



## CIB NEWS ARTICLE

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### CIB Priority Themes



For defined Priority Themes an approach is in place that may include activities carried out by the CIB Task Groups and Working Commissions, but that in essence is more program driven, aims for defined deliverables in a defined period and may include commitment based cooperation between CIB Member Institutes. The portfolio of such programs of activities centres around the following themes:

- SC - Sustainable Construction, in place as a CIB Priority Theme as long as since 1995
- RC - Revaluing Construction, in place since 2001

- CU - Clients and Users, a new theme that in 2007 replaced the former theme Performance Based Building, and for which a start was made with the development of detailed proposal for a CIB wide program of activities
- IDS - Integrated Design Solutions, a theme that was defined in 2004 and was elaborated to an action program in 2008.

Below matrix in a somewhat simplified way shows the prime focus and orientation of these four themes.

CIB Priority Themes	primarily demand driven	primarily supply driven
primarily macro / Industry oriented	<b>Sustainable Construction</b>	<b>Revaluing Construction</b>
primarily micro / projects oriented	<b>Clients &amp; Users</b>	<b>Integrated Design Solutions</b>

Based upon the four Priority Themes a new Vision is being developed by CIB’s President Prof. Peter Barrett for the CIB 2010 World Building Congress, a provisional version of which has resulted in the illustration that tops this News article and that states (that CIB is engaged in) Building a better world:

- that is developed sustainably
- through a sector that creates maximum value
- to meet clients’ and users’ performance requirements
- by delivering integrated design solutions.

**Sustainable Construction**



Related to Sustainable Building and Construction the most noteworthy event in 2008 was the SB08 World Conference in September in Melbourne, Australia. It took place under the auspices of CIB, UNEP and iiSBe and was with over 2000 paying attendees on of the biggest and most successful events in the area of sustainable construction in recent years. The proceedings form this conferences can be downloaded free form the designated conference website at [www.sb08.org](http://www.sb08.org).

**Revaluing Construction**



In addition to the many Commission activities focussing on this, in 2008 much effort has been spent on enabling a continuation of the RC Conference series; with success as a next international CIB RC event will take place in November 2009 in Kuala Lumpur.

**Integrated Design Solutions**

The IDS Theme was further elaborated into an Introduction Document and a first Action Program that were introduced in a CIB News article in the Newsletter [2008/4](#). Many of the IDS Theme activities in 2008 have been focusing on he preparations of the first International CIB IDS symposium that is to take place in June 2009 in Helsinki, Finland and that was introduced through News articles in the Newsletters [2008/6](#) and [2009/2](#).



**Clients and Users**

The elaboration of this new theme resulted in an Inventory and Definition Document and a proposal for an Action Program that was introduced through a News article in Newsletter [2008/3](#).

