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FIDIC World Consulting Engineering Conference

2011 Davos Conference

SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES COMPROMISED

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“Corruption is seen as one of the biggest impediments to world economic growth, especially in the development of vital infrastructure”, stated newly elected FIDIC President Geoff French at the annual conference closing on 5th October.

The world conference of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) witnessed over 600 of the world’s leading engineers from 75 countries, along with clients and financial institutions, deliberating on the pressing issues confronting humanity. These included climate change, sustainable infrastructure, energy efficiency, urbanisation, water and waste issues as well as better financial options for funding critical development.

FIDIC’s revised Integrity Management System FIMS was launched in response to the need for companies to offer greater assurance on the quality of their services, and mitigate the possible influence of bribery and corruption. However, delegates also called on Governments, financial agencies and society in general to also make a greater commitment to combating corrupt.

“With the addition of Palestine and Mozambique this year FIDIC can now gather the resources of 89 member associations, representing more than 60,000 firms”, stated Enrico Vink, Managing Director of FIDIC. “It is clear that engineers can offer considerable value to the development options confronting governments, and they stand prepared to contribute to the debate”.

“Current issues require a combination of global vision and local application,” added Geoff French, picking up on this year’s conference theme, which focussed on innovation within the industry, and skills enhancement across all sectors, with improved communication tools for the global business of consulting engineering.



About FIDIC

The International Federation of Consulting Engineers was founded in Switzerland in 1913. It now represents 89 national associations and the majority of consulting engineering firms around the world and a total of 1.5 million engineers.

The FIDIC conference in Davos was organised in collaboration with the Association of Consulting Engineers Tunisia (ANBEIC), and the Association of Consulting Engineers of Switzerland (USIC).

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