

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Environment

Meeting No. 004/23 of the Committee on Environment for 2023 was held on Friday, 8 December 2023, at 9:30 am at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (Megabox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong and online via Microsoft Teams.

Present:	Ivan FU	(FI)	Chairperson
	CHAN Yiu-cheong*	(YCC)	
	Marvin CHEN*	(MCh)	
	Irene CHENG*	(ICW)	
	Charles CHIU*	(CCK)	
	Vincent HA*	(On behalf of Terence LAM)	
	Thomas HO Kwok-kwan	(KnH)	
	Garret HONG*	(On behalf of Tim LI)	
	KAN Jun	(KJ)	
	Clarence LEUNG	(CLWK)	
	Tim LI*	(TMLM)	
	Rex WONG*	(RxW)	
	WU Siu-kei*	(WSK)	
	Clarice YU*	(TCY)	
In Attendance:	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	Alex HO	(AHKK)	Director - Industry Development
	Timothy LEUNG	(TLeung)	General Manager –Industry Development
	Eros LAM	(ELLT)	Manager – Management Support

Margaret HO	(MHo)	Senior Manager - Environmental and Sustainability (E&S)
Max CHIN	(MChin)	Manager – E&S
Ivan CHIU	(IChiu)	Manager – E&S
Laraine CHAU	(LChau)	Assistant Manager – E&S
Lynn CHENG	(LCheng)	Assistant Manager –E&S
Jane LING	(JLing)	Senior Officer – E&S
Ray CHAN	(RCKH)	Senior Officer – E&S
Rainbow LO	(RLo)	Officer – E&S

Presenter:	Hannah WONG*	Cundall Hong Kong Limited (Cundall)
	Tanya UPPAL*	Arcadis Consultancy Hong Kong Limited (Arcadis)
	Yvonne MOK*	Arcadis
	Maggie TSANG*	Arcadis
	Rich LAVER*	Arcadis
	Tim LO	BEAM Society Limited (BSL)
	LU Jian-xin*	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)
	POON Chi-sun*	PolyU
	Heidi HUI*	Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC)
	Ivy LEE*	HKGBC
	Tim WONG*	Arup
	Charmine LEUNG*	Arup
	Hugh CHOW	ESG Consortium (ESGC)
	Stanley ZHENG	ESGC

Apologies: Terence LAM (TmL)
HUANG Jianxiang (HJX)
Andrew YOUNG (AYMC)

* Attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

		<u>Action</u>
	No declaration of conflict of interest was received from Members at the meeting.	All to Note
4.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	Members confirmed the minutes CIC/ENV/M/003/23 of the last Com-ENV meeting No. 003/23 held on Tuesday, 5 September 2023.	All to Note
4.2	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting	
	The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the following matters:	
	<u>Item 3.5 – Progress Update on the Sustainability Report for the CIC</u>	
	The CIC Secretariat reported that the scope of the Sustainability Report was revised to include additional peer group benchmarking and data gap analysis. The scope was being reviewed and the Members would be updated on the progress in the meeting.	CIC Secretariat
	<u>Item 3.6 – Any Other Business</u>	
	<u>Proposal on Green Data Hub</u>	
	The CIC Secretariat reported the ongoing discussion between CIC and BSL regarding the direction of the Green Data Hub. The CIC Secretariat would keep following up.	CIC Secretariat & BSL
	<u>Potential Collaboration with HKGBC about the climate action framework</u>	
	The CIC Secretariat reported the ongoing discussion between CIC and HKGBC regarding the direction of the collaboration regarding the climate action framework. The CIC Secretariat would keep following up.	CIC Secretariat & HKGBC

Action

Progress Update on the HKGBC Projects funded by the CIC

The CIC Secretariat reported the ongoing progress of GPC study in incorporating the material suppliers into the group and stakeholder engagement. The representatives from the HKGBC and Arup would present the progress in the meeting. HKGBC

MoU and Brainstorming Session – CIC’s ESG Initiatives

The CIC Secretariat reported that CIC and ESGC signed a MoU on 22 November 2023 at the GCSFE 2023 and ESGC representatives would introduce the background of ESGC and suggest the direction of the collaboration between CIC and ESGC in the meeting. CIC Secretariat & ESGC

Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) Legislation

The CIC Secretariat reported that a supporting letter had been issued to HKIQEP to express the Members’ support. All to Note

4.3 Progress Update on the Consultancy Services on Development of Strategy and Plan Directional Guideline for the Hong Kong Construction Industry Achieving Carbon Neutrality Target according to the Hong Kong’s Climate Action Plan 2050

Members were briefed on the project’s progress update on the Consultancy Services on Development of Strategy and Plan Directional Guideline for the Hong Kong Construction Industry Achieving Carbon Neutrality Target according to the Hong Kong’s Climate Action Plan 2050 (CAP 2050).

Members approved the Paper *CIC/ENV/P/016/23* to release the stage payment for the final report and leaflet production. CIC Secretariat

Action

4.4 Progress Update on the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme

Members were updated on the progress update on the “Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme” (the “Scheme”).

The Chairperson commented that the Scheme had established the industry’s first framework for sustainable finance which had facilitated the development of sustainable finance in the industry.

Members suggested the CIC Secretariat to consider the repositioning of the Scheme in 2024. CIC Secretariat

Members approved the Paper CIC/ENV/P/017/23 to release the final payment to Cundall and CECEP. CIC Secretariat

(Representatives of Cundall joined the meeting at 9:40am)

(Representatives of Cundall left the meeting at 9:50am)

4.5 Progress Update on Smart Waste Management Tool

Members were briefed on the project’s progress update on the Consultancy Services on the Development and Implementation of the Smart Waste Management Tool (the “Tool”).

Members suggested to invite Arcadis to liaise with the Buildings Department to incorporate the information about the development and findings of the Tool into their practice notes. Arcadis

Members reminded to raise the awareness of the Tool within the industry. CIC Secretariat

Members suggested the CIC Secretariat to further develop the Phase 2 initiation of the Tool in 2024 to bring its benefits to public and private sectors. CIC Secretariat

Action

Members approved the Paper CIC/ENV/P/018/23 to release the stage payment.

(Representatives of Arcadis joined the meeting at 9:55am)

(Representatives of Arcadis left the meeting at 10:10am)

4.6 Progress Update on iBEAM Unison

Members were briefed on the project's progress update on the CIC R&D fund project - iBEAM Unison.

Members suggested the CIC Secretariat to assist BSL in conducting the stakeholder engagement and promoting iBEAM Unison to more stakeholders and professional bodies (such as HKIA, HKIE, HKIS etc.).

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(Representatives of BSL joined the meeting at 10:15am)

(Representatives of BSL left the meeting at 10:30am)

4.7 Project Proposal on R&D Fund Project – Tailoring New – Generation Low-carbon Concrete for Green Construction: Engineering Applications towards Carbon Neutrality

Representatives from PolyU presented the captioned research proposal.

Members suggested PolyU to provide more information to demonstrate the feasibility of the R&D proposal for Members' consideration.

PolyU

The CIC Secretariat reported other research proposal applications related to Green Construction, which have been initially screened out by the CIC Secretariat.

Members supported the proposed research project from PolyU and concurred not to proceed with R&D projects that were screened out.

Action

(Representatives of PolyU joined the meeting at 10:45am)

(Representatives of PolyU left the meeting at 11:20am)

4.8 Progress Update on HKGBC Projects funded by CIC

Members were briefed on the progress of CIC-funded HKGBC projects, including Hong Kong Green Building Week 2023, Hong Kong Green Shop Alliance, CIC Green Product Certification Scheme (GPC) operations, application status updates and study approach and timeframe.

Arup, the consultant employed by HKGBC, presented the proposed new green labelling, categories, and criteria as well as stakeholder engagement activities in the CIC GPC Scheme Enhancement Study.

(Representatives of HKGBC joined the meeting at 11:40am)

(Representatives of HKGBC left the meeting at 11:50am)

4.9 Report on GCSFE 2023

The CIC Secretariat reported the post-event report on the CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition 2023 (GCSFE 2023) which included key figures, expenditure details, and financial reports for the information of Members.

Members suggested gathering feedback on the GCSFE 2023.

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4.10 Any other business

MoU and Brainstorming on ESG platform with ESG Consortium

Members were introduced the direction of the collaboration between CIC and ESGC, and the tools of ESGC.

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Members raised concerns about service charges for ESGC's services. ESGC clarified that the only fee involved would be the membership fee.

Members suggested the CIC Secretariat to understand the capacity of the tools of ESGC.

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(Representatives of ESGC joined the meeting at 11:25am)

(Representatives of ESGC left the meeting at 11:35am)

4.11 Appreciation to the Chairperson

Members and CIC's management recognised Chairperson's foresight and courage in successfully completing numerous innovative and challenging tasks during his tenure, notably the introduction of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme and the Carbon Assessment Tool.

Members and CIC's management greatly valued his contributions and expressed gratitude for his dedicated work and leadership.

Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 001/24

The next meeting will be held on 12 March 2024 (Tuesday) at 2:30 pm in Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (Megabox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong.

All to
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**CIC Secretariat
December 2023**