

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC



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### FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

The Editorial Board is thankful to the FAP community for their continuous support that helped all the issues of the NEWSLETTER to come out in time this year and each one in an increasingly attractive format.

The NEWSLETTER has grown from strength to strength over the duration of this Editorial Board- adding new members of FAP to join as active contributors, free exchange of news between members and handling themes that are relevant for the FAP region! It is assured that the FAP is going to have a glorious future, with the NEWSLETTER as its mouthpiece. Our best wishes and assured continuous support to the forthcoming FAP governing committee being formed and the new Editorial Board. FAP had a glorious Annual event in Nepal, the Himalayan Kingdom, drawing delegates from various FIDIC MAs that significantly included the President of FIDIC, a first time happening for the FAP annual event.

This issue of Newsletter contains reports on the happenings during the event, and of course pictorial reporting on the picturesque settings in our venue! There are reports on the vibrant Young Professionals' session and the glittering Awards ceremony. We hope you will find the fare under offer palatable as usual.

Wishing all our Member Associations, FAP committee members, Editorial Board members and fellow workers a very HAPPY and HAPPENING NEW YEAR & ...

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## MESSAGE FROM FIDIC PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS (FIDIC) PRESIDENT CATHERINE KARAKATSANIS SPENT A PRODUCTIVE FEW DAYS IN NEPAL RECENTLY ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC 2024 CONFERENCE. SHE REFLECTS ON THE EXPERIENCE BELOW.

I was delighted to speak at the 2024 FIDIC Asia Pacific conference in Kathmandu, Nepal as FIDIC's President. It was a great honour to be the Chief Guest of the conference and attend the conference with such a topical conference theme of "Governance for Climate Shocks", a theme that couldn't be more relevant given the global challenge of climate change that we face as an industry and as a world. I attended along with board member Prashant Kapila.

I was also very pleased to meet representatives of the Society of Consulting Architectural & Engineering Firms, Nepal (SCAEF), who did a great job organising the conference and I'd like to thank the President Thakur Sharma, Vice President Bibhuti Man Singh, General Secretary Kamal Karki and Deputy general secretary Mandakini Karki for putting on a world class conference and for their gracious hospitality during my time in Nepal. Also thank you to FIDIC Asia Pacific President Sudhir Dhawan for his strong leadership.

While there I participated in a technical session where I addressed the role of good governance in addressing 'climate shocks' – their conference theme.



### CATHERINE KARAKATSANIS

**President | FIDIC** 

Despite the uncertainty facing the world and major geopolitical developments, we need to remain focused on sustainability and net zero targets. The recent COP29 event held last month in Baku made another strong call for urgent, global cooperation on climate change and we need to make sure that we, our industry, act on that. There is, of course, massive potential and opportunity in our area of influence and our industry needs to do all that it can to address this crisis.



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As we consider governance for climate resilience, the topic I spoke on, the first question we must ask ourselves is - how can we turn principles into impactful, practical action? FIDIC is trying to do just that. A prime example is the FIDIC Climate Change Charter, which was launched as a practical roadmap to support engineers, contractors and governments in embedding sustainable practices within infrastructure projects. This charter outlines concrete, actionable steps for reducing carbon emissions and promoting resilience. Please sign up if you have not already done so. Another action related to climate resilience is the WWF-FIDIC Playbook, a resource developed to provide guidance on best practices in nature positive solutions in infrastructure. These are but a few examples where FIDIC is making meaningful progress toward a more sustainable future.

Translating governance into practical reality is not without challenges. The infrastructure sector faces several barriers, from regulatory inconsistencies to funding constraints, that can impede efforts to build climate-resilient projects. Overcoming these challenges requires not only technical expertise but also collaboration across sectors and borders. This is an area where FIDIC's global influence plays a crucial role.

Our partnerships with multilateral development banks like the Asia Development Bank and organisations like the World Bank are aimed at creating harmonised standards that can be applied across different contexts. Through these collaborations, we can advocate for policies that support climate resilience and provide a unified approach to sustainable development.

This collaboration is particularly relevant in regions vulnerable to climate shocks, where there is an urgent need for infrastructure that can withstand extreme weather events.



I was delighted to be able to discuss key climate issues further during the conference in Kathmandu and to see that delegates not only see this as a priority area but that they are also prepared to take a leadership position on this existential question facing our world. The conference and FIDIC's work on a global stage are crucial in galvanising and organising our industry to provide the leadership this issue needs.

I have no doubt that this year's FIDIC Asia Pacific conference and its kev theme "Governance for Climate Shocks", will I'm sure, lead to even more effective policy making so that we can work together to successfully tackle the effects of climate shocks and the overall net zero challenge. I really enjoyed my time at the conference in Kathmandu and all the discussions I was able to have, and I look forward to hearing more about the progress FIDIC is making in the Asia Pacific region in the months and years to come.



## FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





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We are nearing the end of 2024. Looking back, we derive a lot of satisfaction with the progress we have been able to make towards making FIDIC Asia Pacific (FAP) a vibrant body serving the engineering consultancy fraternity in the Asia Pacific Region. We accomplished several landmark achievements during the year.

The most important event of 2024 was the Annual Conference of FAP, held at Kathmandu, the picturesque capital of Nepal, from 18th to 20th November 2024, magnificently organised by Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF), Nepal. The event was very well attended by around 400 delegates. We were happy to have the graceful presence of Ms. Catherine Karakatsanis, President of FIDIC amongst us. I must congratulate SCAEF for organising the event so wonderfully.

During the year, we strived hard to publish the FAP Newsletter regularly on time, while making it a meaningful publication for the Member Associations and their members. We are dedicating this issue of the Newsletter, the last one this year, to cover the recently concluded Annual Conference, including the Annual Awards of Excellence to ten of our members for their extraordinary achievements in different categories of professional services.

Participation of the MAs have been forthcoming throughout the year. I thank all our MAs for their contributions, without their participation FAP could not have achieved so much, that we feel proud of.

FAP will have elections for inducting new members to the Board, since six of the present seven Board members are due to retire in 2025. The notice for election will be issued by FIDIC and we hope to have the new Board members elected by April 2025.

Wishing you all and your families a very happy new year and look forward to having your continued support to FAP in the new year and ahead.

Adharan Sudhir Dhawan

President, FIDIC Asia Pacific



## BALI-2025 FAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE











## Get Ready for FIDIC ASPAC Mid-Year Conference - Pakistan



## USE OF FIDIC CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR TRANSPARENCY AND EFFICIENT PROJECT DELIVERY

The conference, "Use of FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Transparency and Efficient Project Delivery," focuses on enhancing the understanding and application of FIDIC standards. It aims to promote transparency, optimize project delivery, and strengthen cross-border collaboration to support sustainable infrastructure development.

#### **KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

- **Education & Training:** Enhance the knowledge of engineers, consultants, and procurement decision-makers regarding FIDIC contracts.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Provide a platform for interaction among regional and international stakeholders, including donor agencies such as the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, JICA, USAID, and the UN.
- Best Practices & Case Studies: Share successful implementations of FIDIC standards to inspire replication in regional projects.
- Youth Empowerment: Encourage young engineers with dedicated sessions for entrepreneurial idea pitching

#### WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS EVENT?

- Consulting engineers and project managers.
- Government and private sector procurement officials.
- Development and donor agencies.
- Young professionals seeking global insights into FIDIC standards.

ACEP, recognized by FIDIC, has been instrumental in advancing the profession of consulting engineering in Pakistan. Over the past two years, we have conducted numerous training sessions, seminars, and technical events focused on engineering excellence and ethical practices.



## CONGRATULATIONS PROF. SARWONO HARDJOMULJADI

#### FIDIC CONTRACTS TRAINER OF THE YEAR



We are pleased to share that our member, Prof. Sarwono Hardjomuljadi, has been recognized as the FIDIC Trainer of the Year 2024 at the Official International Contract Users' Conference held in London this December.

This recognition highlights Prof. Sarwono's significant contributions to the industry and dedication to sharing knowledge.

We congratulate him on this achievement and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.





# FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2024 INAUGURATION

The inaugural session of the event commenced with the arrival of guests and registration over tea and coffee, fostering initial networking and engagement. Following a cultural networking segment, the formal program began with the national anthem, setting a tone of respect and unity.

Er. Thakur P. Sharma, President of SCAEF Nepal, extended a warm welcome, emphasizing the significance of the gathering. The inauguration ceremony featured the lighting of the traditional PANAS lamp by the Guest of Honor, Er. Catherine Karakatsanis, President of FIDIC, symbolizing enlightenment and prosperity.

Er. Mandakini Karki, the Conference Director, provided an overview of the event, followed by a captivating cultural dance performance. Esteemed speakers, including Er. Tuk Lal Adhikari, Er. Sudhir Dhawan, and Mr. Rabi Singh, shared insights, reflecting collaboration and innovation in the engineering field. The Guest of Honor, Er. Karakatsanis, delivered address, an inspiring underscoring global engagement. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Er. Kamal Karki, token presentations, and a group photo. The gathering enjoyed nepalese food and cultural show while networking with the fellow professionals in the region after the formal event.





















### **SCAEF DAY**

#### **CELEBRATING 34 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**

The 34th Anniversary Celebration of the Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF) Nepal was a grand occasion that highlighted decades of excellence and collaboration. The event commenced with the arrival of distinguished guests and the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister Dipak Khadka, from the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources, and Irrigation.

The program officially began with the national anthem, followed by a welcome address from SCAEF Nepal's General Secretary, Er. Kamal Karki. Hon'ble Minister Khadka inaugurated the celebration by lighting the traditional PANAS lamp, symbolizing enlightenment and progress. A vibrant cultural dance added a festive touch to the evening.

Vice President of SCAEF Nepal, Ar. Bibhuti Man Singh, presented a brief on the organization's achievements over the past 34 years. Congratulatory and inspiring addresses were delivered by esteemed guests, including Er. Sudhir Dhawan, President of FIDIC Asia Pacific; Ms. Catherine Karakatsanis, President of FIDIC; and Hon'ble Ministers Ar. Aman Kumar Maskey and Mr. Aain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri.

The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister Dipak Khadka, delivered a keynote address, appreciating SCAEF's contributions to Nepal's infrastructure development. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Er. Thakur P. Sharma, President of SCAEF Nepal.

The evening transitioned into delightful reception dinner with networking opportunities and а captivating cultural show, fostering connections and celebrating Nepalese heritage.

















## TECHNICAL SESSIONS OF FAP CONFERENCE -2024

The FIDIC Asia Pacific conference sessions provided a vital platform for experts and thought leaders to share innovative strategies for enhancing resilience and sustainability in the face of climate challenges. A key theme emerging from the discussions was the integration of traditional knowledge with modern strategies to build climate resilience. This was emphasized in the session on Resilient Pathways to Address Climate Shocks: Preparedness and Implementation, where Prof. Jiba Raj Pokharel discussed the use of bamboo and laterite soil in creating cost-effective, thermally efficient disaster recovery structures. Bamboo's enhanced structural strength makes it viable for both permanent and temporary shelters, playing a key role in building resilient communities. Ms. Shova Kumari Chhetri introduced ecosystem-based adaptation (EBA), advocating for stronger legal frameworks and integrated approaches to bridge gaps in sustainable infrastructure.

Mrs. Dilini Gamage showcased Sri Lanka's Tank Cascade System (TCS) as an exemplary model for drought mitigation, groundwater recharge, and flood control. She highlighted the importance of sustainable engineering and community engagement in ensuring long-term climate resilience.







Dr. Wei Xu's presentation on urban lake restoration in China underscored the importance of pollution control, biodiversity recovery, and ecoeconomic models, such as eco-tourism, to restore urban ecosystems and enhance resilience.

The session also underscored the urgency of combining traditional and modern approaches to create sustainable, climate-resilient communities. Immediate adoption of these strategies is essential to mitigate risks and ensure long-term sustainability. The need for legal frameworks, dedicated funding, and public-private partnerships to institutionalize resilience was strongly emphasized.





In the session on Building Resilient Futures – Innovations in Governance and Sustainability, speakers discussed innovative governance strategies to address climate-related challenges. Madan B. Regmi highlighted the transport sector's significant role in climate change, noting Asia's lag in achieving SDGs despite investments in mass transport. He emphasized transitioning to electric mobility and creating resilient mobility plans, while acknowledging funding gaps and management inefficiencies as critical barriers. Hedi Indra Januar focused on Indonesia's deteriorating coral reefs due to urban pollution and climate change, proposing strategies like effective waste management, conservation zones, and deforestation regulation to enhance resilience.

Kabindra Bikram Karki analyzed Nepal's Melamchi Water Supply Project, advocating for flexible designs, infrastructure maintenance, and better governance to address flooding and inefficiencies. Ajit Kumar Mishra presented how FIDIC contract forms can address unforeseen events, recommending updates to incorporate sustainability-focused governance and promote training for effective implementation. The session stressed the importance of integrating data-driven management, strengthening local solutions, and fostering collaboration across governance levels.













The session on Integrating Multi-hazard Disaster Response in Sustainable Policy Interventions introduced innovative strategies for managing environmental challenges and enhancing resilience. Dr. Maria Antonia Tanchuling emphasized the importance of managing plastic waste at key Philippine ports. Her study showed a 37% reduction in plastic leakage through compliance measures, waste flow analysis, and stakeholder engagement. Ongoing monitoring and policy alignment were key to achieving a 50% reduction target.

Er. Krishna Bahadur Kumal discussed integrating the Hydropower Sustainability Standard (HSS) with FIDIC contracts to enhance climate resilience in hydropower projects. He emphasized hydropower's adaptability and low emissions and recommended governance improvements to attract green investments. Zhang Yaxin presented China's fiscal strategies for achieving dual-carbon goals, focusing on green finance mechanisms, tax incentives, and public-private partnerships to promote renewable energy and ecological restoration.

Dr. Tej Karki shared case studies on Nepal's Seti and Melamchi floods, illustrating how combining instinctive and anticipatory resilience strategies can reduce disaster impacts. Adaptive designs and proactive urban planning were key recommendations.











In the Means of Renewable Energy session, Mr. Roy Anthony discussed the operational challenges faced by geothermal production facilities in the Philippines, such as floods and landslides. By integrating multidisciplinary approaches, such as real-time rainfall data and hazard analysis platforms, resilience was enhanced, enabling better risk mitigation in high-risk zones. Arvind Singh Barara highlighted the role of human activities in climate shocks, stressing the need for direct mitigation measures. He proposed transitioning to renewable energy, reforestation, and sustainable agriculture as key solutions to address these challenges.

Dr. Quan Gu focused on hydrogen-based energy, discussing how wind power could be harnessed to generate hydrogen, enabling carbon neutrality in sectors like transportation and construction. Biomass and urban waste can also contribute to green electricity production, making hydrogen energy more affordable and efficient. Prof. Chen Lijun shared Zhejiang's successful renewable energy practices, demonstrating how policies and local resources have driven solar, wind, and hydropower initiatives, including the use of rooftop solar and typhoon-resistant offshore wind turbines.

The session concluded with a strong emphasis on the role of collaboration, public awareness, and effective policies in driving the adoption of renewable energy solutions.











The final session, Multi-sector Risk Management Approaches, chaired by Prof. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Maskey, focused on diverse strategies for risk management in sectors such as hydropower, flood control, renewable energy, and construction. Dr. Ajay Pradhan presented on the impact of climate change on freshwater flow and hydropower in the Himalayan region, emphasizing the vulnerability of hydropower plants to changes in hydrological variability. He recommended climate-sensitive reservoir design, remote sensing, GIS, and data management for improving operational resilience and mitigating climate change impacts.

Toshiyuki Nakamura discussed flood control in Nepal's Terai Plain, comparing it with Japan's advanced flood control systems. He proposed an integrated master plan and capacity building to address structural, administrative, and land use issues, emphasizing the value of traditional methods and international collaboration. Dr. Yongchang Zhu presented on strengthening meteorological services to support the development of new energy systems in China, highlighting the importance of accurate forecasting for renewable energy production. He advocated for integrated strategic planning, improved data sharing, and innovative technological solutions.

Dr. Thayanan Boonyarak shared innovations in sustainable deep foundation construction in Thailand, particularly in response to drought-induced landslides and urbanization. His focus on reducing carbon footprints through efficient design and material reduction underscored the importance of innovation in achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.

The session concluded with a call for political commitment, robust policy frameworks, and the integration of sustainable practices across sectors. The importance of improved forecasting using AI, eco-friendly materials, and proactive risk management strategies was emphasized.





### PANEL DISCUSSION - INSIGHTS

## TRANSLATION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE TO PRACTICAL REALITY, ACTS, REGULATION CHARTER FOR CLIMATE SHOCKS & ROLE OF FIDIC

The FIDIC Asia Pacific 2024 Conference featured an insightful panel discussion on the practical application of governance frameworks for mitigating climate shocks. Chaired by Sudhir Dhawan, the session brought together experts from various sectors to explore how good governance can be translated into tangible actions to address climate change and enhance resilience.

Er. Catherine Karakatsanis, President of FIDIC, emphasized the need to transform governance principles into actionable frameworks for sustainable projects. She introduced FIDIC's "Climate Change Charter," a strategic tool to help engineers and firms adopt best practices for climate resilience. FIDIC's partnership with WWF has also produced the 'FIDIC Playbook,' offering case studies and guidance on nature-positive solutions. She shared successful examples such as the adoption of FIDIC contracts in Nepal and Australia's use of the Climate Change Charter for policymaking. Despite progress, she highlighted the challenges of skill gaps in the industry and stressed the importance of training local professionals to bridge these gaps.

Er. Keshab Sharma, Secretary of Nepal's Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport, discussed Nepal's efforts to integrate good governance into infrastructure projects. He highlighted challenges such as adapting international standards to Nepal's unique context and emphasized the importance of strengthening partnerships among clients, contractors, and consultants (3Cs). Sharma called for FIDIC to provide affordable solutions and training to help Nepal transition smoothly into international standards.

Er. Thakur Prasad Sharma, President of SCAEF Nepal, critiqued current procurement practices, stressing the importance of national consultants for routine projects. He argued that international consultants should focus on high-risk, specialized areas, while local firms should handle the day-to-day infrastructure projects. Sharma advocated for a more equitable approach to procurement, suggesting an adjustment of the QCBS ratio to provide fairer opportunities for regional consultants.





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Mr. Gagan Anand addressed the legal dimensions of climate governance, particularly the role of international treaties like the Paris Agreement in setting norms. He discussed India's integration of climate resilience into fundamental rights, noting Supreme Court rulings that recognize the right to protection from climate change. He called for stronger legal frameworks to ensure accountability and enforce climate-related regulations, particularly in light of the economic impacts of climate change on countries like India and Nepal.

Birendra Raj Pandey, Advisor at FCAN, emphasized the construction sector's contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions and advocated for mandatory climate assessments for all projects. He discussed Nepal's climate challenges, such as flooding and landslides, and outlined the country's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. Pandey urged the industry to focus on sustainable construction materials and alternatives to fossil fuels to mitigate the sector's environmental impact.

In his concluding remarks, Session Chair Mr. Sudhir Dhawan stressed the urgency of bridging governance principles with actionable frameworks. He emphasized that collaborative efforts between governments, professional bodies, and international organizations are essential to achieving climate resilience goals. The session concluded with recognition of FIDIC's role in providing tools like the Climate Change Charter, the Playbook, and contractual frameworks to support the transition to sustainable, climate-resilient infrastructure projects.

This discussion underscored the critical role of governance in addressing climate challenges, highlighting the need for global collaboration, localized solutions, and capacity-building initiatives to ensure a sustainable future for all.













## RANDOMS OF FAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2024











































## FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAP CONFERENCE - 2024

DR. HARE RAM SHRESTHA | Technical Lead | FAP Conference 2024

- 1. Use of indigenous materials and conventional historical wisdom, ecosystem-based adaptation, innovative watershed management should be promoted to address to build climate resilient management solutions.
- 2. Incorporate climate change adaptation policies and encourage climate resiliency of transport infrastructures, coral reef and coastal pollution mitigation, and mitigation of risk in sensitive mountainous regions like Himalayas and enhance cross sector policies and coordination mechanism at national and regional level.
- 3. Recognize the importance of instinctive and anticipatory resilience and integrate into the project planning and implementation and that government adopts fiscal policy to ensure adequate fund for climate change adaptations.
- 4. Governments are requested to implement FIDIC conditions of contract and guidelines, related to sustainability based contract systems to enhance project governance.
- 5. Implementation of clean, green and renewable energy system such as hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal and hydrogen to be accelerated to achieve net zero targets set by the respective governments.
- 6. Governments are requested to implement the strategies for obtaining meteorological and glaciological data for the precise analysis of multi-sectoral risks and hazards for the resilient design and construction of river training, flood/inundation control, hydropower, irrigation, water supply and other physical infrastructures.
- 7. Involve, train, mentor and provide exposures to prospective young professional to cope the future challenges related to climate shocks.









### FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC AWARDS-2024











ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING FIRMS ASSOCIATION, JAPAN

Congratulations on this achievement!



### FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC AWARDS-2024 WINNERS



CATEGORY: POWERHOUSE AWARDS
OUTSTANDING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

#### **MEGA PROJECT**

Qiandao Lake Water Distribution Project as the Second Water Source in Hangzhou City-China
COMPANY: ZHEJIANG DESIGN INSTITUTE OF WATER CONSERVANCY AND HYDROELECTRIC POWER

#### **MEDIUM PROJECT**

UAE Wind Program COMPANY: POWER CHINA HDEC

#### **SMALL PROJECT**

- Waste Heat Recovery Based Power Plant by Utilizing untapped Waste Heat from various process sections in Cement Plant to generate green power, India COMPANY: HOLTEC CONSULTING LTD. INDIA
- Clean Ports, Cleans Oceans: improving Port Waste Management in the Philippines COMPANY: AMH PHILIPPINES

Congratulations on this achievement!





#### FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC AWARDS-2024

#### **WINNERS**



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POWER CHINA HDEC

HOLTEC CONSULTING LTD. INDIA

AMH PHILIPPINES

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## PERSPECTIVES OF FUTURE LEADERS

#### ER.ABDUL HASEEB MANSURI | Chief Executive Officer | Design Core (Pvt.) Ltd, Pakistan

Young Engineers/ Future Leaders hold session & panel discussion namely "Young Engineers Leadership Summit 1.0 (YELS)" on "Day 3 - Session VII - Panel Discussion: Gearing the Youth for Climate Shocks – Perspective from Future Leaders of FIDIC Asia Pacific."

Following were the participant of YELS

- 1. Engr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri (Session Chair) Pakistan
- 2. Arch. Utsavi Thapa (Panelist/Speaker) Nepal
- 3. Ms. Olga Tsoy (Panelist/Speaker) Uzbakistan
- 4. Dr. Malai Champokha (Panelist/Speaker) Thailand
- 5. Engr. Sheheryar Shafique (Panelist/Speaker) Pakistan

Following topics were covered during the panel discussion:

- 1. Preparing for Climate Shocks: Building Resilience by Arch. Utsavi Thapa
- 2. Exploring Renewable Energy Solutions by Ms. Olga Tsoy
- 3. The Role of FIDIC Asia Pacific in Climate Regulation and Policy by Dr. Malai Champokha
- 4. The Role of Young Engineers and Future Leaders in Combating Climate Change by Engr. Sheheryar Shafique





Session Chair – Engr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri (Pakistan) started the session with the welcome and thanking note to Engr. Sudhir Dhawan (President, FIDIC Asia Pacific) and Engr. Catherine Karakatsanis (President, FIDIC Global) for giving Young Engineers/Future Leaders the opportunity to talk, discuss and share their thoughts. This is first time in the history of FIDIC Asia Pacific that Young Engineers/Future Leaders are conducting their panel discussion session during any conference.

Initially, insights and introduction of the topics were shared by the panelist/ speakers on their respective topic and the following discussion took place during the panel discussion;

Arch. Utsavi Thapa (Nepal) discussed how communities worldwide are adopting various strategies to enhance their resilience to climate shocks. These strategies include implementing sustainable infrastructure, community-based resource management, early warning systems, and diversifying livelihoods. However, these measures come with challenges such as high costs, technological barriers, and potential conflicts with existing policies. It's crucial to ensure that strategies are inclusive, providing marginalized groups with access to necessary resources and support. Significant investments are required for these initiatives, which can be funded through government budgets, international aid, and public-private partnerships. Building resilient structures involves using durable materials, energy-efficient designs, and adaptive construction techniques.

She also discussed that urban planning plays a vital role in building resilience against climate change impacts by incorporating climate risk assessments, promoting green infrastructure, and enforcing building codes.



Improvements are needed, such as updating zoning laws, enhancing public transport, and increasing green spaces. Different strategies are necessary for coastal versus inland cities due to varying risks. Balancing urban development goals with climate resilience efforts can be challenging, with political and economic factors significantly influencing planning decisions.

She further added that technology significantly enhances resilience to climate-related disasters through improved disaster prediction, communication systems, and emergency responses. However, there are risks associated with over-reliance on technology, cyber security threats, and accessibility issues. Ensuring equal access to technological solutions is critical, and policies to subsidize technology and infrastructure are needed. Education and awareness programs also play a crucial role in empowering communities and promoting proactive measures against climate shocks, with schools, media campaigns, and community workshops being effective methods.



In the context of renewable energy solutions, **Ms. Olga Tsoy** (**Uzbekistan**) shared her thoughts from Uzbekistan's perspective. Climate change negatively impacts economic growth by affecting agriculture, health, and infrastructure. Economic growth models must integrate sustainability to mitigate these impacts, balancing short-term economic gains with long-term environmental health. Global market trends influence local economies, and policies focusing on sustainable practices and green technologies are vital. Implementing climate policies faces challenges such as political resistance, economic constraints, and lack of public support. Some regions have seen breakthroughs with effective policies and technological advancements. Public opinion and international cooperation provide necessary financial and technical support, crucial for shaping policy changes.

She further added that effective climate governance is essential for improving the situation of vulnerable groups, with inclusive policies ensuring equitable resource distribution and community involvement. Continuous evaluation and feedback loops improve governance, and local communities play a crucial role in shaping and executing policies. International climate agreements also impact national development strategies by aligning with international commitments without compromising local priorities. Balancing national interests with global goals is challenging, but international agreements provide resources for funding and technology.



Dr. Malai Champokha (Thailand) shared that FIDIC Asia Pacific influences climate regulation and policy by promoting sustainable engineering practices. Documented success stories of effective policy influence showcase FIDIC's role, and balancing regional differences is key. Promoting eco-friendly practices among members faces economic barriers and resistance to change. Enhanced training and resources are needed, and benchmarking against global counterparts is important. Bridging gaps between engineering professionals is crucial for addressing climate change, with clear indicators to track success. She also added that FIDIC Global and FIDIC Asia Pacific are working hard to cope with and fight against climate change by promoting sustainable engineering practices through seminars, webinars, and conferences. She added that FIDIC at the global and regional level can offer more training programs, workshops, and resources to build capacity and enhance effectiveness.

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Engr. Sheheryar Shafique (Pakistan) shared the importance of the participation of young engineers and young professionals in development processes. He emphasized that young engineers and future leaders play a critical role in combating climate change through innovative solutions. They face barriers such as a lack of resources and support, but mentorship, funding, and training can help overcome these challenges. Ensuring scalability and sustainability of their solutions is effective communication essential. and policymakers and the public is necessary. Future leaders need a blend of technical expertise, leadership, and critical thinking, supported by updated educational curricula and continuous learning opportunities. Educational institutions must foster a culture of innovation and critical thinking, integrating practical experiences into academic programs to better prepare the next generation to address climate challenges. He also shared his thoughts on our responsibility to make the environment better and raised serious concerns about pollution caused by human activities.

He shared the example of Elon Musk, who thought outside the box to design and launch electric vehicles at the age of 26, achieving remarkable success. He encouraged future leaders to bring ideas that can positively impact the environment, climate, and the engineering community.



At the end of the panel discussion, session chair **Engr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri (Pakistan)** concluded that young engineers/ future leaders have a major responsibility to address climate change issues by actively reducing carbon emissions and developing various strategies to combat these challenges. It is our core responsibility as architects and engineers to design eco-friendly systems by planning green buildings and cost-effective structures that provide natural lighting, air, and ventilation.

He also raised serious concerns about the lack of participation of young engineers and professionals in the development process or any regional activity. He emphasized that they must be involved in various positive activities to strengthen the engineering community. He urged everyone to "burn up the light from their ends"

At the end, he requested Engr. Catherine Karakatsanis (President, FIDIC Global) to arrange some FIDIC training free of cost for young engineers/ future leaders of FIDIC Asia Pacific, so they can keep their aims high and get exposure to the on-going trends.

After the panel discussion, session chair Engr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri (Pakistan) asked young engineers/ future leaders from the audience to share their thoughts on climate change. Toshiyuki Nakamura (Japan) and Tunisha Gyawali (Nepal) shared their perspectives on climate change and its mitigation.









### GET TO KNOW A FUTURE LEADER

Engr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri is a Civil Engineering graduate with a Master's Degree in Structural Engineering and Construction Management, during which he received a Gold Medal. As an entrepreneur, he runs his consultancy firm, M/s. Design Core (Pvt.) Ltd., and is also associated with M/s. Atif Nazar (Pvt.) Ltd., one of the leading consultancy firms in Pakistan. He is currently involved in various public and private sector projects in Pakistan, particularly in the healthcare, educational, and industrial sectors.

Engr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri is a vibrant and dynamic young professional from Pakistan. He serves as a member of the FIDIC Asia Pacific Future Leaders' Executive Committee and the FIDIC Asia Pacific Editorial Board. He has also been a member of the Young Engineers Development Committee (YEDC) and the Media Cell Committee of the Pakistan Engineering Council. Additionally, he is a radio broadcaster at FM-101 (Radio Pakistan). His active memberships in the Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP), Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), and the Institute of Engineers Pakistan (IEP) demonstrate his dedication to staying abreast of best practices. He was also awarded with the FIDIC Asia Pacific Emerging Leaders Award 2023. Currently, he is a prominent advocate for young engineers in Pakistan, having formed the Young Engineers Society Pakistan (YES-Pakistan), where he serves as the founder and chairman. Through YES-Pakistan, he aims to provide job opportunities, free training programs, skill development training, and more to young engineers in Pakistan.

Fueled by a passion for innovation and a commitment to delivering sustainable solutions and developing young engineers and professionals, Haseeb is poised to continue making significant contributions to the engineering world, especially to the young engineers' community.





<b>Australia</b> Consult Australia	<ul> <li>2024-25 Awards for Excellence-Information session [6 December 2024]</li> <li>Future Leader Program 2025-Information Session [9 December 2024]</li> </ul>
China China National Association of Engineering Consultants (CNAEC)	<ul> <li>The expert review meeting for Parts 1 and 2 of the group standard "Engineering Consulting Service Quality Evaluation" was successfully held in Beijing [24 August 2024]</li> <li>China Engineering Consulting Association Energy Transformation Committee holds first member meeting [10 October 2024]</li> <li>The Meteorological Committee of China Engineering Consulting Association was established [14 October 2024]</li> <li>The Municipal Professional Committee of the China Association of Engineering Consultants held the 2024 annual working conference [17 October 2024]</li> <li>The Investment and Financing Committee of China Engineering Consulting Association successfully held a salon themed "Green Consulting Supports Green Finance" in Beijing [29 October 2024]</li> <li>Zhejiang Provincial Development Planning Institute successfully held the "China Engineering Consulting Association Development Planning Professional Committee Establishment Conference and the '15th Five-Year Plan' Planning Preparation Exchange Conference" [4 November 2024]</li> <li>The expert review meeting for group standard "Guidelines for Social Stability Risk Analysis of Large and Medium-sized Water Conservancy and Hydropower Projects" (draft for review) was successfully held in Beijing [6-7 November 2024]</li> <li>The China Engineering Consulting Association successfully held an expert review meeting on the group standard "Guidelines for the Preparation of Industrial Park Development Plans (Draft for Review)" [15 November 2024]</li> <li>The China Engineering Consulting Project won the FIDIC Asia Pacific Outstanding Infrastructure Project Award [19-20 November 2024]</li> <li>The member units of the China Advisory Association won the 2024 FIDIC Contract User Contractor of the Year Award [3 December 2024]</li> </ul>
India Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI)	<ul> <li>Seminar on "Quality of Design and Construction for Sustainable Infrastructure" [12-13 August 2024]</li> <li>Online Training Course on "Design of Cable Stayed Bridges &amp; Extradosed Bridges" [6, 7, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 September 2024]</li> <li>FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in Geneva [8-10 September 2024]</li> <li>SEPC-CEAI Global Services Export Conclave on "Design, Engineering, Construction, Space, Energy (incl. Nuclear) and Defense" at New Delhi [4 October 2024]</li> <li>Seminar on "Legal Matters Relating to Construction in Mumbai" [18 October 2024]</li> <li>Global Services Export Conclave on "Design, Engineering, Construction, R&amp;D and Environment Services" [29 October 2024].</li> <li>Construction Law Course [8, 10, 16 November 2024]</li> </ul>
Hong Kong Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong (ACEHK)	<ul> <li>ACEHK Annual Awards 2024 [9 September 2024]</li> <li>ACEHK Annual Seminar 2024: Al Application in Engineering [20 September 2024]</li> <li>ACEHK Expresses Support for the Policy Address 2024 [21 October 2024]</li> </ul>



#### Indonesia

Indonesian National Association of Consultants (INKINDO)

- Socialization of the LPJK Paradigm Change in Improving the Professionalism of the JAKON Business Entity Association [7 August 2024]
- DPN INKINDO received Audience from the Association of Bumiputera Sarawak Negotiating Engineers (GJPBS) [26 August 2024]
- INKINDO International Webinar 2024 IKN [28 August 2024]
- INKINDO West Papua held ISO 37001:2016 SMAP Document Preparation Training [28-30 August 2024]
- INKINDO DPON Meeting 2024 [10 September 2024]
- INKINDO Lampung Members Forum (Fora) [10 September 2024]
- Family Gathering INKINDO North Sumatra [14 September 2024]
- The peak event of the INKINDO North Sumatra Family Gathering was attended by the General Chairperson of INKINDO [28 September 2024]
- DPN INKINDO receives visit from ComAp SE Asia Pte. Ltd. [23 October 2024]
- TKDN Training for Business Entities [23-24 October 2024]
- First day of INKINDO booth visit at the 2024 Indonesian Construction Exhibition [6 November 2024]
- Signing of MoU between INKINDO and SCHNEIDER INDONESIA [7 November 2024]
- INKINDO held National Seminar on Construction Services Prospects 2024-2029 [8 November 2024]
- INKINDO won Accredited Construction Services Association Award with Best Performance 2024 [8 November 2024]
- DPN INKINDO receives Audience from Ministry of BUMN at DPN INKINDO Secretariat Office [19 November 2024]
- Discussion regarding the revision of Law Number 2 of 2017 concerning Construction Services [25 November 2024]
- INKINDO attends the Development and Fostering Meeting of the Ministry of PPN/Bappenas [26 November 2024]

#### Japan

Engineering and Consulting Firms Association (ECFA)

- Planning and Formulation Course [28-30 August 2024]
- JICA Environmental and Social Consideration (Beginner) [September 2024]
- FIDIC MDB Explanation Training Seminar (Intensive Course) [September 2024]
- JICA Standard Bidding Documents (2019) Strategy Course (Beginners to Intermediate) [September 2024]
- JICĂ Environmental and Social Consideration Study Group (Practitioners) [September 2024]
- Development Consultant Basic Training (Mid-Career and Transferees)
   [26 September 2024]
- Young (Future Leaders) Seminar [October 2024]
- FIDIC Conference Report [October 2024]
- Development Project for Financial and Economic Analysis Workshop (Intermediate) [After Autumn, October 2024]
- Procurement Mechanisms and Consultants for Yen Loan Projects (Cosponsored by JICA) [Autumn, October 2024]
- Monitoring and Evaluation Course [28-31 October 2024]
- JICA Environmental and Social Consideration (Beginner) [November 2024]
- Beginner's Financial and Economic Analysis: Theory and Practice [11-13 November 2024]
- Young (Future Leaders) Seminar [December 2024]



<b>Iran</b> Iranian Society of Consulting Engineers (ISCE)	<ul> <li>Sending a proposal to improve the process of identifying the qualification of consulting engineers [18 September 2024]</li> <li>Minimum duration of the review period and transfer of claims to the next year [7 October 2024]</li> </ul>
Korea Korea Engineering and Consulting Association (KENCA)	<ul> <li>2024 Engineering Practical Training for Clients [29-30 August 2024]</li> <li>The 1st Preparatory Engineer Training Conducted [27 August 2024]</li> <li>2024 FIDIC Geneva Conference Participation of Korean Delegation [8-10 September 2024]</li> <li>2024 Engineering Industry Competition Award Ceremony [25 September 2024]</li> <li>The 2nd KENCA-SCL KOREA International Contract Joint Seminar [8 October 2024]</li> <li>FIDIC signed key training agreement with South Korean member association KENCA [14 October 2024]</li> <li>2024 2nd Half One Heart Sports Event (Trekking) [2 November 2024]</li> <li>Korean delegation to FIDIC Asia Pacific Conference 2024 [18-20 November 2024]</li> <li>The Second Literacy Training for Prospective Engineers [28 November 2024]</li> </ul>
Malaysia The Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM)	<ul> <li>INKINDO Webinar on Nusantara - FOC [28 August 2024]</li> <li>PCE Webinar Series September 2024 [5, 12, 19, 26 September 2024]</li> <li>Course on Fundamentals of Geotechnical Engineering 2024 [9 September 2024]</li> <li>Induction Course for new M&amp;E Engineers 2024 [9-11 September 2024]</li> <li>IEM Sabah - ACEM Sabah - MGS 1 Day Seminar on "Pile Testing" [23 September 2024]</li> <li>Webinar on Railway Alignment &amp; Trackwork Design [16 October 2024]</li> <li>ACEM Competent IOW (ACIOW) Certificate Ceremony [19 October 2024]</li> <li>ACEM Talk for Practicing Engineers 2024 [26 October 2024]</li> <li>Technical Talk on Setiawangsa-Pantai Expressway (SPE) The Design and Launching of a Highway with 3 Malaysia Book of Records [12 November 2024]</li> <li>Webinar on Road Safety Audit - A Professional Practice in Malaysia [25 November 2024]</li> <li>Luncheon Webinar Risk Management in Construction Projects [4, 11, 18, 25 November 2024]</li> <li>Luncheon Webinar Resilient Construction Practices for Climate Change Adaption [4, 5, 11, 12 December 2024]</li> <li>Uuncheon Webinar Resilient Construction Practices for Climate Change Adaption [4, 5, 11, 12 December 2024]</li> <li>Webinar on Sungai Besi - Ulu Kelang Elevated Expressway (SUKE) Section A Sustainable Elevated Highway and the First Helicoidal Elevated Ramp in Malaysia [16 December 2024]</li> <li>Webinar on "PASSING PAE" (BEM Outcome-Based Professional Assessment Examination) [17 December 2024]</li> </ul>
Pakistan	• 31st Annual General Meeting & Networking Dinner at Marriot hotel

#### Pakistan

Association of Consulting Engineers
Pakistan (ACEP)

- 31st Annual General Meeting & Networking Dinner at Marriot hotel Karachi in 2024
- Fire & safety in high-rise building at Aligarh Institute of Technology
- Seminar on soil bearing capacities improvement with local case studies at Sir Syed University of Engineering Technology in 2024
- Seminar/ webinar on innovative approaches in sustainable construction technologies at Pakistan Engineering Council regional office Karachi in 2024
- Engineers Premiere League season-03 at Eidgah ground, Nazimabad in 2024



Nepal Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF)	FIDIC Asia Pacific Conference 2024 Nepal on "Governance for Climate Shocks" [18-20 November 2024]
New Zealand The Association of Consulting and Engineering New Zealand Incorporated (ACENZ)	<ul> <li>Unpacking the Supreme Court decision on contribution claims [16 October 2024]</li> <li>2024 ACE Awards Gala [24 October 2024]</li> <li>Practice Managers Forum (Online) [4 December 2024]</li> <li>Sole Traders Forum (Online) [10 December 2024]</li> </ul>
Philippines Council of Engineering Consultants of the Philippines (CECOPHIL)	<ul> <li>CECOPHIL attended the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland [8-10 September 2024]</li> <li>AMH Philippines, Inc., one of the members of CECOPHIL, received recognition for the Clean Ports Clean Oceans Project and Antequera Church Restoration Project during the Gala Dinner and Infrastructure Awards at the FIDIC GIC 2024 in Switzerland [8-10 September 2024]</li> <li>CECOPHIL attended the 13th Technical Working Group of FACE [14 October 2024]</li> <li>CECOPHIL held the Board of Directors Meeting to discuss the organization's plan and programs [28 October 2024]</li> <li>CECOPHIL attended the FIDIC Asia Pacific (FAP) Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal [18-20 November 2024]</li> <li>CECOPHIL met and discussed with the Institute of Engineers Malaysia (IEM)-EIR regarding various topics including ASEAN engineers mobility, Asian Chartered Professional Engineers and strengthening regional collaboration [28 November 2024]</li> </ul>
Singapore The Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES)	<ul> <li>CARES &amp; Leviat Delivering the Reinforced Connection [1 August 2024]</li> <li>ACES Courses Series on Eurocode 7 Geotechnical Design [27-29 August 2024]</li> </ul>
Sri Lanka Association of Consulting Engineers Sri Lanka (ACESL)	CARES & Leviat Delivering the Reinforced Connection [1 August 2024]
Thailand  Consulting Engineers  Association of Thailand (CEAT)	<ul> <li>Course (Module 1) "Professional Selection of FIDIC Contracts for Engineering Construction Projects" [8-9 August 2024]</li> <li>FIDIC Module 4 Training - "Management and Administration of FIDIC Contracts" [7-8 November 2024]</li> <li>A New Era of Government Construction Management with EDMS [14 November 2024]</li> </ul>
Vietnam Vietnam Engineering Consultant Association	<ul> <li>Dissemination of Bidding Law 22/2023/QH15 and Decree 24/2024/ND-CP Conference in Ho Chi Minh City [5 April 2024]</li> <li>Conference "Application of AI in construction and sustainable development" [11 May 2024]</li> <li>Membership Conference and Awarding Ceremony "VECAS AWARD 2023" [11 May 2024]</li> <li>FIDIC Contracts Course in Ho Chi Minh City [24-25 May 2024]</li> <li>Signing of Cooperation Agreement between Vietnam International Arbitration Center (VIAC) and Vietnam Engineering Consultant Association (VECAS) [27 July 2024]</li> </ul>





## **ENGINEERS**





The Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP) proudly hosted 3rd sports edition, Engineers Premier League - 03, held on 27th, 28th, and 29th September, 2024 at EidGah Ground in Nazimabad Karachi, Pakistan.16 teams (12 consulting firms + 4 contractors/ vendors) competed in this exciting 3 days tournament, celebrating sportsmanship and unity among Pakistan's engineering community.

Following Teams participated in the event:





#### **INAUGURATION CEREMONY**

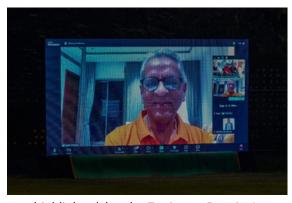
The Engineers Premier League - 03 was officially inaugurated by distinguished guests Engr. Arif Kasam (Immediate Past President ACEP & CEO of Arif & Associates), alongside Mr. Anwar Khurshid (GM of Engineering Consultants International). Their presence highlighted ACEP's dedication to fostering community and collaboration within Pakistan's engineering sector, setting an inspiring tone for the tournament.





#### **GUEST OF HONOR**

Mr. Sudhir Dhawan (President FIDIC Asia Pacific) joined the Engineers Premier League Season 3 via video link. He expressed his appreciation for the Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP) for their excellent organization of this major sporting event. He shared his thoughts, emphasizing that such events contribute significantly to the professional development of engineers.





Mr. Dhawan highlighted that the Engineers Premier League not only fosters a spirit of camaraderie and teamwork among engineers but also provides a platform for networking and collaboration. He noted that participating in such activities encourages physical fitness, mental well-being, and a balanced lifestyle, which are essential for the demanding profession of engineering.

Furthermore, he pointed out that these events offer engineers an opportunity to showcase their leadership and organizational skills outside the traditional work environment. By bringing together professionals from various sectors. Mr. Dhawan concluded by congratulating all the participants and organizers for their dedication and hard work.



### **NEWS FROM FIDIC**

## FIDIC signs new partnership agreement with European consultancy federation EFCA

Global engineering federation FIDIC has signed a new partnership agreement with the European engineering consultancy federation EFCA in a move which both organisations have hailed as ushering in a new era of collaboration and partnership for the global engineering consultancy sector.

The new agreement marks the culmination of constructive discussions regarding future collaboration between FIDIC, the International Federation of Consulting Engineers and EFCA, the European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations, and a clear understanding and mutual respect between the two engineering consultancy federations as to their strategic roles and responsibilities in representing a key global and European industry sector.





### **NEWS FROM FIDIC**

## FIDIC publishes new practice note on the appointment of dispute boards

FIDIC has published a new practice note on the key issue of the appointment of dispute boards. The note, Practice Note II Appointment of Dispute Boards, produced by FIDIC's Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forum, was launched during the Official FIDIC International Contract Users' Conference in London on 4 December 2024.

The new practice note highlights many of the key aspects of the appointment of dispute boards including how they sit in FIDIC forms of contract, the key tasks involved in selecting and appointing the right dispute board for projects, how to decide between a standing or ad-hoc dispute board, deciding on the number of dispute board members, following the appointment process, appointing dispute board members within contractual timelines, finding the right members and proposing them to the other party for agreement, how to consider the contractual list of potential members before entering a contract and ensuring that potential dispute board members meet the contractual requirements.





## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Australia Consult Australia	Consult Australia is organizing following;  • Role of the Superintendent (online) [24 February 2025]  • Contracts for Consultants (online) [25-27 February 2025]  • Collab X 2025 - A Collaborative Exchange [5 March 2025]  • Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner [27 March 2025]  • Future Leader Program 2025 - Melbourne [Fortnightly from 10 April 2025]  • Future Leader Program 2025 - Sydney [Fortnightly from 10 April 2025]  • Role of the Superintendent (in person) [27 May 2025]  • Contracts for Consultants (in person) [28-30 May 2025]
Korea  Korea Engineering and Consulting Association (KENCA)	<ul> <li>KENCA is organizing the following;</li> <li>2025 FIDIC Future Management Certification Program [March to September 2025]</li> </ul>
Singapore Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES)	ACES is organizing the following; • ACES Courses Series on Eurocode 7 Geotechnical Design (2nd Run) [18-20 February 2025]
Philippines Council of Engineering Consultants of the Philippines (CECOPHIL)	<ul> <li>CECOPHIL is organizing the following;</li> <li>Engineering Consultants Masters Class for International Practice [1st Quarter 2025]</li> <li>FIDIC Training for Modules 1 and 2 [2nd Quarter 2025]</li> <li>Participation in the Committee for Revision of CIAP Document 102 (General Conditions of Contract for Private Practice in the Philippines) [2024-2025]</li> </ul>
Japan Engineering and Consulting Firms Association (ECFA)	<ul> <li>ECFA is organizing following;</li> <li>Introduction to Yen Loans (Co-sponsored by JICA) [January 2025]</li> <li>JICA Environmental and Social Consideration (Beginner) [January 2025]</li> <li>FIDIC in Overseas Projects International Standard Clauses Training Seminar (Introductory) [January 2025]</li> <li>Training of Contract Managers for Planned Overseas Projects Workshop (Intermediate to Advanced) [February 2025]</li> <li>Dispute Board Seminar (Co-sponsored by JICA) [February 2025]</li> </ul>
Pakistan Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP)	<ul> <li>ACEP is organizing following;</li> <li>Half day seminar/ webinar on "Integrated MEP Design For Energy-Efficient And Sustainable Buildings In Pakistan" in January 2025</li> <li>Half day workshop on "Procurement Rules For Services / Works In Pakistan (Pakistan Engineering Council, Federal &amp; Provincial Public Procurement Regulatory Authorities) In Pakistan" in February 2025.</li> <li>32nd Annual General Meeting &amp; Networking Dinner in April 2025</li> <li>FIDIC Asia Pacific mid-year conference on "Use Of FIDIC Conditions Of Contract For Transparency And Efficient Project Delivery" in April 2025</li> </ul>





We invite our member associations to share their constructive feedbacks and inputs to incorporate in the next issue of the newsletter. Member associations are requested to circulate this newsletter among their members and seek articles, news and information related to past and future events to enhance the network and to represent more parts of the region.

Thank you

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