

Interview  
FDP  
FEVER

Koto Koutani

Register! Become a member of the Daily Frappe global community now

where did?

On Facebook? Get our newest app →

architect

TODAY'S NAMEDAYS

no widely known nameday

TIME & WEATHER IN ATHENS

2:00p, 12° Partly Cloudy

### Plans for new "urban icon" in Athens unveiled

Architect Renzo Piano recently unveiled the concept design for the new cultural complex that will be built and donated to the Greek state by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) in Faliro. The center will include a stunning new National Library and National Opera.

Some details on the project:

- **Cost:** 450-million-euro
- **Size:** 16-hectare (roughly the same size as the National Park in the centre of Athens)
- **Completion date:** 2015
- **Green building mission:** Create an emissions neutral facility. The project will have an innovative roof- a series of interconnected photovoltaic cell panels which will cover the structure's needs.
- **The National Library** will be designed so that it can also function as a meeting place and will be flanked by convention and conference facilities.
- **The National Opera** will be equipped with indoor theatres but also areas for open air concerts and other events that will take place in the 'Agora'.

Thanks to Penny for relaying the news.

[...via Stavros Niarchos Foundation](#)

Click on the pics below to enlarge

