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## HITESH MEHTA FASLA FRIBA FAAK Associate AIA Judging Bio - Dec 2021

Hitesh is an eco-Landscape Architect, Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism pioneer, Environmental Planner, eco-Architect, and has over 34 years' experience, having worked and consulted in 65 countries on six continents. 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. Additionally, Hitesh is considered by his peers as the world's leading authority, practitioner and researcher on sustainable tourism / ecotourism physical planning and both the landscape architectural and architectural aspects of ecolodges.

Hitesh has been a jury for over 23 years and has either been a jury member or on the nominations committee for below international awards:

- Judge World Legacy Awards National Geographic
- Nominator Aga Khan Award for Architecture
- Member of Jury IFLA APR (Asia Pacific Region) Annual Awards 2021.
- Evaluator 2016 Top 100 Sustainable Destinations
- External Examiner Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) School of Architecture 2012-2015
- Head Juror Two IFLA Africa Student Competitions in Nairobi and Abuja.
- Member of IFLA Jury China Jinzhou World Landscape Art Expo design competition 2013
- Inspector National Geographic Unique Lodges of 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).
- Judge African Real Estate and Housing Finance Academy Awards
- Member of Jury FAU and FIU Architecture/LA Studio student presentations.