2nd Call for Papers

TG29 - Construction in Developing Countries

The 2nd International Conference of TG29

Theme:

Challenges Facing the Construction Industry in Developing Countries

15th - 17th November 2000, Gaborone, Botswana

Conference Organised by:

- Botswana National Construction Industry Council (BONCIC),

In association with:

- Faculty of Engineering and Technology, University of Botswana

Under the auspices of:

- International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB)

TG29

Task Group 29 on Construction in Developing Countries was inaugurated in December 1997. Its objective is to study and effectively disseminate possible ways and means by which the CIs of developing countries can be continuously improved.

As one of the strategies to achieve its objectives, the TG has planned to hold a series of focussed annual meetings and some international conferences to deliberate on key topics relating to construction in developing countries. The first meeting was held in Arusha, Tanzania in September 1998, under the theme 'Managing Construction Industry Development'.

A second meeting was held in June 1999 in Kampala, Uganda with the theme 'Contractor Development'. The 1st International Conference of the Task Group on Construction in Developing Countries was held in Singapore in October 1999 with the theme 'Construction Industry Development in the New Millennium'.

The Conference

The 2nd International Conference of TG29 is to be hosted by the Botswana National Construction Industry Council (BONCIC) and the Faculty of Engineering and Technology of the University of Botswana, under the auspices of CIB TG29.

The Conference aims to bring together participants from different parts of the world and from countries at various levels of development. These will include practitioners, managers, entrepreneurs, academics and policy makers, who will have an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas and experiences particularly on issues pertaining to the challenges in the development and sustainability of the industry in developing countries.

For further information visit the Conference Website at: www.ub.bw/news/tg29/default.asp

The Conference Objectives

The Conference will mainly focus on experiences, ideas, innovations and knowledge, which are applicable or relevant to meeting the challenges facing the CI of developing countries. In particular, it will:

- Provide an interface for researchers, academics and practitioners to ensure a cross fertilisation 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.
Who Should Attend

All construction professionals and consultants (i.e. architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, project managers etc.), technicians, contractors, suppliers, researchers, students, managers, supervisors and policy makers in the construction industry and other allied industries.

Language

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

Abstracts

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

Conference Fees

Registration Fee US$ 100 (P500).
Deadline for early registration is 15th October 2000.
Payments received before the deadline attracts a 10% discount.
Payments should be made to CIBTG29 Conference.

Conference Venue

The precise location of the conference will be communicated later but it will be in Gaborone City.

Conference Proceedings

Only papers presented at the Conference will appear in the Conference Proceedings. Furthermore, selected papers from the conference will be published in Building Research and Information and Journal of Construction Research.

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