JURY STATEMENT

 “Place and Displacement: A Marketplace in Refugee Settlements” is the inaugural architecture and public administration competition hosted by Ideation Worldwide (IDeA). The competition calls our attention to the resilience of refugees and the positive contribution they can bring to their environment and the host communities. The focus on the ‘Marketplace’ is a good choice as it is the place for inter-action and brings out the creativity of refugees.

Place and Displacement challenges young architects and designers around the world to formulate interdisciplinary and innovate proposals for marketplaces in refugee settlements.

This competition should contribute to changing the perception of refugees. The best proposals made the effort to learn about the day to day reality of refugees in Zataari (Jordan), Kakuma (Kenya) and Berlin (Germany) and the surrounding host communities.

The proposals illustrate also the need to challenge the existing solutions offered by humanitarian agencies and governments, whereby refugee settlements are often seen as isolated sites where the basic needs of refugees in terms of health, education, shelter and basic services are managed. The winning proposals made a clear effort to understand and strengthen the potential of refugees to contribute to the development of their broader environment and facilitate social cohesion.

The winning proposals also offer creative solutions to address over-arching global challenges such as gender equality and sustainability, making use also of the innovative potential of new technologies.

The Jury would like to encourage the winners to further ground their ideas in the daily lives of refugees and their host communities and call on the organizers to use the competition as a platform to raise awareness and mobilize the youth to engage and use their creative force to help change the way we support refugees.

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