SYNOPSIS

There has been an on-going debate about the development in green/sustainable construction and the way various governments are responding to this sustainable development initiative. In addition, various terms have been used to describe sustainable construction including sustainable building, green building, high performance building, smart building, etc. Sustainable or green building design and construction has been described in terms of the opportunity to use earth resources more efficiently, while creating healthier and more energy-efficient developments. In essence, the concept of sustainable construction requires a consideration of the environmental and functional quality and value of the development through the whole life cycle; this demands considerate integration of design and engineering aspect of the development.

The UK government has introduced Green Deal Initiative that is designed to help business and home owners to employ more green technologies in their existing properties in order to achieve energy-saving improvements through insulation, heating system, draught-proofing; double glazing; renewable energy technologies, etc.

SPEAKER

Professor Akintola Akintoye is a Fellow of Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a Fellow of Chartered Institute of Building. He holds the Chair of Construction Economics and Management and he is the Dean of School of Built and Natural Environment at the University of Central Lancashire.

Professor Akintoye’s current activities include comprehensive research in issues related to Public and Private Partnership (PPPs) and Private Finance Initiative (PFIs). He has worked very closely on these issues with industry in the UK and has established a robust international network of experts in these areas.

He has served in various consultancy teams which have advised government institutions and private organisations on PPPs and PFIs across Europe and Asia. He has edited three books: one in Construction Innovation and Process Improvement and two in PPPs: Public Private Partnership: Managing Risks and Opportunities and Policy, Finance and Management for Public-Private Partnership.
TOPIC

The presentation will draw on the UK experience to present various initiatives including Waste Reduction; Carbon Emissions Reduction; Resources Efficiency; Community Engagement; Sustainable Procurement; Employee well-being, etc. that have been undertaken and associate challenges to achieve sustainable construction.

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