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Welcome to the thirty-third edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

This month, the FIDIC team has been focused on the delivery of the last series of its planned activities for the year, not least of which is the International Contract Users Conference which will be taking place in London at the end of November.

This month as well, we held a Sustainable Development Committee webinar. The theme centred on adaptation, resilience and climate change. This is an important discussion to be taking place ahead of the COP 28 which is scheduled to be held in Dubai, UAE, from the end of November until mid-December 2023. The webinar also provided an opportunity to consider the playbook which was recently launched and published by FIDIC and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). This publication is important as it encourages the promotion of “nature positive” infrastructure development.

The Global Leadership Forum (GLF) held its members’ meeting on 22 November. This virtual meeting provided the opportunity to discuss recent updates within FIDIC and the global industry, as well as a chance to brief the members on major development. Currently, the GLF has 18 advisory board members and 200 members broadly spread across four continents. FIDIC is proud of the partnerships that have been formed through this important initiative and the thought leadership work being done to positively impact the infrastructure industry. We look forward to the next series of activities which will be implemented in 2024, including the GLF Summit in April.

One of the major achievements of this year for which we are especially proud has been the renewal of our MOU with the World Bank. This MDB which has signed up to use nine of the FIDIC contracts for a further five years. This is a positive affirmation of the trust and
commitment to maintaining the very high international standards for the use of FIDIC standard forms of contracts in global infrastructure projects.

On the certification side, FIDIC Credentialing Ltd. (FCL) recently completed the last series of its five programme committee meetings. In addition, it also held its fourth Certification board and Management board meetings, respectively. These are the last to be held this year.

The certification of candidates from around the globe remains a vital aspect of FIDIC’s commitment to capacity building. By the end of this year, FCL would have completed an additional series of exams for all the five programmes. In December, it will also hold the final certification exam of the year for the FIDIC Certified Contract Manager certification programme.

As always, I encourage you to get in touch with the FCS team in Beijing as they can provide you with further updates on the various FIDIC activities which will take place during this last quarter of the year. I am certain they will be pleased to assist you on all matters relating to the future initiatives which will also be taking place in China.
2023 winners of FIDIC Contract Users’ Awards unveiled
The winners of the 2023 FIDIC Contract Users’ Awards were announced at a high-profile awards ceremony in London on 28 November 2023. The awards, now in their fifth year, recognise excellence in the use of FIDIC contract forms for project delivery and showcase examples of good practice through collaboration from across the world. From a global collection of entries, the judging panel, chaired by international judge and arbitrator Sir Vivian Ramsey, chose winners in a number of categories including Project of the Year, Client of the Year, Adjudicator of the Year, Trainer of the Year and Legal Firm of the Year.

Commenting on the awards, FIDIC CEO Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “Back in 2019, when we launched the awards, we did so with the aim of raising the profile of the use of FIDIC contracts and the community of users – engineers, contractors, funders, institutions, lawyers – and the ecosystem that surrounds them. I really believe that we are succeeding in that aim and this fifth year of the awards underlines that. I am delighted that we have brought together the global contract user community in person to celebrate excellence and good practice.”

Click here for more details and the list of winners.

FIDIC publishes new dispute avoidance practice note
FIDIC has published a new practice note on the topical and important issue of dispute avoidance. The note, Dispute Avoidance - focusing on dispute boards, was launched at FIDIC’s Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forum which was held during the Official FIDIC International Contract Users’ Conference on 27 November 2023.

The new practice note highlights awareness of the dispute avoidance function of dispute boards for FIDIC contract users and adjudicators and ensures that best practice is adopted. Dispute avoidance is critical when it comes to successful project delivery and the note should be of enormous assistance to the industry in that regard.

Commenting on the launch of the practice note, FIDIC CEO Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “Avoiding disputes as early and as quickly as possible is in the best interests of all parties to construction projects and FIDIC strongly recommends that all project stakeholders take on board and act on the content of the new practice note. FIDIC is grateful for the important work of the FIDIC Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forum working group in preparing this practice note.”

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Sign up for the 2024 Global Leadership Forum Summit
For the second year running, global infrastructure leaders will gather in Geneva from 25-26 April next year for the Global Leadership Forum Summit 2024. More than 200 global CEOs are currently registered as active members of the Global Leadership Forum (GLF).

This is the second exclusive summit for 100 of the world’s most senior leaders in the infrastructure sector and the invitation-only event will provide a unique forum for global leaders to share knowledge with peers from around the world and to discuss solutions to the key issues facing them, their leadership teams and organisations. Those attending will include CEOs and c-suite executives from the global infrastructure community, including those working in government, finance, consulting engineering, construction, professional services, supply chain, academia, business associations and asset owners. Invited guests from other industries will also bring different perspectives and challenge established infrastructure sector conventions.

Click here for full details of the GLF and to book your place.

Contracts agreement with World Bank renewed for another five years
FIDIC has renewed and expanded its agreement with the World Bank. This leading international funding organisation will continue to use FIDIC contracts for a further five years. The bank is an influential player in the marketplace in which FIDIC operates and our longstanding and close relationship is a positive reflection for both organisations and indeed the industry that we represent. Because of their fair and balanced approach, FIDIC contracts offer international funding organisations a much greater degree of certainty in their procurement and we are delighted that by using our contracts, the World Bank is clearly demonstrating an endorsement of the fair and balanced approach that these documents offer to parties working on major construction projects.

Click here for more information.

FIDIC welcomes MDBs’ move on sustainable procurement
The World Bank and 11 other multilateral development banks have signed a joint statement to agree to commit to integrating sustainable procurement into their development operations. This move by the MDBs will help the world meet its sustainability and net zero goals and is entirely in line with one of FIDICs key values, that of sustainability. The MDBs have also committed to working with partner countries to implement national-level reforms in order to mainstream sustainability into domestic procurement activity, which is a significant step in influencing global procurement in a more sustainable direction.

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Nature-positive infrastructure webinar to highlight new FIDIC-WWF playbook
The need for nature-positive infrastructure to help provide more nature-positive solutions to the challenges society faces will be discussed at a forthcoming webinar organised by FIDIC’s sustainable development committee. The webinar, “Why nature-positive infrastructure needs to become the industry standard”, was organised by FIDIC’s Sustainable Development Committee on 21 November 2023, and took a deep dive into the issue of nature-positive infrastructure and how best to deliver it and also took a look at the recently launched Playbook published by FIDIC and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) to encourage ‘nature-positive’ infrastructure development.

Click [here](#) for more information.

FIDIC publishes Emerald Book contract reprints and new guide to its use
In a key development in the global construction contracts arena, FIDIC has published a reprint of its Emerald Book which covers contract forms for underground works and launched a new guide for its use. The new guide offers a comprehensive and practical overview of the FIDIC Emerald Book relevant positions and outlines key differences from the FIDIC Yellow Book, on which it is based.

FIDIC CEO Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “The launch of the reprint and the new guide builds on last year’s reprints and guide to the FIDIC Rainbow Suite and is another significant development for FIDIC. We pride ourselves on providing the global engineering and construction sector with the contract documentation it needs to work smarter and more efficiently and this newly launched reprint and guide has been updated and amended to take into account industry feedback.”

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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 41

b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

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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