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## FIDIC - Activities

### Registration open for FIDIC 2011 Conference [\[full item: 123Ac\]](#)

The FIDIC annual conference is the consulting engineering industry's premier networking event. Registration is now open for the 2011 conference *Local Resources – Global Perspectives* that has been moved from Tunisia to Davos, Switzerland, with the dates changed to 2-5 October 2011, see [website](#). The conference will focus on the advanced skills rooted in viable and effective organisations that are essential for supplying state-of-the-art solutions to development challenges. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from, and discuss with, experts in the field of business and engineering. They will also be able to contribute to the work of FIDIC through the various workshops and seminars.



Although the location of the conference was changed, this will still be very much a conference with a North African flavour where Africa's concerns will be addressed. There will be reports of the future of the consulting engineering industry in Africa, especially North Africa, that will be related to global trends and perspectives. In addition to a comprehensive business programme, the organisers, FIDIC and ANBEIC, the FIDIC Member Association for Tunisia, are putting together a comprehensive and varied programme of social events so that participants and accompanying persons can discover the beauty of the Swiss countryside while enjoying a taste of Tunisia.

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### Joint declaration issued at Vienna conference [\[full item: 124Ac\]](#)

Gregs Thomopoulos, FIDIC President, and Andreas Gobiet, FIDIC Executive Committee member, spoke on the second day of the *Important Success Factors in Engineering and Construction Project Management Joint Conference* (Vienna; 12-13 May 2011) in sessions on "Innovative Contracts and Wise Contract Management". The conference was organised by the Austrian Consultants Association(ACA, the FIDIC Member Association for Austria), FIDIC, the International Construction Project Management Association, Projekt Management Austria, and the Austrian Association of Architects and Engineering Firms. A special feature was a panel discussion on innovative forms of contracts in which Geoff French, FIDIC President-Elect, participated. The first day was taken up by "Intelligent Systems in Buildings and Infrastructure Projects" with in-depth discussion of sustainable urban development. The FIDIC Executive Committee met immediately before the conference (see [News item](#)) and the occasion was used by FIDIC and ACA to issue the Vienna Declaration which called upon clients to facilitate excellence and innovation, use Quality Based Selection, avoid price competition and unbalanced contracts, emphasize the early phases of projects when all fundamentals are laid out, educate young engineers for the requirements of a fast changing world, and support business integrity management, see [PDF](#).



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### BST Global becomes a FIDIC Strategic Partner [\[full item: 121Ac\]](#)

FIDIC and BST Global, the leading global provider of enterprise business management software solutions for consulting engineering, architecture and environmental consultancies, announced a new seven-year strategic partnership on 27 January 2011. The partnership agreement designates BST Global as the sole and exclusive FIDIC Strategic Partner in the area of enterprise business management software solutions and services for the engineering and environmental consulting industry, and BST Global and FIDIC agree to collaborate globally on many of the federation's strategic initiatives. The agreement was signed in Brussels by Javier Baldor, Executive Vice-President, BST Global (on the right), and Gregs Thomopoulos, FIDIC President. Further details are given in a BST Global [press release](#). "BST Global has been an invaluable partner for FIDIC in the area of capacity development for several years. The federation is proud that BST Global has decided to make a long-term strategic commitment in support of a wider range of FIDIC activities," said Gregs Thomopoulos.



## FIDIC Asia-Pacific conference highlighted innovation for sustainability

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Creative, innovative and pragmatic approaches for achieving sustainability, the focus of the TCDPAP - FIDIC ASPAC 2011 Conference *Sustainability in the Globalised World* (Kuala Lumpur; 25-26 April 2011), highlighted success stories and hands-on examples of new approaches, solutions and mechanisms to achieve sustainable development. The conference was organised by Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) and supported by the Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia in association with the FIDIC-ASPAC Asia-Pacific regional group of FIDIC Member Associations and the Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP).



Following welcome addresses by the Hon. Dato Shaziman bin Abu Mansor, Minister of Works, Malaysia, YBhg. Datuk Ir Hamzah Hasan, CIDB Chair, Dr K.A. Chaudry, TCDPAP President, Gregs Thomopulos, FIDIC President, and Dennis Sheehan, ASPAC Chair, there were reports of country initiatives to embed sustainability within the region's vigorous economic development. Key issues were then taken up in a series of workshop presentations that reviewed the role of consultants in promoting green energy generation and green building, environmentally friendly and low-carbon developments, incentives for green initiatives, the cost of sustainable construction, sustainability driven by design, the design and construction of environmentally sensitive facilities, the commercialisation of developing technology, renewable energy and rapid transport systems, and novel engineering approaches, notably soil bioengineering for stabilising earthworks. Presentations are available on the conference [website](#) and the TCDPAP - FIDIC ASPAC 2012 Conference was announced for March 2012 in Sri Lanka. The photo shows Dr Hum-il Moon, KENCA-Korea Chairman, with Gregs Thomopulos, FIDIC President (on the right), who signed an agreement during the conference to establish the FIDIC-KENCA Accredited Training Programme comprising some 160 hours training on FIDIC contracts and best practice based upon two-day course modules.



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## Business - Development

### Close coordination of committee activities [full item: 72De]

Further discussions with senior officials of the European association EFCA that took place each month in early-2011, including meetings during the EFCA Directors and Secretaries Meeting on 11 March 2011 and during the EFCA General Assembly on 26 May 2011, confirmed enhanced collaboration through FIDIC and EFCA committee activities. It is also planned to follow up on some specific issues, in particular enhanced discussions with the European Commission on procurement policies and procedures and on the use of FIDIC contracts in European Union funded projects. Longer term it is aimed to promote vigorously the benefits of using internationally accepted standards in both the selection of consultants and in the implementation of projects. Closer collaboration is also envisaged in areas such as the use of the Multilateral Development Bank Harmonised Edition of the *FIDIC Construction Contract*, work on sustainability standards, guidelines and business tools, and integrity management.



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## Business - Practice

### Sustainable Building and Construction Global Forum [full item: 88Pr]

A group of international not-for-profit organisations representing building, construction and infrastructure sector stakeholders with a strong commitment to sustainable building and construction met in January 2011 to kick-start the formation of a new global alliance called the *Sustainable Building and Construction Global Forum*. Subject to ratification by their boards, the partner organisations are the Building and Woodworkers International representing some 15 million workers, the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction, representing about 500 member research organisations, FIDIC, the International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment, a global network of individual researchers and activists, and the International Labor Office. Discussions are currently being held with other representative international organisations to confirm their commitment to the new forum. The forum's main goal is to represent the building, construction and infrastructure sector on the leading international platforms. With the emergence in recent years of commercial initiatives such as building rating systems, the sector's role and importance has to be recognised adequately at the highest levels.

## Business - Contracts

### Romania re-adopts FIDIC contracts [\[full item: 91Co\]](#)

In mid-2010 the government of Romania removed the mandatory requirement to use FIDIC contracts for public works. After extensive lobbying from industry, FIDIC and ARIC-Romania over the advantages of using internationally recognised contracts such as FIDIC, the Romanian Ministry of Transport agreed to readopt FIDIC contracts in December 2010. The licence to publish and distribute FIDIC contracts for government-funded projects was transferred from the Ministry of Finance to the Ministry for Transport. Discussions continue nevertheless on the negative impact stemming from extensive Particular Conditions that take precedence over the standard, balanced and widely understood General Conditions of contract. Of special concern are conditions that remove Dispute Adjudication Boards and in some cases leave settlement in national courts as the only mechanism for resolving disputes. Given the tendency for the introduction of similar conditions elsewhere in east and central Europe, FIDIC has taken the matter up with the European federation EFCA, in order to advise European Commission officials on the negative impact.

### Special FIDIC conference reviewed the MDB Harmonised Contract

[\[full item: 92Co\]](#)

In order that the Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Harmonized Major Works (Construction) Contract continues to serve as one of the main vehicles for ensuring environmentally and socially responsible procurement, the *MDB Harmonized Major Works (Construction) Contract Conference* (Brussels; 27-28 January 2011) analysed the rationale behind the contract's provisions and how they were implemented, user experience for the first five years, and future developments. All of the contract's Participating Banks were represented together with most of the international agencies and organisations involved in promoting procurement best practice and the adoption of harmonised contract conditions. Participants were welcomed by Bernard Becq (photo, fourth from the left), Head of Procurement, The World Bank, who chaired the conference on behalf of the MDB's, and from the left, Daniel Tardy, President, Confederation of International Contractors' Associations (CICA), Ambet Yuson, General Secretary, Building and Woodworkers International (BWI), Gregs Thomopulos, President, FIDIC, Bernard Becq, and Jan Bosschem, President-Elect, European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations (EFCA).



The context in which the MDB Contract operates was summarised by speakers representing the International Council for Building (Prof. Peter McDermott, CIB, The Netherlands; University of Salford, UK), European International Contractors (Frank Kehlenbach, Director, EIC), International Chamber of Commerce (Jason Fry, Secretary-General, ICC), International Standards Organization (Dr Ron Watermeyer, Project Leader, Construction Procurement, ISO), UNOPS (Braye Sutherland, Global Practice Leader, Infrastructure, UNOPS), OECD (Daniel Ivarsson, Senior Adviser, Public Procurement, SIGMA, OECD), and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (Ellen Moran, Senior Director, Infrastructure, MCC, USA). EFCA was the local host and the conference was organised by FIDIC, BWI and CICA. Presentations are available at [www.fidic.org/mdb2011](http://www.fidic.org/mdb2011) and a detailed report will serve as recommendations for further discussion with the banks on proposals for improving the conditions of contract and the way they are implemented.



## Industry - Representation

### GAMA-Africa plans new initiatives [\[full item: 72Re\]](#)

New options are being explored to support FIDIC GAMA-Africa regional activities with a secretariat that is in the process of being outsourced to ACET-Tanzania. A stronger network within Africa is planned, and a growth strategy implemented, aiming to increase over the next two years the number of countries that are members. GAMA will also take a more strategic approach to its annual conference by working more closely with hosting countries. Capacity development will be a particular focus, with the exploration of not only more effective ways to strengthen companies within Africa but also of ways to enhance collaboration with overseas firms. Meanwhile, the importance of having effective regional representation was highlighted by a proposal being developed by the South American federation FEPAC to set-up a secretariat in Peru.





## **FIDIC 2011 Annual Conference to focus on Africa** [\[full item: 73Re\]](#)

GAMA, the FIDIC Group of African Member Associations, has agreed to forgo its 2011 annual conference in order to lend additional support to the FIDIC 2011 conference that is now planned for Davos, Switzerland, (see [News item](#)). Not surprisingly, the conference focus links closely with GAMA's strategic interests in capacity development, looking in particular at the concept of adapting and adopting international best practice at the local level. The recent events in North Africa will lead to a new emphasis on the importance of networking throughout the region and internationally, as the ever closer links between infrastructure investment and economic development become more important. A recent African Development Bank report ([PDF](#)) has stressed that while addressing Africa's infrastructure gap remains essential, broader reforms are also needed to strengthen the rule of law.



## **Industry - Image**

### **Advance notice of special centenary awards** [\[full item: 54Im\]](#)

FIDIC plans to mark its centenary by presenting special awards at the FIDIC 2013 Centenary Conference in Barcelona in September 2013. The awards, which will celebrate outstanding projects and consulting engineering achievements over the last 100 years, will help publicise the work of consulting engineers and their contributions to the way the world lives and works. FIDIC Member Associations will be invited to submit nominations in 2012. It is envisaged that the nominations will be for projects and contributions by individuals that are internationally recognised, demonstrate technical excellence and innovation, enduring, and sustainable.

## **Principles - Ethics**

### **OECD anticorruption conference prepared a G20 summit** [\[full item: 58Et\]](#)

In November 2011, leaders of the G20 countries pledged (*G20 Agenda for Action on Combating Corruption, Promoting Market Integrity, and Supporting a Clean Business Environment* [PDF](#)) a closer engagement with the private sector to examine best practices and other initiatives to combat corruption. A G20-OECD conference on 27-28 April 2011 *Joining Forces against Corruption: G20 Business and Government*, see [www.oecd.org/daf/nocorruption/g20](http://www.oecd.org/daf/nocorruption/g20), represented the first step in taking up the call, with discussion on anti-corruption compliance, corruption in public procurement, and the efficacy of sector-specific anti-corruption initiatives. Results (see Summary and Conclusions [PDF](#)) will feed into a G20 [Business Summit](#) ahead of the G20 Summit in Cannes, France, in November 2011. Owing to FIDIC's experience and expertise in identifying and reducing the risk of corruption in the consulting engineering industry, Geoff French, FIDIC President Elect, was invited to present the FIDIC Integrity Management System at the G20-OECD conference as an example of a sector-specific anti-corruption initiative.



## **Principles - Sustainability**

### **Banks aim to harmonise approaches to climate change** [\[full item: 13Su\]](#)

All of the major multilateral development banks have now established climate change units (see, for example, the [World Bank](#)) charged with monitoring climate change considerations for all of their projects. It is perhaps unfortunate therefore that the same coherent approach has not been adopted for due diligence, although recent discussions with FIDIC in Washington DC have indicated that inter-bank discussions are taking place on integrating approaches to economic, environmental and social considerations in infrastructure investment decisions. FIDIC has been asked to assist in the development of sustainability indicators as the banks explore climate mitigation and due diligence. Some of the banks now aim to offset costs that stem from climate change through climate-dedicated finance, but their approaches to issues such as carbon trading and green procurement are sometimes inconsistent. FIDIC's Project Sustainability Management guide, currently being updated, focusses on issues that can be addressed directly by consulting engineers. The guide will help structure discussions on sustainability indicators since it focuses on those aspects which can be influenced significantly in designing and implementing projects.

## Announcements - Events

### FIDIC President receives OPAL Award [\[full item: 72Ev\]](#)

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Outstanding Projects And Leaders (OPAL) Awards is the premier award programme to celebrate the achievements of the civil engineering leaders who are not necessarily ASCE members and have helped design and build the world's most recognised and important infrastructure systems. Gregs Thomopulos, FIDIC President, was awarded in March 2011 in Washington DC the 2011 OPAL Award for



lifetime accomplishments and achievements that have made significant differences in the management category (one of five categories), see [announcement](#). Commenting on the award, Gregs said: "I have been blessed with the opportunities I have received in my professional career and the great people that I have been lucky to work with which made this award possible". The photo shows FIDIC colleagues who attended the award ceremony: from the left, Enrico Vink, FIDIC Managing Director; Dick Kell, FIDIC Past-President; Pablo Bueno Tomas, Member, FIDIC Executive Committee; Gregs Thomopulos; Geoff French, FIDIC President-Elect; Mayen Adetiba, Chair, FIDIC GAMA.

### FIDIC Conferences and Events [\[full item: 63Ev\]](#)

FIDIC-ECV Contracts [Course](#) (Contracts), Brussels, 6-7 Jun 11  
FIDIC Contracts Intensive [Course](#), Tanzania, 6-7 Jun 2011  
ICC-FIDIC Contracts & Dispute Resolution [Conference](#), Sao Paolo, 16-17 Jun 11  
APPC-FIDIC Portuguese Construction Contract Launch [Seminar](#), Lisbon, 21 Jun 11  
DRBF & King's College London Adjudication [Conference](#), London, 29-30 Jun 11  
FIDIC-Cornerstone Contracts [Workshop](#) (Contracts), Bucharest, 30 Jun - 1 Jul 11  
FIDIC 2011 [Conference](#), Davos, 2-5 Oct 11

## Announcements - Notices

### Executive Committee reviews publication activities [\[full item: 23No\]](#)

As part of its review of the FIDIC 2010 accounts, the FIDIC Executive Committee meeting in Vienna in May 2011 agreed that the continuing strength of the Swiss franc called for FIDIC Bookshop prices to be increased for the first time in 10 years. The increases will be introduced as new reprints of older FIDIC works contracts come on-stream in June 2011. Given the status of FIDIC's General Conditions of contract as the de facto international standard, the Executive Committee was also attentive to copyright breaches, especially unlicensed unilateral changes by government ministries. It was agreed to meet with a ministry where undesirable and unauthorised changes to licensed translations had been made. It was also agreed that steps would be taken to licence the China Development Bank and the Indonesia Ministry of Works to use the Multilateral Development Bank Harmonised Construction Contract. Ensuring that the English and translated versions of the Harmonised Contract reproduced in Participating Bank Standard Bidding Documents were accurate and up-to-date remained a concern. FIDIC was considering taking responsibility for translations into the languages used by the banks.



Other Bookshop activity covered publication of new translations of the 1999 suite of works contracts, notably Italian and Portuguese versions of the *FIDIC Construction Contract*, bringing the number of translations to 15. FIDIC had also agreed to sell a new European International Contractors guide to the Harmonised Contract. Meanwhile, updating the *Dredgers Contract* and discussions with the International Tunnelling Association for special tunnelling conditions of contract were approved, and clarification was sought on the status of an International Union of Architects' version of the *Client-Consultant Model Services Agreement*.

The status of other key documents that were being prepared was reviewed. These included policy statements on climate change and limited liability, a new *Procurement Procedures Guide* (see cover) which FIDIC committees have recently reviewed prior to formal approval by the Executive Committee, a new integrity compliance manual that supplemented the FIDIC Integrity Management System guide, and updated brochures introducing capacity development and Quality Based Selection. Finally, drafting task groups for a subcontract to the *Plant and Design-Build Contract* and for a disaster management guide were approved.



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