CIB Working Commission W107 is organising an International Symposium on Construction in Developing Economies with the theme "Commonalities Among Diversities", which will take place in Penang, Malaysia on 5-7 October 2009.

Background and Scope

Developing countries are a highly heterogeneous mix. Newly Industrialised Countries (NIC's) are put together with oil-rich states and slow, stagnant and even declining economies. The diversity between these countries has not become smaller with the passage of time, but instead bigger. 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 on these commonalities and upon the lessons 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 concerning construction 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.

These objectives are congruent with the remit of the work of W107, which focuses on:
- Sustainable Construction
- Implications of privatisation for construction enterprises and practitioners
- Implications of globalisation for local enterprises
- Application of information technology in construction
- Merits of a central agency for managing construction industry development
- Appropriate construction management and economics techniques,
  all in the context of developing’ countries.

Symposium Themes

The main symposium theme is "Commonalities among diversities". In connection with this, there is a special interest 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
Who Should Attend

The 2009 CIB W107 Symposium is a major event for practitioners and researchers from developing and developed countries who are working in the areas of design and construction management, construction economics, real estate management and facilities management. It is a significant forum for accessing recent research results from different countries, to share knowledge and to network globally with experts around the world.

The symposium will 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.

Conference Venue

Bayview Hotel Georgetown Penang

Conference Fees

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Additional Information

For further information about the conference and to register please for more information, please visit the designated website at [www.hbp.usm.my/cibw107](http://www.hbp.usm.my/cibw107) or contact the Conference Chair Prof Abdul Rashid Abdul Aziz [abdlrashid.abdulaziz@yahoo.com](mailto:abdlrashid.abdulaziz@yahoo.com).

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