



Confederation of International Contractors' Associations



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**Special Tribute:** CICA has the deepest regret to announce the passing of Jacques BENATAR, CICA Director General since September 2008, on January 3, 2011. This new format of CICA News was initiated by him and is published in his memory.

October 14-16, 2010

## CICA Events in Paris

October 15 am, 2010

### Paris Board Meeting

Hosted by the French Federation of Construction (FNTP) at the Club TP - 90, avenue des Champs-Élysées - 75008 PARIS. Main topics discussed:

- CICA Mission in Asia (May 2010)
- Membership and Observer status
- "Friends of CICA"
- Follow-up on CICA Working Groups: PPP, Well Prepared Project (WPP), Legal, Sustainable Business
- Hot Topics: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Revised Offer of China on WTO Government Procurement Agreement (July 9, 2010)
- Updates on CICA website
- Participation in External Meetings: FIIC Annual Congress and 50th Anniversary (Santiago, May 11-15, 2010), FIEC Annual Congress in Limassol (May 27-29, 2010), ICC Task Force on Public Procurement (Paris, May 5, 2010), FIDIC Annual Congress (New Delhi, Sept. 19-22, 2010)
- Next CICA Board and Council Meetings in Rio de Janeiro (March 17-18, 2011): Information and Registration Form will be posted on line very shortly.

October 15 pm, 2010

### Presentations and discussions about the "Well Prepared Project" (WPP) and "Strengthening the Participation of Local Firms and Staff in the Execution of Large Contracts"

Oct. 14 pm & Oct. 16 am

### Plenary visits and plenary dinner (Oct. 15)

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## Friends of CICA

NEW!! "SILVER" Friend of CICA Membership Category (annual contribution of 7.500 €)

November 2010 new subscription: warmest welcome to DEMATHIEU & BARD (France)  
[www.demathieu-bard.com](http://www.demathieu-bard.com)

"ctrl + click" to be connected: [Become a Friend of CICA](#)

## CICA Working Groups

### ■ PPP Working Group (PPP WG)

CICA PPP WG Meetings in Paris on October 19 & November 18, 2010: finalizing the Table of Contents for the VADE-MECUM on PPPs to be drafted in conjunction with International Institutions and Development Banks.

### ■ Well Prepared Project Working Group (WPP WG)

Discussion on the definition and objectives of the WPP WG with the World Road Association (PIARC), FIDIC and CICA.



## ■ Sustainable Business Working Group

CICA Vice President Paulo SAFADY SIMAO (Brazil) appointed Chairman of the WG, which will be composed initially of Brazilian Experts and opened later to Experts designed by Regional Federations.

Preliminary Program of Work: drafting a detailed plan on the "Construction Industry Sustainability Initiative" (CISI).

## New!!

### Position Paper on Clause 15.6 on "Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices" of the harmonized Multilateral Development Banks' Master Procurement Document (MPD)

Adopted by the Board on October 15, 2010, which agreed to publish it widely. The document is now available on line on CICA website (see hereafter in "What's New on CICA Website").

More generally, CICA calls on MDBs to design and make provision in their procurement standard documents for active tools to Contractors to prevent and fight against corruption.

## External Relations and Meetings

- Participation in the Kick-Off Meeting of the ICC Task Force on Green Economy (Paris, October 21, 2010)
- Presentation of CICA Activities in 2010 by CICA President Daniel TARDY at FIEC Council (Brussels, November 9, 2010)
- Meeting with Gilles GARCIA, Enterprise Outreach Services Manager - Europe, World Bank (Paris, November 22, 2010)  
=>Issues: WB-CICA possible partnerships; Updates on WB Strategy, Projects and New Management.

## What's New on [www.cica.net](http://www.cica.net)?

(ctrl + click to access the following documents)

- [CICA Position Paper on Clause 15.6 on "Corrupt or Fraudulent Practices" of the Multilateral Development Banks' Harmonized Master Procurement Document \(MPD\) for Civil Works \(October 15, 2010\)](#)
- [Minute and Tabled Documents – CICA Board Meeting B#50 \(Oct. 15, 2010\)](#)
- [Documentation and Photo Album – CICA EVENTS in PARIS \(Oct. 14-16, 2010\)](#)
- [Information on 2010 Argentina Engineering International Congress \(Buenos Aires, October 17-20, 2010\)](#)
- [Final Draft ISO 26000 "Guidance on Social Responsibility \(May 17-21, 2010\)](#)

## News from the Regional Federations

### FIEC - Launch of the ECF Manifesto on 17/11/2010: "Building prosperity for the future of Europe: the crucial role of the construction sector"

Press Release - 17 November 2010: Today, the European Construction Forum (ECF) stressed the essential role of the construction sector in ensuring a prosperous future for Europe. The ECF recognises the urgency of reducing national deficits but, given the long term as well as the short term socio-economic benefits of investment in infrastructure, urges Member States not to sacrifice essential future construction investment in this field. In these times of serious challenges that range from the consequences of the economic and financial



crisis through to the global issue of climate change and its impact on humanity, the construction sector stands out as a sector that, given the opportunity, resources and regulatory framework, will be a significant contributor to the establishment of sustainable prosperity in the European Union.

Fiona Hall (MEP) made clear her view on the role the construction sector can play in sustainable development: On 19th May 2010 the European Parliament adopted the final text of the Recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and thereby concluded the final legislative step for the entry into force of one of the most important pieces of EU legislation that will affect the construction sector in the coming years. It is clear that in terms of both buildings and infrastructure, the construction sector has important role to play. As highlighted in the manifesto, Europe's citizens have a right to safe, secure and decent housing, as well as to efficient infrastructure.

The President of the ACE, Selma Harrington, speaking on behalf of ECF participants recalled that the construction sector represents about 10% of the EU's GDP and over 7% of all employment. and added that the sector plays a crucial role in the European economy, contributing to renewed growth and employment after the terrible downturn that has affected the entire continent. She continued emphasising that construction is also a sector that invests both in workers' skills and in innovation, helping to create the capacity needed to switch to a low-carbon sustainable future. The expertise and technological know-how that the European construction sector offers can only help to promote European leadership internationally. This leadership can only be gained however with the right regulatory framework in place in the EU, one that encourages innovation at home and ensures a level playing field globally.

### **Energy Efficiency**

In relation to the challenges facing European society, it is widely recognised that buildings account for approximately 36% of all greenhouse gas emissions and over 40% of primary energy consumption in the EU. It is clear to the actors in the sector, and to policy-makers at European level, that work on improving the energy efficiency of the existing building stock in Europe is key to accelerating economic recovery as well as an essential element of any strategy to significantly reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of the EU, whilst ensuring security of supply and reducing dependency on imported energy. The EU needs to at least triple its current rate (1.2% - 1.4%) of building renovation in order to come close to achieving these aims. Properly carried out, such works will also improve the well-being of Europe's citizens through enhanced comfort and indoor air quality whilst helping to tackle fuel poverty, a major cause of social exclusion.

### **Investment**

Investment in construction creates approximately three times as much new economic activity in the wider economy. Studies have shown that for every worker employed in the construction industry two further jobs are created in other sectors and that, in the UK alone, it has been estimated that for every £1 invested in construction, there is an additional boost to economic activity of approximately £3.

For more information please visit the FIEC website: [www.fiec.eu](http://www.fiec.eu)

November 2 to 5, 2010

### **FIIC – FIIC LXIII Board Meeting in San Jose Costa Rica**

The Inter-American Federation of the Construction Industry (FIIC) held its LXIII Board Meeting in San José, Costa Rica, from November 2 to 5, 2010, which ended the celebration of its 50th anniversary of FIIC foundation.

It addressed the following topics:

- Infrastructure
- Technology in Construction Services
- Sustainable Construction
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Network of Technological Innovation Centers in the Region (INCONet)
- China Construction Unfair Competition in Costa Rica and a tendency to replicate the model in Latin America.

Statements were derived from San José, Costa Rica, on the "Award of Public Works" and "fair competition", which are available at [www.fiic.la/](http://www.fiic.la/) "Banco Documental" / "Declaraciones"

FIIC considers the issue "CICA China" important and sensitive, for obvious reasons.

FIIC website: [www.fiic.la](http://www.fiic.la)





November 29, 2010

## **AGC - Nations Construction to begin slow recovery in the New Year**

McGraw-Hill Construction forecast predicts an 8 percent increase in the value of new construction projects for 2011. While activity will still be a far cry from where it was in 2006, construction sectors are predicted to rebound slowly, including both single and multi-family housing. The commercial construction industry will experience some gains as well. Read more about these predictions [here](#).

AGC website: [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org)

March 6-11, 2011 in Hawaii

## **CCA - 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual CCA Conference**

Registration is open for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual CCA Conference taking place March 6-11, 2011 in Hawaii. A selection of activities has been made available to participants of the Conference. For a full list of activities, schedules, hours, details, and booking information, please visit [Destination Hawaii LLC](#). Please note, you will be required to create a log in profile to book your activities. For complete Conference information and to register, click [here](#).

CCA website: [www.cca-acc.com](http://www.cca-acc.com)

