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## **IAAP Launches Accessible Built Environments Initiative**

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*“The September 2020 Launch focuses on providing resources, professional development, and a global networking component,” cites Christopher Lee, Managing Director of the International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP).*

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**ATLANTA (August 27, 2020)** -- IAAP, a division of the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs (G3ict), is pleased to announce a new stream of resources for its membership. The initiative leverages and expands on the impressive work of the Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments (GAATES), a leading international organization dedicated to promoting Accessibility and Universal Design for the built environment and public spaces which has redeployed its programming under G3ict since April 2019.

Over the last several months, IAAP has brought together leading subject matter experts to form a global [Built Environment Taskforce](#) to support its accessible built environments initiative, which will launch September 2020.

The subject matter experts have been charged with providing support around key elements of implementing Universal Design principles, ensuring equal access to fully inclusive environments. This includes guidance and advice on:

- The development of a dedicated Body of Knowledge on key concepts and resources with regards to Universal Design, based on a confirmed [CPABE Content Outline](#).
- [Certified Professional in Accessible Built Environments \(CPABE\) Certification](#) exams which recognizes [three levels of professional experience](#). – available October 2020
- A [10-Month Professional Development Webinar Series](#). – kicks off September 17th
- A 3-part free webinar series on Universal Design – available September 2020.
- An [Accessible Built Environments Community of Practice](#). – currently open for members

As part of the initiative, IAAP will be conducting CPABE exam pilots for Levels 1 and 2 at the end of September. Space is limited to 50 participants per exam. Sign-up today and be recognized for your knowledge of accessible built environments and application of Universal Design principles. [Certification fees](#) will be discounted by 50% for pilot participants with no cost to retake the exam, if necessary, within one year of the pilot.

[Reserve your spot in the CPABE Pilot today!](#)

If you are an organization or individual interested in being part of the United in Accessibility movement, learn more about becoming an [IAAP member](#).

For questions, contact [IAAP Program Manager, Tracey Shipman](#)

## About IAAP

The International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) is a not-for-profit membership-based organization for individuals and organizations that are focused on accessibility or are in the process of building their accessibility skills and strategies. The objective is to help accessibility professionals develop and advance their careers and to support organizations integrate accessibility into their services, products and infrastructure. The IAAP members are **United in Accessibility**.

IAAP's mission is to define, promote and improve the accessibility profession globally through certification, education and networking in order to enable the creation of accessible products, content and services.

In 2016, IAAP became a Division of the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs ([G3ict](#)). G3ict is an advocacy initiative launched in December 2006 by the United Nations Global

Alliance for ICT and Development, in cooperation with the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under UN DESA. G3ict relies on an international network of ICT accessibility experts to develop and promote good practices, technical resources and benchmarks for ICT accessibility advocates around the world. G3ict is incorporated as a nonprofit organization in the State of Georgia, USA, and headquartered in Atlanta.