

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Environment and Sustainability**  
**Summary of Meeting No. 002/25**

**Key Highlights**

1. Members suggested to incorporate the promotion of CIC’s sustainability initiatives into the “Hong Kong Green Building Week” (HKGBW) programme.
2. The “CIC Green Product Certification” (GPC) Scheme 2.0 website enhancement would be conducted and expected to be completed by November 2025. Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC) suggested prioritising the Green Material Demand and Supply Market Analysis in 2025.
3. Members suggested considering light participation in future “World Sustainable Built Environment Conference” (WSBE) events and agreed not to fund HKGBC for the participation in WSBE26.
4. Members endorsed the E&S Budget Plan for 2026 including the following proposed key projects such as the “CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition 2026” (GCSFE 2026), the “CIC Sustainable Construction Award 2026” (SCA 2026), operation and enhancement of platforms. The proposed E&S budget was HK\$26.31 million in total.
5. Members supported organising the GCSFE 2026 in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC).
6. Members requested the consultant to provide a one-page action plan summary after the completion of the “Feasibility Study on Construction Site Electrification and Clean Energy Adoption”.
7. Given the current operational costs and market demand for “CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme” (SFCS), Members supported the direction to terminate the scheme and reallocate the resources to other strategic priorities. These included aligning CIC’s existing initiatives with green building assessment frameworks, as recommended by the consultant.
8. System security risks related to workflow and user access rights had been identified during the development of Phase Two of “Smart Waste Management Tool” (SWMT). The system was under review, and the consultant would submit an action plan for following up.
9. Regarding the CIC R&D Fund Project – “Tailoring New-Generation Low-carbon Concrete for Green Construction: Engineering Applications towards Carbon Neutrality”, members queried about the unusually high cement content in mix design used in the comparison analysis. PolyU would conduct a more realistic mix design to reflect the market practice.
10. The launching of SCA 2026 would be carried out at Construction Innovation Expo 2025 (CIExpo 2025), with the application period starting in January 2026 and lasting for three months.
11. Members agreed the CIC to join the Signatory for “ULI low carbon emissions steel initiative” as a supporting organisation.

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Meeting No. 002/25 of the Committee on Environment and Sustainability (Com-E&S) was held on 23 June 2025 (Monday) at 2:30 pm in the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (Megabox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong and via video conference - MS Teams.

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Summary Notes of the Com-E&S Meeting No. 002/25

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights</b>
2.1	CIC/E&S/M/001/25	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>  Members confirmed the minutes of the last Com-E&S Meeting No. 001/25 held on 11 March 2025 (Tuesday).
2.2	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	<b>Latest Updates of Accidents and Upcoming Safety Events</b>  The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the CIC's latest safety publications/events.
2.3	CIC/E&S/M/001/25 (for information)	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b>  The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the following:

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		<p>(a) <u>Item 1.4 – Progress Updates on Smart Waste Management Tool (SWMT), Phase Two</u> The majority of Members voted in favour of the platform name “CIC Material Exchange Platform”. The Secretariat would proceed with the naming along that direction.</p> <p>(b) <u>AOB item – Hang Seng Seminar</u> The CIC and Hang Seng Bank successfully held a seminar on green finance in May 2025, attracting over 75 attendees joining in person.</p> <p>(c) <u>AOB item – Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook</u> The draft Guidebook was expected to be available in July 2025 and was targeted for launch at the ECO Expo Asia in October 2025.</p>
2.4	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	<p><b>HKGBC 2026 Funding Request and Progress Updates on HKGBC Funded Projects for 2025</b></p> <p>Members were briefed on the timeline, event theme, programme, promotion initiatives and budget allocation for the Hong Kong Green Building Week (HKGBW) 2025 and the Hong Kong Green Shop Alliance (HKGSA) 2025. Members proposed including CIC’s sustainability initiatives into the HKGBW programme.</p> <p>Members were briefed on the proposed 2026 projects, KPIs, and 2026 HKGBC funding priorities. Members noted the limited impact of the World Sustainable Built Environment Conference 2024 (WSBE24)’s virtual event and suggested a light participation in future WSBE events.</p>

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		<p>Members were briefed on the application status of the CIC Green Product Certification (GPC) 1.0 and updates on GPC 2.0 after the Launching Ceremony held on 26 May 2025. Members were informed that the GPC 2.0 website enhancement would be conducted and was expected to be completed by November 2025.</p> <p>Members were briefed on the proposed study for “Stage 4a – Market Demand and Supply Study”, and “Stage 4b and 5 – Development of CIC GPC Accreditation and Standards for Low Carbon Materials/Products Categories”.</p>
2.5	CIC/E&S/P/004/25 (for endorsement)	<p><b>E&amp;S Business Plan and Budget for 2026</b></p> <p>Members were briefed on the proposed E&amp;S budget plan for 2026 including the following proposed key projects such as the “CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition 2026” (GCSFE 2026), the “CIC Sustainable Construction Award 2026” (SCA 2026), operation and enhancement of platforms.</p> <p>Members agreed not to fund HKGBC for the participation in WSBE26, and the revised E&amp;S budget of HK\$26.31 million was endorsed.</p>
2.6	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	<p><b>Proposal of CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition (GCSFE) 2026</b></p> <p>Members were briefed on the proposed theme and preliminary planning of GCSFE 2026, including hosting the event in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC), with a 2-day event period for exhibition and conferences plus a 1day technical tour. Members supported the proposal.</p>

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2.7	CIC/E&S/P/005/25 (for information)	<p><b>Progress Updates on Feasibility Study on Construction Site Electrification and Clean Energy Adoption</b></p> <p>Members were briefed on the objectives, methodology, work programme, key findings, and proposed promotion strategies and recommendations for the construction site electrification and clean energy adoption. Members requested the consultant to provide a one-page action plan summary after completion of the study.</p>
2.8	CIC/E&S/P/006/25 (for information)	<p><b>Progress Updates on the Consultancy Study on Enhancement and Repositioning of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme</b></p> <p>Members were briefed on the study’s background, objectives and latest findings. Given the current operational costs and market demand for “CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme” (SFCS), Members supported the direction to terminate the scheme and reallocate the resources to other strategic priorities. These included aligning CIC’s existing initiatives with green building assessment frameworks, as recommended by the consultant.</p>
2.9	CIC/E&S/P/007/25 (for information)	<p><b>Progress Updates on the Consultancy Study and Development on CIC Smart Waste Management Tool, Phase Two</b></p> <p>Members were briefed that system security risks related to workflow and user access rights had been identified during the development of Phase Two of “Smart Waste Management Tool” (SWMT). The system was under review, and the consultant would submit an action plan for following up.</p>

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2.10	CIC/E&S/P/008/25 (for approval)	<p><b>Progress Update on CIC R&amp;D Fund Project – Tailoring New-Generation Low-carbon Concrete for Green Construction: Engineering Applications towards Carbon Neutrality</b></p> <p>Members were briefed on the project’s progress. Members enquired about the unusually high cement content in the ordinary concrete mix used for comparison. PolyU acknowledged the issue and committed to review the mix design to better reflect market practices.</p>
2.11	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	<p><b>Progress Updates on CIC SCA 2026</b></p> <p>Members were informed that the SCA 2026 website vendor had been appointed. Members were introduced to the proposed judging panel compositions for both Project and Industry Practitioners categories.</p> <p>Members were informed that SCA 2026 Launching Ceremony would be held at CIExpo 2025, with applications period from January to March 2026; and promotional activities to begin by late 2025.</p> <p><b>Joining the Signatory for ULI low carbon emissions steel initiative</b></p> <p>Members agreed the CIC to join the Signatory for ULI low carbon emissions steel initiative as a supporting organisation.</p>

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