Welcome to this twenty-ninth edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

Let me start off by reminding everyone why this is an important month for FIDIC. On 22 July 2023 FIDIC commemorated the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the federation.

Despite being a summer holiday period for most of the staff at the HQ, this has been another busy month for FIDIC.

At the end of June, I was very honoured to have been elected a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering at an investiture ceremony of this year.

Earlier in July, I gave some opening remarks at King’s College London Summer programme which is run by the College’s London Centre of Construction Law in collaboration with FIDIC. This event was a success, and I was delighted to learn that due to its ever-increasing popularity, it was oversubscribed and could only take on 28 participants.

This month as well, we welcomed Eric Chiang who was appointed as the new FIDIC Chief Operations Officer (COO). In this new role, he will help the federation to better manage the financial and operational efficiency as we seek to enhance our global deliverables.
A week ago, the FIDIC President, Anthony Barry, myself, as well as two key members of staff travelled to Beijing on our first official business trip since the Covid-19 pandemic restricted travel to China. This was a very productive and important trip as we had the opportunity to meet with several key stakeholders including CNAEC, AIIB, CHINCA, and to engage more actively with our partners such as CMP and CIETAC, while also looking to develop new relationships in the country.

You will be pleased to know that the new guide on the Selection of Consultants has been published and is officially available from the FIDIC website. It will help improve the existing Qualifications and Cost-based selection.

ERBD has also renewed its five-year agreement with FIDIC and this will see this leading multilateral development bank continue to use FIDIC’s major standard construction contracts and adopt FIDIC’s new publications over that period of time. In addition, I am pleased to update you that the FCL Certification and Management boards met for their respective in-person meetings in Geneva from 6 - 7 July. These meetings were successful and offered an important opportunity for the members to meet and discuss on various operational matters, with decisions being taken on the governance and management of the various FCL procedures and programmes. The FIDIC Academy has also recently expanded its courses’ scope by offering more affordable and on-demand courses, which will be offered in six languages. One of our most popular FIDIC Contract courses has now gained official CPD accreditation.

Going forward, for remainder of this month, our focus will be on the continued preparation for the Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) and the various steps to close out the pending conference planning. This said, do not forget to register for the GIC 2023 which is taking place in Singapore in two months-time. Our programme and speakers list are already available online and we are pleased to have so many exciting speakers lined up for the conference.

We are pleased that many of the 2020 group of our FCCE graduates have already signed up for the recertification procedure. I am confident while appreciating the
stellar value of this FIDIC certification, will do their best to renew this unique international qualification. As you are well aware, every single FCCE who was certified in China is part of an elite group of certificate holders.

In addition, our FCCE certificate holders are also encouraged to attend the conference in Singapore as we will also be organising a certificate award ceremony for all those who have been certified by FCL and hold valid certificates.

Finally, I take this opportunity to encourage you to keep in touch with the FCS team in Beijing. They will be more than happy to give you any updates on FIDIC events and activities going on in this new quarter of 2023. I am certain that they will be pleased to hear from you and share information on matters which relate to the infrastructure industry.
A successful FIDIC corporate visit to China
From 17 - 21 July, a FIDIC corporate delegation, led by the FIDIC President, Mr. Anthony Barry and FIDIC CEO Dr. Nelson Ogunshakin, conducted a business visit to China, which was successful.

During the visit, the delegation met the FCS team and had an invaluable discussion on planning and strategic business development. Moreover, the delegation also visited the FIDIC MA, China National Association of Engineering Consultants (CNAEC), the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), China International Contractors Association (CHINCA), China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), China Machine Press (CMP) and Tianjin University. The delegation conducted extensive and in-depth exchanges with these stakeholders on many topics such as the Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) 2023, CUC China 2023, training and capacity building on FIDIC contracts, certification programmes and the translation of FIDIC publications. Important and crucial agreement was reached on future collaboration. This visit further enhanced the existing collaborative ties between FIDIC and the various Chinese stakeholders.

Members of the delegation also included the new FIDIC COO, Mr. Eric Chiang, FIDIC Ambassador in China, Mr. Liu Luobing, and FCL’s General Manager, Mr. Thanos Totsikas.

Expert speakers unveiled for FIDIC’s Global Infrastructure Conference in Singapore
With just over two months to go, we have unveiled an expert lineup of world-class industry specialists who will be taking the stage at FIDIC’s highly anticipated Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) in Singapore. “Infrastructure – there’s no time to lose: Sustainable global (and local) strategies to build a better world”, focused on identifying and discussing the latest trends as well as any groundbreaking developments and insights into the ever-evolving field of global infrastructure. From industry leaders to influential organisations, our speaker line up will deliver thought-provoking insights during the conference.

To be involved in the conversation from leading industry experts, you will need to join us in person at FIDIC’s GIC 2023 in Singapore, where you will have the chance to engage with experts from around the world, discover cutting-edge advancements and shape the future of the infrastructure industry. FIDIC’s annual flagship event is the traditional meeting point for the infrastructure, engineering and construction industry, so book your place in Singapore today for this must-attend event for our industry!

Click here to view the speaker lineup, and click here to book your place at 2023 FIDIC GIC in Singapore.

FIDIC announces the Member Association Excellence Awards shortlist for 2023
FIDIC has announced the shortlist for its prestigious Member Association Excellence Awards for 2023. Winners of the awards, which showcase the achievements and successes of FIDIC’s international member associations and
the critical work they do within the global consulting industry, will be announced at a gala dinner and awards ceremony on the evening of Tuesday, 2 September 2023 at FIDIC’s Global Infrastructure Conference in Singapore.

Click here for more information.

**Popular FIDIC contracts course gains official CPD accreditation**

In another step forward for the FIDIC Academy and as a further boost for our training output, last month also saw the industry-leading FIDIC Contracts Introductory Course officially accredited by the CPD Certification Service. It is much welcome news that this popular course, which provides a comprehensive introduction to FIDIC contracts, has received official CPD accreditation. This provides further validation of the quality of the training which the FIDIC Academy delivers. Employers who want their staff to receive CPD credits for the training that they undertake are encouraged to sign them up to this course. Having this contracts course officially accredited will be a big boost to their professional work and career.

Click here to read more about the CPD accreditation.

**FIDIC Academy expands range of on-demand courses**

FIDIC’s first set of on-demand courses delivered by the FIDIC Academy is now open for enrolment. The newly launched “Fundamentals of International Construction Contracts” offers a detailed overview of the basic principles and key features of international construction contracts. In addition to the existing courses, the FIDIC Academy recently released two more on-demand courses: “Fundamentals of Infrastructure Quality Management” and “Fundamentals of Infrastructure Project Management”. These courses provide essential knowledge of the various aspects related to the industry which are aimed at professionals working within the infrastructure and construction sectors. Available in English, but with translations also offered in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish, these on-demand courses are accessible to a wide range of professionals working around the world, and at an affordable price.

Click here for further information.

**New FIDIC report highlights critical role of technology and digital in achieving net zero**

FIDIC’s latest State of the World report, was published last month and highlights how digital technology is being used in the engineering, construction and infrastructure sectors and how it is being applied to carbon reduction and net zero initiatives. “Digital Technology on a Path to Net Zero” details the growing interest in technological changes and carbon reduction, and also the increasing need to understand how technologies will evolve, engage with each other, share data and further inform decision-making in the future. The report takes a deeper dive into
the transformative impact of digitalisation on the infrastructure sector's mission to achieve carbon reduction goals, and it uncovers the relentless pace of change and the pivotal role of technology both as a disruptor and an innovator across all industries. We hope to take a further deep-dive review and engage in a deeper discussion on the content of the report during the main session and the digital transformation forum at the Global Infrastructure Conference in Singapore.

Click here to download the report.

FIDIC Credentialing Ltd successfully holds its second in-person boards meetings
From 6 – 7 July 2023, the Certification and Management boards of FIDIC Credentialing Ltd (FCL) held their respective board meetings to discuss governance matters, the operational updates and the programmes’ progress. The meetings were well attended as the seven members of the Certification board and the eight members of the Management board were all in Geneva for the in-person meeting. This is the second time both boards have met in person. The meetings also provided space to workshop, network, and discuss more in detail. Several important decisions were taken during the Management board meeting which included important modifications to the FCL Manual as well as other decisions which will positively impact on the programmes’ operations and deliverables in the future. On 6 July, members of both boards were able to visit the FIDIC headquarters and meet with the Geneva-based staff.
FIDIC global news and events
For further information on conferences, events and training being organised by FIDIC, please consult the links provided below:

a. CEO’s update: Issue 38

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b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

[Image: Meeting]

https://fidic.org/events

c. Information on upcoming training courses:

https://fidic.academy

d. Information on the FIDIC certification programmes: (FCL)

https://fcl.fidic.org/programmes
Website and social media links

a. FCS website link: [https://china.fidic.org/zh-hant/](https://china.fidic.org/zh-hant/)

b. FCS WeChat link:

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