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First Announcement

SB14 Barcelona - World Sustainable Building Conference



Early October 2014, Barcelona, Spain

SB14 Barcelona is the World Sustainable Building Conference in 2014, is organised under the auspices of CIB, UNEP, iiSBE and FIDIC.



Updated information on all SB13 Conferences and on the World Sustainable SB14 Conference is collected in the [SB13/14 Portal](#).

Conference Theme

Sustainable Building Results...are we moving as quickly as we should?

Aims and Objectives

In this severe economic, financial, energetic and environmental crisis situation, an historic cycle shift appears as indispensable. In front of this necessity, the question is:
"Are we adapting buildings and cities to the new reality and new challenges at the necessary pace?"

This leads us to the theme "Sustainable building Results.....are we moving as quickly as we should?"

The SB14 Conference in Barcelona intends to truly offer a critical revision of the many country/regional situations regarding building construction and urban development in the world, so that best practices can be widespread and other integrative, collaborative global level proposals can arise.

This outlook comes from several background ideas, such as:

- the developing world requirement to grow... regardless of environmental impact, together with a certain debt from the developed countries...
- the first world ignorance of what is going on in vast populated areas and lack of action towards it, together with the need to act urgently.

The Challenges

There are the common challenges that affect building construction in a variety of manners in the different parts of the world:

- Provide affordable housing in an adequate environment, particularly in developing countries
- Reduce the ecological footprint, especially on the energy aspects, considering its climatic effects on ecosystems, soil, biodiversity, etc
- Promote a new model of sustainable economic activity, with special emphasis on decent employment.

These challenges are global but have a peculiar reality throughout the regions of the world, in response to the actual local needs of housing and its future evolution, the ecological footprint generated by the development circumstances, and the role played by the building sector in the regional economy. Different situations will generate different models, with specialties and similarities. Presenting, sharing, discussing them, and generating common visions and solutions is the objective of the process that leads to SB14.

Working Axes

The working axes proposed, based on country/region strategies, and taking into account exemplar references are:

- Building construction sector; country/region strategies and examples
- Districts and cities; country /region strategies and examples
- Governance: regulatory framework
- Position and role of public and private stakeholders
- Education
- Cooperation.

A New Conference Model

GBCe intends to play an intensive collaborative role proposing and supporting the "are we moving as quickly as we should" motto as a transversal theme in all the SB13 national and regional conferences.

Furthermore it is our intention to include the contribution of those areas of the world that are not represented in the SB13 conferences. The idea is to promote the participation of the largest possible

number of countries to contrast their varied realities so as to reach an ample understanding.

This will be a new conference model through which a global panorama can be drafted, with a global action plan within a cooperation framework among the different realities worldwide, on the base of specific projects at country/region scale.

Further Information

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