

Message from the FIDIC President

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International Recognition

"The FIDIC brand continues to expand its influence. FIDIC members sense they belong to a renowned and powerful international family – one that is continuously advancing their interests and seeking to improve opportunities for their businesses."



The Way Forward

To manage change for the industry, while addressing the needs of a very diverse membership, FIDIC's strategy has been based in focus and synergy.





"Build alliances with the contracting industry?"

"What about the learned societies and the bodies of professionals?"

"Expand collaboration with MAs?"

> **_" Develop projects with** the MDBs? "

"Partner with Regional Groupings?"



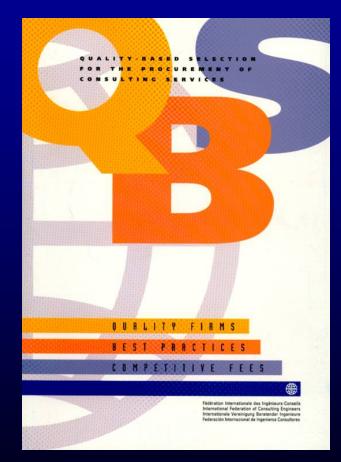
FIDIC has been working closely with ASPAC, not only to strengthen and streamline its leadership but also to review its mission and strategy. During the regional conference held in Dhaka, the importance of consulting engineering in poverty alleviation was examined.



The GAMA Task Force finalised a report that sets a path for building a sustainable grouping in Africa. During the regional conference in Bagamoyo and the "Professional Services Salon" in Tunis, proposals were reviewed to develop the consulting industry in that part of the world.



In coordination with ACEC USA and ACEC Canada, **FIDIC** has continued to stress the preeminence of QBS during the selection of a consultant.





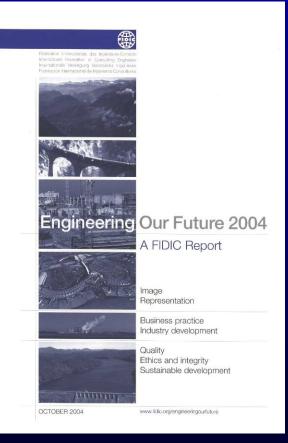
The close working relationship with the European Federation, EFCA, has continued within the framework of the agreement formalised between both organisations. Within this framework, the "International Conference" in Budapest is an initiative designed to benefit the Federations' common members.



FIDIC has continued discussions with the regional federation in Latin America to develop jointly a strategy to grow the consulting business, both regionally and globally. During the annual conference in Río de Janeiro, the topic discussed was "Strategic Alliances and Regional Integration"



"to develop, propagate and promote acceptance of global best business practice for the industry"



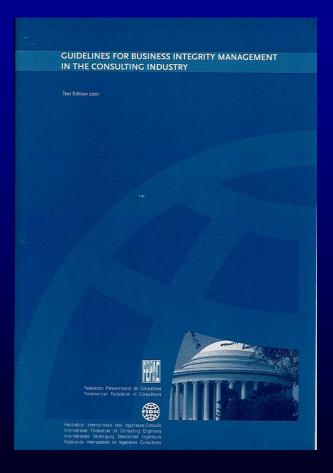


Consulting Services FIDIC completed the update of its **Client/Consultant** Services Agreement. The new "White **Book**" is harmonised with the 1999 suite of work contracts.



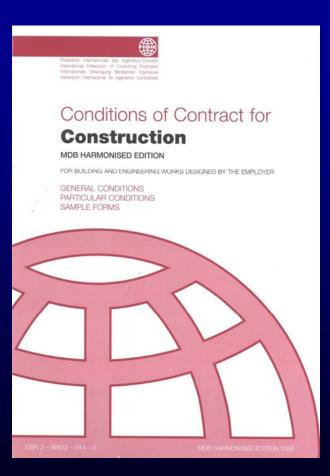


Integrity As a follow up of BIMS[©], FIDIC developed an **Integrity System** focused to government procurement agencies (GPIMS).





Works The "Conditions of Contract for Construction" -**MDB** Harmonised Edition (2006) are now mandatory for use in major works financed by the IFIs.



Engineering Our Future

"To enhance its image, FIDIC needs to communicate with all industry participants. Networking will include a continuous dialogue with clients, international agencies, allied professionals, and other related industries and sectors".





These cooperating parties have agreed to start a pilot programme for consultants in China who wish to be certified as having acquired a FIDIC

"body of knowledge".





Along with these **Federations of** contractors, FIDIC is working to define a common position of the private sector in the fight against corruption.





The "International Union of Architects" is reviewing its endorsement of the **FIDIC "White Book"** and its applicability to contracts of architectural design services.





FIDIC is exploring the cooperation with the "World Federation of Engineering Organisations" in regard to the promotion of global policies related to engineering.







Alice said: "Would you please tell me which way to go from here?

... and the cat answered: "that depends on where you want to get to" (but please, FIDIC, hurry up! you have received a "wake-up call").



"Queridos amigos: muchas gracias por su atención!"

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