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Plenary keynote presentations by senior officials from the multilateral development banks, trade agencies, private investors, government and global assessment agencies will review the current status of sustainability and the major challenges to its implementation. They will set the scene for workshops that focus on the practicality and breadth of application of FIDIC's work in sustainability.



A bonus fourth-day optional seminar on business opportunities will feature major infrastructure developments taking place in China, with over one-fifth of the world's population and a huge and fast-developing economy. Other features include regional networking arrangements, the involvement of young professionals and business practice workshops.

Along with a focussed business programme, FIDIC 2005 Beijing includes an exciting programme of optional tours and events that will immerse participants in China's rich culture and history. Tours include visits to the Forbidden City, the fabulous Summer Palace, the breathtaking Great Wall, the Ming Palace and the tomb of the terracotta warriors.

Online registration and full details of the business, social and accompanying persons programmes are available on the conference website www.FIDIC2005.org. Participants should register as soon as possible because four- and five-star hotel accommodation at very attractive rates, and places on the outstanding tours both during and after the conference, are only guaranteed up to 1 July 2005.

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The FIDIC 2005 Young Professionals Management Training Programme got underway in early-2005 with a virtual welcome from DIEU, the training providers, to the 23 young professionals from 16 countries. Over the next eight months, these future leaders will develop topical business issues and case studies covering growth and profitability, the impact of new technologies, cultural change and globalisation on firm and human resource development, ownership structures, and marketing. They will complete the programme and share their findings at the FIDIC 2005 Annual Conference (Beijing, 4-8 September). Possible outcomes are new guidelines for business practice and their incorporation into the FIDIC *Guide to Business Practice* training manual. Registration for the 2006 programme starts in October 2005 (see FIDIC.org/ypmtp.)

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EFCA [conference](#), Cracow, 28 May 2005 - 1 June 2005
FIDIC-ECV contracts [course](#), Brussels, 6-7 June 2005
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FIDIC capacity building workshop, Tehran, 25-27 June 2005
 FIDIC-Infoma contracts [seminar](#), London, 30 Jun - 1 Jul 2005
 Quality: the way to sustainability, [49th EQO](#), Antalya, 25-27 July 2005
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 FIDIC Contracts, Kuala Lumpur 28-29 September 2005

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Contracts training programme now well established [\[full item: 46Co\]](#)

FIDIC currently partners with five organizations in managing international training courses, workshops and seminars on the FIDIC contracts and dispute resolution in strategic areas, namely Europe, the mid-East and the Caribbean. Upcoming 2005 events include: Brussels, 6-7 Jun 2005; Dublin, 16-17 Jun 2005; Jamaica, 20-21 Jun 2005; London 30 Jun - 1 Jul 2005; Asian Development Bank internal training, Manila, 17-18 Aug; Amsterdam 6-7 Oct 2005; Brussels 17-18 Oct 2005; Paris 24-25 Oct 2005; Dubai 5-6 Nov 2005; Jamaica 8-9 Nov 2005; Brussels 27-28 Nov 2005.

FIDIC is also partnering with Member Associations in organizing contracts training events in Tehran, 27-27 Jun 2005, Kuala Lumpur (28-29 Sep 2005, Manila (August), Singapore (Sep 2005), Cairo (Nov 2005), Tanzania and Uganda. Meanwhile, FIDIC training centres in China and Korea cover local needs in east Asia. It is envisaged that the regional needs for Americas will be covered in the short term by the very successful Caribbean events launched in 2005, and those for east and central Africa will be coordinated with the Southern School of Consulting Engineering based at SAACE-South Africa. Agreement has just been signed between FIDIC and a CEAI-India - Consultants Development Corp. - ITC joint venture to deliver training courses throughout India. This leaves Spanish and French speaking countries and West Africa as regions requiring further development. Full details of FIDIC organized and coorganised events are available on [FIDIC.org](#), including extensive resources in support of the FIDIC contracts.

FIDIC helps combat HIV/AIDS in Papua New Guinea [\[full item: 47Co\]](#)

FIDIC's HIV/AIDS prevention provisions have been adopted by the Department of Works, Papua New Guinea, for inclusion in the contract documents for AusAID funded road maintenance projects. The provisions are based on best practice in Africa, and are practical and easy to incorporate, with little interpretation for normal contracts. They comprise: a clause for inclusion in the Particular Conditions; standard specification clauses; Bill of Quantities items; Contractor's Compliance Certificate. The provisions form part of the FIDIC Policy Statement *HIV/AIDS in the construction sector* available at [FIDIC.org/policies](#).



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Europe looks outwards [\[full item: 37Re\]](#)

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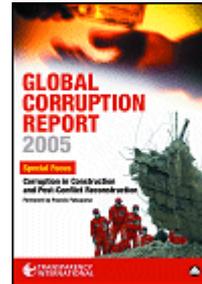
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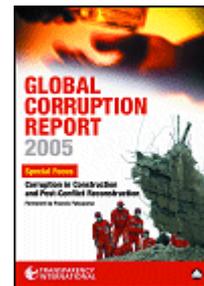
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