This is the first call for the submission of abstracts for the 2009 CIB W107 Symposium `Construction in Developing Countries', which will take place in Penang, Malaysia on 5-7 October 2009 addressing, issues relating to construction in developing countries.

Background and Scope

Developing countries are a highly heterogeneous mix. Newly Industrialised Countries (NIC) are put together with oil-rich states and slow, stagnant and even declining economies. The diversity between these countries have not narrowed with the passage of time, but instead widened. Yet despite wide economic, social and political disparities, there are many construction opportunities, challenges and prospects commonly found in many of these countries. The conference in Penang will once again focus in these commonalities that can be drawn from the diverse developing countries.

Objectives

The objectives of the CIB W107 2009 symposium are as follows:

- To review and discuss contemporary issues on construction in developing countries.
- To explore and discuss prevailing concerns of sustainability, social and environmental impacts, good governance and labour standards and how these concerns influence the construction industry in developing countries.
- To discuss and address the commonalities in terms of opportunities, challenges and prospects of the construction industry in developing countries and to focus on their impacts.
- To present and review current research findings and how these may be utilised to help improve the construction industry in developing countries.

Symposium Themes

The main symposium theme is "Commonalities among diversities". In connection with this, we are interested in the following:

- Information, Communication and Technology Management
- Knowledge management
- Innovation in construction
- Risk management
- Resource and organisation management
- Built environment and sustainability
- Procurement and supply chain management
- Safety and health
- Quality management
- Regulation and governance
- Internationalisation
- Networking
- Other construction issues in developing countries
Who Should Attend

The symposium aims to bring together an international audience of construction researchers and educators, company and project managers, owners and managers of construction facilities and government officials.

Language

The official language of the symposium is English

Call for Abstracts

Participants wishing to present a contribution are invited to submit an abstract, relating to the symposium themes. The abstract should be typewritten (preferably in MS Word or PDF format) not exceeding 200 words, on one page. The abstract should be emailed to the Symposium Secretariat by 1 February 2009: cibw107penang@gmail.com

Important Dates

The symposium deadlines are as follows:
Full submission of the abstract          1 February 2009
Notification of acceptance of abstract   1 March 2009
Submission of full paper                1 April 2009
Notification and the evaluation of the paper with comments 1 May 2009
Submission of revised final paper       1 June 2009

Conference Fees

International participants: USD375.00 (USD275.00 before 31st July 2009)
Local participants: RM1,000.00 (RM850.00 before 31st July 2009)

Additional Information

For further information about the conference and to register please visit the designated website at www.hbp.usm.my/cibw107 or contact the Conference Chair Prof Abdul Rashid Abdul Aziz abdulrashid.abdulaziz@yahoo.com

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