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

Following the FIDIC Africa conference at the end of last month and the FIDIC Board meeting in Zambia, I am pleased to report that we have a new co-opted member of the Board, Mr José Joaquin Ortiz.

Most of June was spent having meetings with international partners and stakeholders. This offered an interesting opportunity to get a better understanding of the issues shaping the industry as well as the efforts being taken to address some of those issues.

Several international industry events took place at the end of last month such as the FIDIC EFCA GAM, which saw in a first female President of EFCA, Inés Ferguson. This month, after attending the ACEC’s Annual Convention event in the US, I was able to attend other strategic meetings with key stakeholders in New York, London and West Africa. During the Washington DC trip, we were also able to hold meetings with some multilateral development banks (MDBs) and key stakeholders such as the WWF to strengthen our existing partnerships. More information on the highlights of these events will be shared in the FIDIC CEO update as well as in the next edition of this bulletin.

While I have been away, FIDIC staff and the various teams have been hard at work with regards to completing the goals that were set for this quarter of the year. The FIDIC events team have been busy finalising various aspects of the conference planning for Singapore. The names of many of the GIC speakers have been published on the conference website.
After the meeting of its governance bodies a few weeks back, the FIDIC Academy has been hard at work implementing various tasks and has launched several more courses which are available online.

On the certification side, FIDIC Credentialing Ltd. (FCL) has completed two exams and has now certified more trainers who are specialised in the FIDIC Silver Book. At the end of this month, several candidates will also complete the FIDIC Certified Contract Manager exam. In addition, I look forward to updating you on the Management and Certification boards’ meetings which will be taking place next month.

I am also pleased to announce that since May, three new members of staff joined FIDIC to help with the various project deliverables for the different departments, including policy, business relationship development and credentialing services. I look forward to welcoming more staff in the near future who will help to ensure FIDIC is stronger and more agile in the delivery of its many objectives, both in terms of our strategic goals, business plan and the promises we have made to be the industry’s major reference point in terms of standard setting.

On the Awards side, I would like to encourage those who have not already done so to apply for the FIDIC Project Awards and the Future Leaders Award. This is your chance to shine in the industry and receive these prestigious awards which will be handed out during the gala dinner at the GIC in Singapore.

Finally, I take this opportunity to encourage you to keep in touch with the FCS team in Beijing. They have been doing an excellent job in informing you of our various activities, updating you on the latest information and FIDIC’s new initiatives. I am confident they will be more than happy to assist you in any matters relating to FIDIC events. I am also certain that they will be pleased to hear from you as you share any information on matters which relate to the infrastructure industry.
FIDIC Board meeting in Zambia
The FIDIC Board meeting took place in Zambia from 25-26 May 2023, during which there was much to discuss. On day 1 was structured as a Board workshop where discussions centered around global market drivers, a review of our progress and industry challenges. Consideration was also given to the many gaps in completing the current strategic plans for 2020-2024. A road map was agreed for the development of our corporate plans for 2024-2028. It was a very productive team building day, which led to valuable outputs. On day 2 of the meeting, the Board members endorsed the Nominations Committee’s proposals on a number of key items including the Board recommendations for the 2023 Board election candidates, as well as other related matters. These changes will allow FIDIC to increase its stakeholder engagement activity and meet over the next few years, some of its key set objectives.

At the meeting, members also concluded that the drive towards net zero, decarbonisation of the infrastructure sector, capacity building and the delivery of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) would remain key focus points in FIDIC’s activities over the coming years.

Regional meetings - FIDIC Africa conference
The FIDIC Africa Infrastructure Conference took place from 21-24 May 2023 and discussed various topics under the theme of Green Infrastructure for the Future. FIDIC president, Tony Barry, delivered the keynote speech on day one, while the FIDIC CEO, Dr. Nelson Ogunshakin, addressed the Future Leaders at their annual summit prior to the conference and also delivered the keynote speech on day two. FIDIC president-elect, Catherine Karakatsanis, was also present at the conference, which was attended by over 250 delegates from 31 African countries.

The welcome reception and gala dinner provided excellent social networking opportunities while the local colour night which was attended by the FIDIC Board members, was a very vibrant and memorable event, and it included a national dance competition which showcased talent from across Africa.

Latest issue of the FIDIC Contract Users’ Newsletter is now available
The latest edition of the FIDIC Contract Users’ Newsletter, (Issue number 10: June 2023) has just been published and is available for download as a PDF or it can be viewed on our digital publishing platform. This tenth edition of the newsletter highlights how busy the FIDIC contracts section has been recently. The newsletter also provides information on the important work which is underway to develop new contract documents, the launch of new guides and editions, conferences, awards and cutting-edge contract training events. It is evident that FIDIC is still considered the leading organisation on international construction contracts.

Click here to read more and download the latest FIDIC Contract Users’ Newsletter.
New online on-demand contracts courses are launched
An all-new, on-demand course which is being delivered by the FIDIC Academy is set to provide a comprehensive overview of the basic principles and key features of international construction contracts. The new course, entitled; *Fundamentals of International Construction Contracts*, is aimed at anyone involved in the construction industry – including contractors, engineers, project managers, legal professionals and government officials. It will provide a basic understanding of international construction law and the contracts that govern international construction projects. This on-demand course is offered in English, with translations available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish, thereby making it more accessible to a wide range of professionals from around the world.

Click [here](#) for further information.

New report highlights the critical role of technology in achieving net zero
In a new report published on 22 June, FIDIC explained that in the drive to achieve net zero, the global infrastructure industry must incorporate the appropriate technology into both new and existing infrastructure, collaborate effectively, challenge perceptions and take advantage of all the opportunities presented by technology and digital innovations. The webinar which was held on the same day also provided an opportunity to launch the report entitled “Navigating the digital journey to reducing carbon”. It considers the practical role technology has to play on infrastructure.

FIDIC’s latest State of the World report, ‘*Digital Technology on a Path to Net Zero*’, highlights how digital technology is being used in the engineering, construction and infrastructure sectors and how it is being applied to initiatives such as carbon reduction and net zero.

Commenting on the report, FIDIC CEO, Dr Nelson Ogunshakin stated: “This report takes a deeper dive into the profound and transformative impact of digitalisation on the infrastructure sector’s mission to achieve carbon reduction goals. Building on FIDIC’s previous 2022 report, ‘*Digital disruption and the evolution of the infrastructure industry*’ - the report uncovers the relentless pace of change and the pivotal role of technology, as both a disruptor and an innovator across industries.

Click [here](#) for more information on the report.

FCL has extended the deadline for 2020 FCCE recertification applications
Due to the high demand for an extension to the deadline of the recertification application period for the FCCEs to renew their international certification, FIDIC Credentialing Limited (FCL) issued on 28 May 2023, an update entitled “*Announcement on extension of the deadline for the FCCE Recertification application and submission*
“period”, which extends the FCCE recertification application deadline to 31 July 2023. This additional time will also allow FCCEs to complete and submit any pending CPD documents required for this recertification process.

All FCCEs who wish to renew their certificates are kindly requested to complete the recertification procedure by 31 July 2023 as stated in the announcement. FCCE recertification candidates who have already submitted their documents may also submit additional information before the new deadline expires.

For more information on recertification activities, please do not hesitate to contact the FCS office (Tel: 010-85638087, or email: fcce@fidic.org).
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 37

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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/

b. FCS WeChat link:

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