

**FIDIC 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BEIJING
MESSAGE TO
ALL FIDIC MEMBER ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS AND SECRETARIES**

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier this year, Siri and I wrote to all directors and secretaries (D&S) across the FIDIC member associations seeking your contribution to assist with the formulation of the agenda for our meeting in Beijing. I am pleased to inform you that we had a very positive response and are grateful for the contributions and suggestions received. The agenda is now completed and a copy is given below.

This year's FIDIC conference theme is about sustainable engineering. The topic is very relevant to our industry, both in terms of the infrastructure solution our member firms provide to their clients (private and public) and the need to ensure we have a healthy and profitable global consultancy and engineering business sector. To that end, the role of FIDIC, as the umbrella organisation for consultancy and engineering is vital and we, as custodians of FIDIC's global member associations, must play our role to ensure its future.

Related to the central theme of FIDIC 2005, we have chosen appropriate topics for discussion at the Beijing D&S meeting to address three key areas that will ensure we play our role going forward. These topics cover strategic issues, policy and programme, and showcasing best practice from representatives of the MAs.

Firstly, the strategic topics, if properly delivered, should provide us with a real opportunity to share our knowledge and agree a common approach to ensure effective delivery of the key FIDIC agenda across the regions, to the benefit of our member firms. Secondly, the policy and programmes presents the opportunity to debate FIDIC operational issues to ensure we, individually and collectively, make a proactive contribution to ensue operational efficiency and maximum output from FIDIC's business operations. During this session, we have made provision for a brainstorming period. This we hope will entail three groups comprising representatives, if possible, from say Africa, Asia and Americas tasked to identify how best to make our member firms more successful. The feedback should provide us with useful guidance for future implementations.

Finally, the MAs showcase should present us with a fantastic opportunity to learn from our fellow MAs' D&S on good practice or activities, which could be transportable to our own business operations after the conference. We believe that the chosen topics are comprehensive and should provide us with a good start to the Beijing 2005 conference.

Siri and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, and in particular, to those who contributed and volunteered to take part in the meeting's agenda. We also wish to thank the FIDIC Secretariat and in particular, Enrico Vink; FIDIC Managing Director for all of their support and guidance in putting the programme together.

We look forward to meeting you all in Beijing and wish you all a very successful FIDIC 2005 conference.

Regards,
Siri Legernes (Norway)

Nelson Ogunshakin (UK)

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D&S Meeting**

Beijing Hotel, Building E, Floor 1, Multifunctional Room B

Saturday, 3 September 2005: 09.00 – 17.00

Agenda

- 8.30 Registration and Coffee
- 9.00 Introduction - by Siri Legernes (Norway) and Nelson Ogunshakin (UK)
- 9.15 Welcome and opening statement - by Dick Kell, FIDIC President
- 9.25 FIDIC News update on actions since 2004 D&S meeting – by Enrico Vink, FIDIC
- 9.45 Strategic Issues
- 9.50 Promoting QBS in a coordinated fashion – by Claude Paul Boivin
- 10.10 Capacity Building through the FIDIC Consultants Training Manual - by Graham Pirie - SAACE.
- 10.30 Promoting FIDIC and image of consulting engineers as "Trusted Advisors to Society". Discussion and open forum.
- 10.50 Break
- 11.10 FIDIC's medium-term plans with IFIs and the MAs' information requirements - open discussion
- 11.30 Policy and Programmes
- 11.35 FIDIC D&S and President Meetings – Debate and agree the way forward for 2006 Conference
- 11.55 FIDIC Regional Groupings Review – Feedback from Task Force by Enrico Vink - debate and agree the way forward
- 12.15 How should MAs provide support for FIDIC to ensure successful delivery of its core objectives – debate and agree the way forward.
- 12.35 How can MAs capitalise on FIDIC consultations with stakeholders to the benefits of its member firms – debate and agree the way forward
- 12.55 Briefing for the after lunch programme

- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.45 How to help our member firms be more successful. Brainstorm in small groups with follow up presentations
- 13.45 Brainstorming session
- 14.15 Group A presentation – African MAs
- 14.25 Group B presentation – Asian MAs
- 14.35 Group C presentation – American MAs
- 14.45 MA Showcase News and Best Practice
- 14.50 Research findings on rationale for few female managers / executives in the MAs profession – by Lisa Langseth, STD Sweden
- 15.05 Communicating with decision-makers and opinion-leaders – Claude Paul Boivin, ACEC Canada
- 15.20 Cutting the national building cost programme - Siri Legernes, Norway
- 15.30 How Danish FRI focus on building a new umbrella organisation – Lars Goldsmith, Denmark
- 15.40 The role of MAs Directors & Secretaries - Freek Hasselaar, ONRI
- 15.50 Short break
- 16.10 Agreed Action Plan for 2005 – 2006
- 16.15 Final comments, messages and information from FIDIC
- 16.30 Round up on key actions
- 16.45 Agree Chair for D& S FIDIC 2006 Conference
- 16.55 Closing statement by Siri Legernes & Nelson Ogunshakin.
- 17.00 The end