African Union Headquarters

Facts

Official Name  | African Union Headquarters
Structure Type  | Building
Status  | Completed
Country  | Ethiopia
City  | Addis Ababa
Street Address & Map  | Roosevelt Street
Postal Code  | 1110
Building Function  | Office
Structural Material  | Concrete
Proposed  | 2007
Construction Start  | 2008
Completion  | 2011
Official Website  | African Union Headquarters

About African Union Headquarters

The building was designed to be an icon of the African Union’s progression, symbolizing the stabilization, rejuvenation, and peace of the united continent. The Grand Conference Hall’s ellipsoidal volume was placed in the center of the complex as a prominent feature, emphasizing the importance of inclusion and communication.

The connection to African culture was important in the character of materials and spaces; stone and wood cladding was used for public areas and daylighting was prioritized. Exterior vertical shading fins were incorporated into the tower façade to reduce solar gain, and natural ventilation is provided in the main meeting spaces to minimize reliance on air conditioning. In the tower, double-height atria were placed at the center of the layout along the northwest façade with operable windows to facilitate natural ventilation. Lastly, a garden was created between the old and new African Union buildings to host indigenous plants from each country.

Companies Involved

Owner/Developer  | African Union
Architect  | Tongji Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd.
Structural Engineer  | Tongji Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd.
MEP Engineer  | Tongji Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd.
Project Manager  | Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China
Main Contractor  | China State Construction Engineering Corporation

Figures

Height: Architectural  | 117.7 m / 386 ft
Height: Occupied  | 86.4 m / 283 ft
Height: To Tip  | 117.7 m / 386 ft
Floors Above Ground  | 21
Floors Below Ground  | 1
# of Elevators  | 13
Top Elevator Speed  | 2.5 m/s
Tower GFA  | 21,261 m² / 228,851 ft²
Development GFA  | 50,537 m² / 543,976 ft²
# of Parking Spaces  | 604

To submit more information or donate images for this project, please use our submission portal.