Aligning commitments and expectations to achieve SDGs and the New Urban Agenda

The eighty percent of the world’s population that lives in urban environments, as well as the many people who live in totally unacceptable conditions in cities and elsewhere, expect strong commitments from the built environment sector to help implement the New Urban Agenda and meet Sustainable Development Goals.

Commitments and their accompanying expectations need to be aligned with those of stakeholders, especially civil society and public authorities charged with providing essential services and an overarching framework for urban and regional development.

Essential are cooperation and coordination between all stakeholders, including civil society, public authorities, urban professionals, industry sectors, and financial institutions.

The sector seeks to establish joint commitments aimed at establishing a shared vision through the adoption of a common framework for proposing new initiatives, developing the necessary tools and implementing specific actions.

The commitments aim in the first instance to improve collaboration, enhance synergies and reduce the risk of conflict and misunderstanding when working to consolidate and enhance sustainable development.

The FIDIC networking event

The networking event organized by FIDIC and its partners at the 9th session of the World Urban Forum (Kuala Lumpur; 7 - 13 February 2018) will seek to establish the basis for a framework for joint commitments by the built environment sector.

The goal in fostering the conditions needed to meet the New Urban Agenda and achieve the SDGs is to adopt a joint action plan driven by commitments to address mutually recognised sustainability purposes through joint action in specific areas.

All are most welcome to contribute and to get engaged!

The networking event takes place in Room 402 at the Forum venue, the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, on Friday, 9 February 2018, at 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Brief presentations will be followed by breakout sessions to discuss opportunities and a closing session to formulate a joint action plan.

As examples, FIDIC will present the commitments in three areas that were announced at the 2017 Conference of the Parties in Bonn:

- the development of the actions and tools needed to implement sustainability requirements in different areas of activity at scales ranging from buildings and infrastructure through to industries, service systems and cities;
- the systematic integration of specific sustainability considerations in training and best practice, with a focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- the duty to advise the sector’s clients regarding the implications of corporate responsibility and sustainability.

Partners

- FIDIC Young Professional Forum, FIDIC YPF
- FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineer accreditation programme, China TBC
- Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia, ACEM
- Asia-Pacific regional grouping of FIDIC Member Associations, ASPAC
- European International Contractors, EIC
- Federation of ASEAN Consulting Engineers, FACE
- Habitat Professionals Forum, HPF TBC
- ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability TBC
- International Organization for Standardization, ISO TC 268 TBC
- International Society of City and Regional Planners, ISOCARP
- International Water Association, IWA
- Metropolitan and Territorial Planning Agencies, MTPA
- Renaissance urbane, France
- WFEO TBC

Presenters:

- Adi Adnan, RPM Engineers, Malaysia
- Wong Loo Min, T. Y. Lin International, Malaysia
- Stellan Fryxell, Tengbom Architects, Sweden
- Trung Nguyen Nam,
- Peter Boswell, FIDIC (moderator)
- Eric Huybrecht (MTPA)
- Nicolas Buchoud
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