

## CICA Newsletter N° 1613 – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2015

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### Main Events, January - June 2015



#### ❖ *Roundtable with the African Private Sector, 5 February, Paris*

CICA and the French Institute of International Legal Experts (IFEJI) organized a meeting with the African private sector on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2015 in the FNTF premises. The main topic of this round table was the achievement of more infrastructure projects to support the development and a shared growth in Africa. [Read more](#)

#### ❖ *Infrastructure Task Force, B20, 16-17 April, Washington*

CICA Director General, Roger Fiszelson, attended two roundtables:

- Infrastructure and Investment Task Force:

CICA presented its views and positions on long term financing of infrastructures and the contribution of Concessions and other PPPs to the realization of infrastructure projects in a context of public debt and budgetary constraints.

- B20 SMEs and Entrepreneurship Task Force :

CICA presented its views on strengthening technical and managerial capacities of SMEs in particular in Developing Countries.

#### ❖ *CICA Board meeting & International Meeting on Infrastructure and PPP, 27-28 April, Brasilia*

CBIC hosted CICA's 59<sup>th</sup> Board-Council Meeting in Brasilia and organized in partnership with FIIC and CICA a two days International meeting on Infrastructure and PPP. More than 300 high level Brazilian Government officials, representatives of public and private financial institutions as well as business representatives and the press have shown interest and attended the meeting. The Federal Planning Minister, Nelson Barbosa, attended the meeting and stated that the challenging macroeconomic situation that Brazil is facing will not prevent the government to maintain the public investments that are critical to infrastructures.

[Read more on the Board](#)

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❖ *Launch of the International Specialist Centre of Excellence for PPP Policies, Laws and Institutions, 21 May, Paris*

The opening ceremony launching the International Specialist Centre of Excellence on PPP, “Policies, Laws and Institutions,” under the aegis of the United Nations, was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 in Paris. [Read more](#)

❖ *6<sup>th</sup> International Infrastructure Investment & Construction Forum, 4-5 June, Macau*

CICA Director General, Roger Fiszelson, and Fernando Lago, representative of the Argentinian federation of construction at FIIC, participated to the 6<sup>th</sup> International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum organized by CHINCA. The two main themes discussed were “One belt one road” and “Latin America”. CICA Director General spoke at Panel 3 on Innovative Financing Modes and Multilateral Financial Cooperation on Cross-border Infrastructure Projects as well as at the roundtable of Chairmen and Presidents of Associations of Construction.

To be noticed: CHINCA has a new President, Fang Qiuchen. [Read more](#)

❖ *PPP Days and UNECE meeting, 17-18 June, London*

CICA Director General Roger Fiszelson participated to the UNECE’s Business Advisory Board and to the PPP Days meetings in London together with CBIC President Jose Carlos Martins.

## **CICA WORKING GROUPS**

### *Infrastructure Long Term Financing Working Group*

The interest for such a working group was confirmed at the CICA Board-Council meeting in Brasilia on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2015. It was also comforted by the interest generated by the roundtable on “Long-term financing market and its sources” organized during the International Meeting on Infrastructure and PPP hosted by CBIC, following the Board meeting in Brasilia. The roundtables following the next CICA Board in Paris on 16-17 November should also enrich the reflection in this regard. [Read more](#)

### *Procurement Working Group*

- *World Bank Procurement Reform*

CICA and EIC worked jointly on the Revised Proposed New Framework for the World Bank’s Procurement Policy. The Operations Policy and Country Services (OPCS), of which Chief Procurement Officer Chris BROWNE is dependent, made a report that should be approved by the Committee on Development Effectiveness (CODE) which is a committee restricted to a few members of the Board of the Bank. This report made by the OPCS did not take into consideration the numerous recommendations made by EIC /FIDIC/CICA via a joint position paper and a letter addressed to express the concerns of the construction and engineers sectors.

- *African Development Bank (AfDB) Procurement Reform*

CICA Secretariat met with representatives of the African Development Bank’s Procurement and Fiduciary Services Department in Paris in February and in May. The AfDB’s Procurement Reform is the first item of the agenda of the CICA-EIC mission at the AfDB’s headquarters in Abidjan in November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. A full session will be dedicated to the presentation of the reform, the harmonization with other MDBs, the impact of the implementation of the reform on AfDB-financed projects. Exchanges of views will be encouraged. Minutes of the meeting will be sent to CICA members who cannot join the mission.

- *Abnormally Low Tenders*

CICA is following the works done by the Multilateral Development Banks' working group on Abnormally Low Tenders that EBRD is leading.

CICA Secretariat met with representatives of EBRD in the context of an EIC Contract Conditions working group meeting in Frankfurt on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

A proposition of a CICA position on Abnormally Low Tenders was circulated to all CICA Members and Friends. Please send all comments and contributions by email to CICA Secretariat.

### *PPP Working Group*

- *International Centre of Excellence on PPPs and Concessions (ICoE)*

- Geoffrey Hamilton, Chief, Cooperation and Partnerships Section at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, confirmed his wish to join the CICA-EIC mission to the AfDB in Abidjan in November. He will speak about the standards the ICoE aims at promoting in the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals post-2015. One of the CICA-EIC mission to the AfDB's objective is to precise how the AfDB can USE the ICoE for the training of the Bank's staff;
- CICA Secretariat is still following up with CBIC how a hub of the ICoE can successfully be implemented in Brazil.

- *ISMED – OECD*

Following the reflections and works initiated since 2010 by the European Union, Multilateral Development Banks, Insurers etc., the working group established under the "MENA-OECD Investment Programme", and of which CICA is an active participant, has finalized a vademecum on PPPs. It is still at a consultation phase and comments and views from CICA members are welcome.

[Login to CICA website to access the draft vademecum.](#)

## **CICA Main Upcoming Events**

### ❖ *World Bank IAGP Meeting, 21-22 September, Washington*

CICA Director General Roger Fiszelson, as member of the International Advisory Group on Procurement (IAGP), will attend the next meeting in Washington.

### ❖ *ICoE-related events, October-November, Paris*

- ICoE invited a delegation of the Law and Regulations Department of National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of China on PPP practices and legislations to visit the Centre for experiences exchange and to visit some PPP enterprises in France during 13<sup>th</sup> of October to 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2015;
- ICoE will receive a delegation of the Belorussian PPP Unit in Paris on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November to exchange views on ICoE works.

### ❖ *World Road Congress, 2-6 November 2015, Seoul*

Michel Démarre, SEFI Director General and EIC Past President will present in the name of CICA at World Road Association Congress in Seoul on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 a position on **"How CAN good road project preparation help curb down corruption"**.

### ❖ *CICA Board-Council Meeting and roundtables, 16-17 November 2015, Paris*

CICA will host the 60<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in Paris. The roundtables that will follow the statutory matters will focus on long term financing of Infrastructure. The programme is being finalized and will be communicated soon.

## ❖ *CICA-EIC Mission at the African Development Bank (AfDB) Headquarters, 19-20 November 2015, Abidjan*

CICA is organizing, jointly with the EIC a two-day mission to the headquarters of the AfDB in Abidjan to discuss the following topics:

- Reform of the Bank's Procurement - implementation of the new Procurement Policy and related challenges;
- Public Private Partnerships - The use of the International Center of Excellence on Concessions and PPP (ICoE-PPP);
- How can CICA-EIC contribute to building capacity of the national private sector (NPS) by preparing training modules and delivering training sessions?
- Development of Infrastructure in Africa, Opportunities.

Meetings with the African private sector should also be organized on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

## News from FIEC



## ❖ *FIEC Annual Congress and Conference with Jean-Claude Juncker as keynote speaker, 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, Brussels*

The annual Congress of FIEC, which took place on 4-5th June in Brussels, gathered contractors from all over the EU and focused on the main drivers for stronger competitiveness of the construction industry, which, in 2014 represented almost 9% of the EU28 GDP, in the light of the "Juncker Plan" for investment, growth and jobs. [Read more](#)

## ❖ *FIEC is supporting the latest EU Commission initiative "Apprenticeships for the Construction Industry of tomorrow"*

The European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EaFA) launched in July 2013 is a multi-stakeholder initiative to boost the quality, supply and image of apprenticeships in Europe. In the context of "Construction 2020", the European Commission (DG GROW) has launched a specific communication campaign targeted at the CONSTRUCTION sector to attract young talent and improve the image of the sector, and to encourage the construction industry to offer more and better apprenticeships. [Read more](#)

## ❖ *Upcoming event: FIEC/FNTP/FFB - Conference "Climate Change : The Construction Industry Solutions" in Paris on 4/12/2015*

The European construction industry is a key sector in terms of what can be done to address climate change, with regard to both mitigation and adaptation. Hence, FIEC has been supporting its members on the path towards low carbon markets for more than 20 years. In parallel to the forthcoming 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Paris, our members and partners will present their contributions. During a conference "Climate Change: The Construction Industry Solutions", on 4<sup>th</sup> December, in Paris, on the Champs-Élysées, in parallel to COP21, FIEC intends to propose specific action for the next decade and demonstrate examples of European best practice. [Register for the event](#)

## ❖ *Latest FIEC publications available :*

- FIEC Annual Report (EN/FR/DE): [Download](#)
- FIEC Statistical Report (edition 2015): [Download](#)
- FIEC Key figures: [Download](#)

## ❖ *News from EIC*

Read EIC Newsletters:

- [Issue June/July 2015](#)
- [Issue May 2015](#)
- [Issue March 2015](#)
- [Issue Jan/Feb 2015](#)



EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION  
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Next EIC General Assembly will be hosted by the Dutch federation of construction (NABU) in Rotterdam on 8-9 October, 2015. [Read more](#)

## News from FIIC

### ❖ *FIIC 30<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Congress of Construction Industry and 73<sup>rd</sup> Board-Council Meeting, 19-22 October 2015, Santiago*

The Chilean Chamber of Construction (CChC) will host FIIC's 30th Inter-American Congress of Construction Industry and 73<sup>rd</sup> Board-Council Meeting in Santiago, Chile, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> of October 2015.

Highest level speakers will participate, notably the following guests:

- Dr. Juan Sosa, Infrastructure Vice CAF Development Bank of Latin America;
- Ken Livingstone, former Mayor of London, England;
- Christopher Zegras, Associate Professor Transportation & Urban Planning MIT, USA

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### ❖ *2<sup>nd</sup> Latin American Meeting of Directors / Managers of Chambers of Construction, 19 October 2015, Santiago*

### ❖ *International Construction Fair - EDIFICA, ExpoHormigón and CONEX, 21-24 October 2015, Santiago*

The International Construction Fair - EDIFICA, EXPOHORMIGÓN and CONEXPO will feature 800 exhibitors in more than 70,000 m2 of exhibition, the largest in Latin America in its genre.

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### ❖ *National Conference of the Construction Industry (ENIC), 23-25 September 2015, Salvador de Bahia*

The Brazilian Chamber of the Construction Industry (CBIC), the domestic and international representative body of the Construction Industry and the Real-Estate Market, organizes the National Conference of the Construction Industry (ENIC). It is the sector's most important event, drawing approximately 2,000 executives from around the country to discuss the key issues for the industry and Brazil's future. The principal theme of the conference will be: "A more efficient Brazil, a more just country."

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