



## CIB NEWS ARTICLE

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### Forthcoming Meeting

## CIB World Building Congress 2010



### Congress preparations step up a gear with WHO, OECD, etc.

This CIB Congress will be special for at least two reasons. First, it is to be a coming together of a total of 49 of CIB's Working Commissions and Task Groups. This is an unprecedented opportunity to investigate specialist subjects, but also to share in the opportunity to cross-fertilise interests with other specialists. This leads to the second distinctive feature of this Congress that is being announced here. In order to stimulate linkages between groups and to raise the impact that we as a research community make on the global stage, a series of joint challenges have been set with international partner organisations. These focus on how we can maximise the positive role of the built environment on a number of significant issues. The detail is still being worked up, but so far we have agreed the following challenges:

- World Health Organisation (WHO) – achieving healthy housing
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Centre for Effective Learning Environments – creating effective environments for education
- European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP) with the European Commission (EC) – addressing the global economic crisis, whilst also achieving long term investments towards energy efficiency, client orientation and industry effectiveness

- UK National Platform for the Built Environment – responding to clients' needs through systems integration, supported by appropriate technologies
- United Nations (UN) – it is also planned to build on on-going linkages between the CIB and UN around environmental / sustainability issues and questions of disaster management

These are major issues and our global partners will be attending the Congress to make their challenges and to discover what we have to offer in response. This will vary for each question, for instance in some cases a major CIB report will be ready for the Congress and will be launched there, in others we hope it will be the beginning of a stream of joint activity. However, for all of these issues there will be cross cutting, open workshops that will encourage multi-disciplinary collaboration and provide a connection to these global players.

The general deadline for the submission of abstracts is 18 May 2009. To book a place at this key event go to [www.cib2010.org](http://www.cib2010.org) and upload your abstract.

