photos for the publication: “**Wild Beauty Accommodations– Montenegro**” - published by GTZ, Germany.

Hard-Copy Magazines, Company Brochures and Newspapers

Provided photos to:

- 2020 A+U (Japan) – for the special issue on Simon Velez – ‘Vegetarian Architecture’
- 2018 DIRT (USA); LANDUUM (Mexico); Beyond Magazine (South Africa); Wild Borneo e-Magazine
- 2017 VoyageMIA.com (Miami) Magazine
Sustainability-leaders.com
- 2016 *Simon Velez Exhibit* - Venice Biennale 2016
- 2015 Blueprint (Philippines), Philippines Daily Inquirer,

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- Green Hotelier Magazine (Italy)
- 2014 People Newspaper (Kenya)
- 2013 National Geographic Traveller
Le Point –Caijing (France & China).
Vision Magazine, Dubai
- 2012 *Futurarc Magazine, Singapore*
Architects Association of Kenya (AAK) Magazine, Kenya
- 2011 *The Standard Newspaper Kenya*
Axis Magazine, Japan
Blueprint Magazine, Philippines
Culture Magazine, Hong Kong
Putovanja Magazine, Montenegro
Business Daily, Newspaper Kenya
Asian Weekly, Newsletter Kenya
- 2010 *Star Newspaper, Malaysia*
- 2009 *China Architectural Journal*
- 2008 *National Geographic Adventure Magazine*
Outside Go Magazine
NWA World Traveler (Northwest Airlines In-Flight Magazine)
GEO Magazine, France
AsiaSpa Magazine, Singapore
Outside Magazine, USA
Architecture Update Magazine
- 2007 *FutureArc Magazine, China*
Hinge Magazine, Hong Kong
China Urban Design Magazine
Perspective Magazine, Hong Kong
Hospitality Design Magazine, USA
France AD Magazine
Cathay Pacific In-flight Magazine
Travel and Leisure Magazine
EDSA Marketing Brochure
- 2006 *ECOTOURISM Magazine, France*
Landscape Architecture Magazine, USA
Lifestyle and Travel Magazine, Asia
- 2005 *Americas Magazine, USA*
Men's Journal Magazine
- 2002 *Landscape Architecture Magazine, USA*
- 2001 *NBC 'Eco Guide' Brochure*
- 2000 *African Wildlife Foundation Newsletter*
- 1995 *Scenic World Tour Brochure*
- 1994 *Vintage Safaris Tour Brochure*
- 1993 *Tanzania Guides Ltd. Tour Brochure*

On-line Magazines, Newsletters and Blogs

Provided photos to:

- 2019- UBM- Development Magazine (Germany); sixsenses.com; hotelmanagement.net; travelweekly.com; tophotelnews.com; dotwnews.com; luxnomade.com; hoteldesigns.net; latteluxurynews.com; travelweek.ca; karryon.com.ca; travelbulletin.co.uk; hospitality-interiors.net; female.com.au; wellhomeglobal.com; luxurytraveladvisor.com; travelforsenses.com; spabusines.com; breakingtravelnews.com; traveldailymedia.com;

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eglobaltravelmedia.com.au; www.toysclassifieds.com; travelandtourismdaily.co.ke; first-class-and-more.de; malaysianfoodie.com; pagtour.info; worldleisurejobs.com;

- 2016 The Long Run Annual Report
- 2015 LRI Newsletter (London)
- 2013 <http://www.printerpix.co.uk/>, London
- 2012 Travel.CNN, *Safari on-line Magazine*, South Africa
- 2010 *Outside Blog*
Gaia Discovery Online Newsletter, Singapore
Treehugger
- 2005 Informational web site on Madagascar

ACHIEVEMENTS

Cricket: Captain of the Kenya National Team in 1987 and 1993. Cricketer of the year (MVP): Kenya (1986 & 1992) and California (1989). Represented Kenya in all international tournaments from 1978 to 1987, including World Cups of 1979, 1982 and 1986.

Tennis: Runner-up in the Kenya Open Junior Championship, 1978.

Table Tennis: Member, University of Nairobi squad, 1983-1984.

Snooker, Squash, Badminton, Indian Dancing: Have won awards in various competitions

Charity: Organized the first ever street children Exhibition in Kenya

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Theater:

Mr. Mehta has produced six '*Edutainment with a Cause*' plays and directed several of them: These plays took a group of 5-7 amateurs, one year to organize. Each play was themed around a particular time in human history where there was a unique group of philosophers, scientists, poets, musicians, artists, architects etc. who were especially talented and who created change and addressed issues that are as relevant in today's world as they were back then. Each Play setting is turned into a period piece with live musicians and all participants and audience members wore costumes relevant to the respective play. Money raised at each event is donated to a different cause eg. educating orphaned children in Uganda. The six plays were:

- "Greek Symposia".
- "Renaissance"
- "Jhalak "
- "Afritazia"
- "Japan"
- "Bob and Fela"

TRAVEL

Traveled to 107 countries and 9 Territories in six continents and over 37 states in United States of America.