Call For Papers

TG29 - Construction in Developing Countries

The 2nd International Conference on Challenges Facing the Construction Industry in Developing Countries

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Gaborone, Botswana

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Organised by

- Botswana National Construction Industry Council (BONCIC), and
- Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Botswana
- in association with CIB

Background

For centuries, the construction industry (CI) has played a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of all nations. Its role ranges from providing infrastructure support to factors of production for other sectors of the economy. Therefore, the organisation, efficiency, capacity and cost effectiveness of the CI are of vital importance if the industry is to play its role.

However, most often the CI faces many difficulties ranging from internal weaknesses to external threats, which affect and influence its performance. The CI in developing countries has grave and more varied problems that cannot be tackled by one group of individuals or one organisation. These problems require concerted efforts of all stakeholders to come up with practical solutions. There is need therefore, for stakeholders to exchange ideas, knowledge and experiences, across disciplines, borders and frontiers if rapid and sustainable solutions are to be obtained.

This Conference will focus on examining and identifying key issues and areas in the CI that pose serious challenges in the development and sustainability of the industry in developing countries.

Objectives

While the Conference will attract participants from countries at various levels of development, it will mainly focus on experiences, ideas, innovations and knowledge, that is applicable or relevant to meeting challenges facing the CI of developing countries.

In particular, it will:

- Provide an interface for researchers, academics and practitioners to ensure a cross fertilization of ideas and dissemination of findings into industrial applications
- Identify challenges facing the CI of developing countries with a view to formulating possible solutions and future courses of actions
- Provide a platform for focused discussion on issues related to contractor development and identify best practices on issues of contractor development with a view to increasing customer satisfaction
- Identify best ways of providing education and training of human resource in the CI
Promote intra-industry, inter-industry, regional and international cooperation on issues related to the industry

**Conference Sub-Themes**

- **Theme A: Human Resource**
  Quantity and quality of education and training; continuous professional development (CPD)

- **Theme B: Performance measurement**
  Customer satisfaction; productivity; quality; time over-runs; cost effectiveness; benchmarking best practices

- **Theme C: Regulatory Issues and their enforcement**
  Legislation; ethics; procedures; regulations; specifications; standards; social responsibility; sustainable construction and environmental issues

- **Theme D: Institutional Development and Integration**
  Associations and professional institutions; national and regional umbrella bodies; government policy government-industry-academia linkages; cooperative and self-help upliftment by industry

- **Theme E: Consultant and Contractor Development**
  Entrepreneurial, managerial and financial management skills; project financing; entrepreneur attitudes and practices; business strategies; competition and innovation; globalisation

- **Theme F: Procurement Issues**
  Procurement systems; tendering procedures and practices; documentation and administration

- **Theme G: Research and Development**
  Funding; dissemination; material development; technology development and transfer; innovation; information technology application

**Abstracts**

Abstracts of not more than 200 words should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Organising Committee for consideration not later than the specified date below. The abstract should indicate the sub-theme of the Conference which the proposed conference paper would be addressing.

**Important Dates**

- Deadline for submission of Abstracts: 31st March 2000
- Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts: 30th April 2000
- Submission of papers: 31st July 2000

**Language**

English will be the language of communication and presentation of papers.
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