



***Opening speech of Emre Aykar, CICA President, on 18th November 2015,
At Abidjan AfDB headquarter, CICA-EIC meeting***

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues
Dear Directors of AfDB

On behalf of CICA – EIC delegation I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity of having this two days meeting, here in Abidjan, in order to launch the collaboration and partnership between our institutions.

If we underline more specifically we believe that these meetings will enable us to reach two main set of objectives:

First, they will allow the Bank to share with us relevant information about latest developments of the Bank's new procurement policy frame work and also information on business opportunities related to PPP projects pipeline to be developed in the region; in the ten years to come.

Second, these meetings will create a platform to discuss how the Bank can cooperate with the International Center of Excellence on PPP policies, law and institutions, launched by CICA and IFEJI, under the auspices of UNECE, on 21st May in Paris this year.

The presentations and discussions that will be held between the participants, will make clear how the Bank can take advantage of the center, to cover needs expressed for the training of Bank staff as well as public servants of Regional Member Countries.

Ladies Gentlemen,

Global yearly construction activities is expected to reach 15t \$ by 2025, compared to 9t \$ in 2012.

60% of these activities will be in emerging markets, compared to 35 % in 2005.

In this respect, sub-saharan Africa is expected to be the second fastest growing construction region to 2025, after emerging Asia.

African nations are also urbanizing fast and urban population of sub-saharan Africa is estimated to grow almost 70% by 2025, becoming increasingly middle class. As a result, there will be significant need for construction of housing, urban transportation, medical and educational facilities, energy and water supply in this region of the world. Taking this into account I would like to underline that our meetings today and tomorrow should constitute a first step to set up a platform of cooperation and partnership between CICA / EIC and the Bank and should continue in coming months to contribute to the strengthening of our capacities with the objective of facilitating the realization of an increased volume of public service infrastructure projects, in parallel to UN "Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals".

Dear Colleagues of AfDB,

Taking this opportunity I would like to give you a short information about CICA and our activities.

CICA, Confederation of International Contractors Association is established in 1974, 41 years ago by 3 regional federations, namely European, Latin American and middle eastern, representing 61 countries, as a voluntary, non-profit, global association today in addition to these federations we have CHINCA (Chinese Int. Contractors Assoc.)

OCAJI (Overseas Construction Association of Japan)

CBIC (Brazilian Chamber of Construction Indust.)

CCA (Canadian Construction Assoc.)

TCA (Turkish Contractors Association)

FNTP (Federation National des Travaux Public)

as our members and about 20 individual construction companies are under our umbrella. I can summarize the different missions of CICA as follows:

- CICA represents and speaks for the construction industry on technical, legal and political matters of international concern and provides a forum for fellowship, cooperation and interaction with member federations and linked institutions.
- CICA is acting as a club for contractors of any size and as a lobby at international level interacting with worldwide public organizations.
- CICA encourages exchanges and improvement of experiences, information and technical knowledge.
- CICA promotes investment in engineering and building that enhances both our environment and the quality of life for all.
- CICA promotes the global construction industry, by stressing notably its fundamental impact on the economy at local, regional and global levels.

CICA in order to achieve these missions: regularly holds high level meetings with international organizations such as the World Bank and other Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and Development Financial Institutions (DFIs), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the United Nations (UN), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC). CICA is also interacting closely with industry and professional associations, specialized institutions and non-governmental organizations.

Main Topics dealt by our confederation are:

- Best practices;
- Project Preparation (Well Prepared Project – WPP);
- Procurement;
- Anticorruption and integrity;
- Sustainable development and Green business;
- Concession and associate forms of Public-Private Partnership.

Another important subject treated by CICA concerns ways and means to realize largest number of projects of infrastructures which, delivering essential public services in favor of the citizens are an essential factor of their growth and their development.

Indeed, if it is unanimously recognized that the creation and the maintenance of infrastructures of public services are essential to the establishment of a prosperous economy, the conditions to

reach them are still very insufficiently satisfied. The absence of public capacity of financing is most of the time mentioned as the main reason to explain these deficiencies. The recourse to the techniques of Project Finance/PFI is presented as being the solution. For this reason our organization spends considerable effort to find solutions to organizing long term financing of infrastructures.

Dear Participants, Dear Colleagues from AfDB

I thank you again on behalf of our delegation, for this organization and I hope that these two days meetings will be beneficial and create very fruitful results for all of us.