

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Environment

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

Summary Notes of the Com-ENV Meeting No. 004/23

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
4.1	CIC/ENV/M/003/23 (for information)	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the last Com-ENV meeting No. 003/23 held on Tuesday, 5 September 2023.
4.2	CIC/ENV/M/003/23 (for information)	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the following items: <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 had been revised to include additional peer group benchmarking and data gap analysis. The scope was being reviewed and the progress would be updated to the Members timely. <u>Item 3.6 – Any Other Business</u> <u>Proposal on Green Data Hub</u>

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		<p>The CIC Secretariat reported on the ongoing discussion between CIC and BEAM Society Limited (BSL) regarding the direction of the Green Data Hub. The CIC Secretariat would present a proposal in the meeting.</p> <p><u>Potential Collaboration with Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) about the climate action framework</u></p> <p>The CIC Secretariat reported on the ongoing discussion between CIC and HKGBC regarding the direction of the collaboration concerning the climate action framework. The CIC Secretariat would keep following up.</p> <p><u>Progress Update on the HKGBC Projects funded by the CIC</u></p> <p>The CIC Secretariat reported on the ongoing progress of CIC Green Product Certification Scheme (GPC) study in incorporating the material suppliers into the stakeholder engagement. The representatives from the HKGBC and Arup would present the progress in the meeting.</p> <p><u>MoU and Brainstorming Session – CIC’s ESG Initiatives</u></p> <p>CIC and ESG Consortium Limited (ESGC) signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) on 22 November 2023 at the CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition (GCSFE) 2023 and the direction of the collaboration between CIC and ESGC was being proposed by ESGC.</p> <p><u>Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals (HKIQEP) Legislation</u></p> <p>A supporting letter was issued to HKIQEP to express the Members’ support.</p>
4.3	*CIC/ENV/P/016/23* (for approval)	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

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		<p>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).</p> <p>Members approved the Paper *CIC/ENV/P/016/23* to release the stage payment of HK\$139,540 to CECEP for the final report and leaflet production.</p>
4.4	CIC/ENV/P/017/23 (for approval)	<p>Progress Update on the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme</p> <p>Members were updated on the progress of the “Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme” (the Scheme).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Members suggested the CIC Secretariat to consider the repositioning of the Scheme in 2024.</p> <p>Members approved the Paper CIC/ENV/P/017/23 to release of the final payment of HK\$241,500 to Cundall and HK\$113,500 to CECEP.</p>
4.5	CIC/ENV/P/018/23 (for approval)	<p>Progress Update on Smart Waste Management Tool</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Members suggested Arcadis to liaise with the Buildings Department to incorporate the information about the development and finding of the Tool into relevant practice notes. Members also reminded on the need of raising awareness of the Tool within the industry.</p>

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		<p>Members suggested to further develop the Phase 2 initiative of the Tool in 2024 to bring its benefits to both the public and private sectors.</p> <p>Members approved the Paper CIC/ENV/P/018/23 to release the stage payment of HK\$502,400 to Arcadis.</p>
4.6	CIC/ENV/P/019/23 (for information)	<p>Progress Update on iBEAM Unison</p> <p>Members were briefed on the project’s progress update on the CIC R&D fund project - iBEAM Unison.</p> <p>Members suggested the CIC Secretariat to assist BEAM Society in conducting the stakeholder engagement and promoting iBEAM Unison to more stakeholders and professional bodies (such as HKIA, HKIE, HKIS, etc.).</p>
4.7	CIC/ENV/P/020/23 (for approval)	<p>Project Proposal on R&D Fund Project – Tailoring New-Generation Low-carbon Concrete for Green Construction: Engineering Applications towards Carbon Neutrality</p> <p>The representatives from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) presented the captioned research proposal at the meeting.</p> <p>Members suggested PolyU to provide more information to demonstrate the feasibility of the R&D proposal for Members’ consideration.</p> <p>The CIC Secretariat also reported on other research proposal applications related to Green Construction, which had been initially screened out by the CIC Secretariat.</p> <p>Members supported the proposed research project from PolyU and concurred not to proceed with the R&D projects that were screened out by the CIC Secretariat.</p>

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4.8	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Progress Update on HKGBC Projects funded by CIC Members were briefed on the progress of CIC-funded HKGBC projects, including Hong Kong Green Week 2023, Hong Kong Green Shop Alliance, CIC Green Product Certification Scheme (GPC) operations, application status updates, study approach and the timeframe. Arup, the consultant appointed by HKGBC, presented the proposed new green labelling, categories and criteria as well as stakeholder engagement activities in the CIC GPC Scheme Enhancement Study.
4.9	CIC/ENV/P/021/23 (for information)	Report on GCSFE 2023 The CIC Secretariat presented 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 Members' information. Members suggested gathering the participants' feedback on the GCSFE 2023.
4.10	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Any Other Business MoU and Brainstorming on ESG platform with ESGC Members were introduced the direction of the collaboration between CIC and ESGC and the tools of ESGC. Members raised concerns about the 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 more about the capacity of the tools of ESGC.

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4.11		<p>Appreciation to the Chairperson</p> <p>Members and the CIC’s management recognised the 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.</p> <p>Members and the CIC’s management greatly valued his contributions and expressed gratitude for his dedicated work and leadership.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed in the Committee on Environment and the full progress report can be made available to Council Members from the CIC secretariat upon request.