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## FROM THE EDITORIAL DESK

I am glad that FAP has been actively organizing events amongst its member associations.

FAP had an interesting event at Pakistan, organized ACEP and largely managed by its team of young professional's forum. FAP was represented by quite a few members from member countries.

FAP has a new member association from Kyrgyzstan details of which are added in the newsletter for information.

Editorial Board has seen a good change in the interest of MAs as some of these send details to FAP for inclusion in newsletter.

As Chairperson of ASPAC editorial board, it is my last message as with the change of FAP, President and induction of new board members, new team will be constituted. My sincere thanks to all of you to help me discharge my functions. I would also like to thank my fellow editorial board members who contributed a lot in publishing quarterly newsletter on regular basis.

We look forward to a more vibrant Newsletter that will enhance the bond between the FAP community and make the publication a flag bearer of the FAP. The contribution by members, we are sure, will be forthcoming.

Warm Regards,

**Amitabha Ghoshal**

**Chairperson**



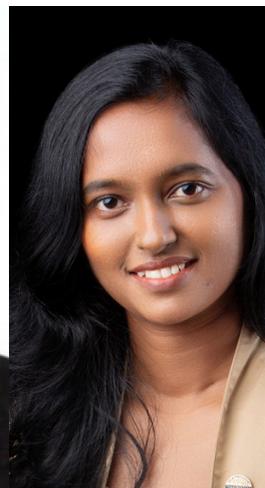
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# FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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It has been my pleasure to connect with you through quarterly issue of ASPAC Newsletter – a platform that became popular over last few years to reflect the voice and vision of our region within the global FIDIC family.

As we navigate a time of transformation in infrastructure, technology, and sustainability, the role of FIDIC Asia Pacific (FAP) continues to grow in significance. Our region is home to rapid urbanisation, ambitious development programmes, and a rising generation of professionals who are shaping the future of engineering and consultancy.

In recent months, FAP organised a Webinar on “Impact of AI in Engineering & Construction Industry” through KENCA, our member association from Korea. The recent Mid-Year FAP Conference, held for the first time in Pakistan by our MA -ACEP, was a testament to our growing inclusivity and regional outreach.

Through this newsletter, we were able to showcase impact of climate change on our member countries. This newsletter showcases these developments and celebrate the contributions of our members. I encourage all member associations to use this platform to share their stories, raise key issues, and propose ideas that can strengthen our community.

As I approach the end of my term as President of FIDIC Asia Pacific, I am filled with gratitude for the privilege to serve our dynamic and forward-looking community

Let us continue to work together to enhance the visibility of our region, build resilient infrastructure, and promote FIDIC's global values across Asia Pacific.

Warm regards,

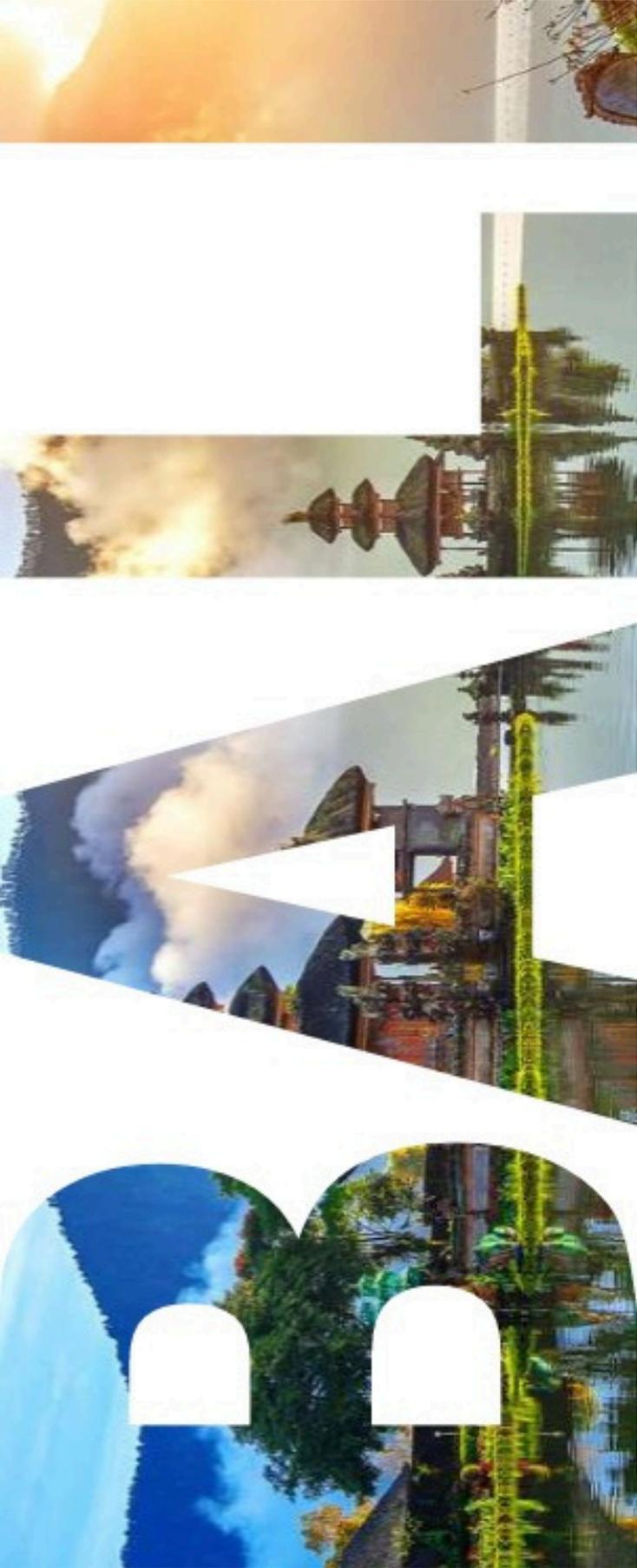


Sudhir Dhawan

President, FIDIC Asia Pacific



# STAGE IS SET FOR



# FIDIC Asia Pacific Annual Conference - 2025

**NEW TECHNOLOGIES TRANSFORMING  
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

18 - 20 AUGUST 2025

## About **CONFERENCE & PROGRAM**

The 2025 conference will spotlight how cutting-edge technologies such as AI, ML, automation, BIM, sustainable design, and digital collaboration tools are reshaping engineering and construction. As the region navigates climate challenges and post-pandemic shifts, innovation is key to driving efficiency, sustainability, and resilience. With Indonesia’s rapid economic growth, the country is well-positioned to lead this transformation. Bringing together industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers, the conference will explore responsible tech adoption, AI governance, and strategies for strengthening regional collaboration.

As Indonesia continues to strengthen its economy and infrastructure, the event goes beyond panel discussions to serve as a vital platform for sharing insights, fostering dialogue, and shaping the future of the engineering and construction sectors across the Asia-Pacific region. These goals will be supported through a series of dynamic activities, including business matching sessions, future leaders summit, and showcase of technological products.



## About

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM****○ DAY 1, 18 AUGUST 2025**

Registration & Welcome Cocktail

**○ DAY 2, 19 AUGUST 2025**

Inauguration

Session 1:

“Investment opportunity, Indonesia’s infrastructure readiness to achieve the targeted annual economic growth, Indonesia Land of Opportunities”

Session 2:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Construction Management

Session 3:

Sustainable Engineering Approaches

**○ DAY 3, 20 AUGUST 2025**

Session 4:

Young Professional’s Summit

Session 5:

BIM and Advanced Design Practices

Session 6:

Collaborative Technologies and Regional Collaboration

Showcasing of FIDIC Asia Pacific 2026 Conference-2026 – Sri Lanka

Closing

# SYNOPSIS: FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC MID-YEAR CONFERENCE 2025, PAKISTAN

ABDUL HASEEB MANSURI | *Chief Executive Officer | Design Core (Pvt.) Ltd, Pakistan*

The FIDIC Asia Pacific Mid-Year Conference 2025 took place from July 15 to 17 in Islamabad, organized by **Association Of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP)** and endorsed by FIDIC. Over 200 delegates joined plenaries, technical sessions, and cultural tours to discuss best practices in transparent procurement and efficient contract management under FIDIC frameworks.

## Key Highlights

- Inaugural ceremony on the Mövenpick helipad featured addresses by FIDIC leaders, World Bank and ADB representatives, and Pakistan's Federal Minister for Planning.
- Sightseeing tour introduced international guests to Islamabad's heritage and hospitality.
- ACEP emphasized young-professional engagement, with special sessions for Future Leaders.

## Technical Sessions

- Risk allocation across FIDIC Red, Yellow, and Silver Books.
- Innovative public-sector procurement methods and proactive contract management.
- Regional challenges and funding-agency insights for Pakistan's road infrastructure.
- Dispute Boards, legal frameworks, and lessons from case studies on CPEC and Quetta Airport.

## Future Leaders Forum

- Two dedicated sessions showcased global youth perspectives on ADR, innovation, and leadership.
- Special address by Shuntaro Kinno, FIDIC Asia Pacific Future Leaders Chair, on youth empowerment.

## Closing & Takeaways

- Senator Mr. Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani lauded transparent systems and youth development.
- Key outcomes: adopt FIDIC for risk-sharing, strengthen procurement transparency, and invest in emerging talent.
- ACEP will publish proceedings and host follow-up workshops to drive FIDIC implementation.

The Conference, held at the Mövenpick Hotel was themed “Use of FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Transparency & Efficient Project Delivery,” brought together global industry leaders, policymakers, development partners, and consulting professionals to explore innovative strategies and best practices in project procurement and management.

The conference's inaugural day began with a Sightseeing Tour of Islamabad, exclusively designed for international speakers. The tour showcased the capital’s beauty, heritage, and hospitality, featuring iconic landmarks such as the Faisal Mosque, Rawal Lake Viewpoint, Parliament House, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Aiwan-e-Sadr (the President's House), the Pakistan Monument, and the Pakistan Monument Museum. This cultural immersion fostered meaningful connections and gave international guests a deeper appreciation of Pakistan’s rich heritage and welcoming spirit.

The tour was accompanied and facilitated by the ACEP team, including Mr. Khalid Mirza (Vice President ACEP), Mr. Wasif Nazar Siddiqui (Conference Director & Honorary Secretary ACEP), Mr. Tanveer Ahsan (Convener, Conference Management Committee), and Mr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri (Conference Coordinator), along with conference volunteers.



The Inaugural Ceremony was held on the 25th floor (over the helipad) of the venue, where the symbolic release of pigeons conveyed a powerful message of peace and harmony. The event was graced by prominent international and national participants, including representatives from FIDIC, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).



## DAY 1: INAUGURAL SESSION:

- **Welcome Note by Conference Director:** Mr. Wasif Nazar Siddiqui (Honorary Secretary & Conference Director, ACEP) welcomed all speakers, delegates, and participants, thanking partners, sponsors, and supporting organizations. He highlighted the conference's role in fostering networking, knowledge sharing, and global best practices, appreciated Future Leaders' participation, and reaffirmed ACEP's commitment to nurturing young professionals and strengthening Pakistan's global engineering presence.
- **Video Message by President FIDIC:** Ms. Catherine Karakatsanis (President, FIDIC) welcomed delegates and commended ACEP for organizing this landmark conference promoting transparency, knowledge-sharing, and international collaboration. She congratulated Mr. Wasif Nazar Siddiqui on his election as a FIDIC Asia Pacific Board Member and reaffirmed FIDIC's commitment to supporting member associations and enhancing regional and global cooperation in infrastructure development.
- **Online Address by President FIDIC Asia Pacific:** Mr. Sudhir Dhawan (President FIDIC Asia Pacific) welcomed all the participants of the conference at the Midyear FIDIC Asia Pacific Conference, being held in the scenic and historic capital city of Pakistan. He extended special appreciation and recognition to the Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP) for their dedicated efforts in making this conference possible.
- **Address by Guest of Honor:** Mr. Widhoon Chiamchitrong (Vice President, FIDIC Asia Pacific) praised ACEP's exceptional efforts in organizing the Mid-Year Conference, highlighting Pakistan's growing role in the global consulting engineering community. He noted that such gatherings promote idea exchange, best practices, and networking, fostering collaboration, professional capacity, and innovation for sustainable infrastructure development across the region.
- **Online Address by World Bank (Event Partner):** Mr. Majed M El-Bayya (Regional Procurement Manager for the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan) shared the importance of organizing this mega conference, and he shared the importance of transparency and sustainable development for the construction industry.
- **Address by Asian Development Bank (Event Partner):** Mr. Dinesh Shiwakoti (Head Project Administration Unit; PRM - Asian Development Bank ADB), appreciated the efforts of the Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan for organizing this conference, and shared a combined vision for the infrastructure development of Pakistan.
- **Address by Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (Tourism Partner):** Mr. Aftab ur Rehman Rana (Managing Director, PTDC) welcomed international delegates to Islamabad and shared his vision of promoting Pakistan as a unique tourism destination. He highlighted recent initiatives to improve infrastructure and hospitality standards, emphasizing that such events reflect Pakistan's welcoming spirit and potential for global collaboration in tourism and development.

- **Welcome Address by President ACEP:** Mr. Muhammad Waseem Asghar (President, ACEP) welcomed all speakers, delegates, and guests, sharing ACEP’s vision to advance Pakistan’s construction and consulting engineering industry through innovation, sustainability, and global collaboration. He emphasized adopting FIDIC Conditions of Contract to enhance transparency, improve project delivery, and strengthen professional capacity.
- **Inaugural Speech by Chief Guest:** Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary (Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives) reaffirmed Pakistan’s commitment to transparent and accountable infrastructure development and praised ACEP for hosting this international conference. He congratulated FIDIC for promoting fair risk allocation, cost and time predictability, structured dispute resolution, and rules-based project discipline. Citing initiatives like CPEC and CAREC, he emphasized adopting FIDIC standards and urged stakeholders to ensure maximum value creation, minimal waste, and clean procurement practices to strengthen infrastructure and public trust.



The conference provided a dynamic platform for discussing the evolving role of FIDIC contracts in promoting transparency, accountability, and efficiency across infrastructure and development projects in the Asia Pacific region.

To promote Future Leaders’ participation, ACEP organized two technical sessions, **“The Young Professionals’ Diary Part 1 & 2”**, featuring presentations by Future Leaders from China, El Salvador, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Uzbekistan. These sessions highlighted engineering innovation, dispute resolution, and the evolving role of young professionals, reflecting ACEP’s commitment to nurturing the next generation of consulting engineers.

**Engr. Shuntaro Kinno (Japan)**, Chairman of the FIDIC Asia Pacific Future Leaders Executive Committee, who made a special visit for the conference. He was warmly welcomed by **Engr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri** (Vice Chairman, Future Leaders Committee) and **Engr. Sheheryar Shafique** (Member, Committee) and was presented with a bouquet and shield of appreciation for his global contributions to empowering young professionals.



## DAY 2: TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

**Welcome Address by Vice President ACEP:** Mr. Khalid Mirza (Vice President, ACEP) welcomed all speakers and participants to Day 2 of the Technical Sessions, giving a brief on the day's agenda. He appreciated the efforts of the organizing team, sponsors, and partners for their support and emphasized the importance of collaborative discussions in driving growth and excellence in the consulting engineering industry.



**Session 1 (FIDIC Books & Risk Allocation):** Mr. Andrea Dalceggio (Canada) shared the introduction to the FIDIC Books and explored different risk allocations in FIDIC's Red, Yellow, and Silver books, highlighting their practical applications.

**Session 2 (FIDIC and Public Procurement):** This session focused on evolving procurement trends and innovative approaches to public-sector infrastructure. Mr. Ibrahim Utku (Turkey) discussed the future of technical consulting services, while Mr. Peter Kotvan (Spain) presented methodologies for efficient public construction procurement under FIDIC frameworks.

Mr. Bisma Husen (ADB Resident Mission, Pakistan) and Mr. Nguyen Thanh Long (Vietnam) shared insights on public procurement in the context of Pakistan. The session concluded with a discussion emphasizing FIDIC's critical role in public procurement.

**Session 3 (Proactive Contracts for Efficient Project Outcomes):** This session highlighted proactive contract management as key to preventing disputes and improving project delivery.



**Mr. Issam Akkari (Saudi Arabia)** discussed risks of heavily amended provisions, **Mr. Nguyen Thanh Long (Vietnam)** shared lessons on aligning practices with FIDIC standards, and **Mr. Mohsen Islam Khan (Pakistan)** provided practical tips for efficient administration under the principle "Measure Twice, Cut Once." **Ms. Natalia Berreda (Peru)** moderated an engaging discussion on strategies for achieving successful outcomes.

**Session 4 (Challenges and Opportunities in Pakistan):** Speakers discussed how international funding institutions and national agencies can strengthen Pakistan's infrastructure development. **Mr. Dinesh Raj Shiwakoti (ADB, Pakistan)** and **Mr. Ayalew Kebede (World Bank, Pakistan)** highlighted opportunities and challenges of using FIDIC conditions in funded projects, while **Mr. Khawaja Hamid Mushtaq (Pakistan)** focused on policy adoption and practical implementation of FIDIC 2017.



**Mr. Rafey A. Siddiqui** moderated the session, concluding with examples and strategies to overcome institutional challenges and leverage transformative opportunities.

**Session 5 (The Young Professionals' Diary) - Part 1:** This session showcased young professionals' contributions to the construction and consultancy sectors.

**Ms. Yuting Chen (China)** discussed global FIDIC adoption by Chinese AEC firms, **Ms. Kashaf Fatima (Pakistan)** highlighted inclusive ADR ecosystems and leadership in construction law, and **Mr. Muhammad Owais Ali (Pakistan)** reflected on the evolving role of young professionals in the local industry. **Ms. Feroza Bobokulova (Uzbekistan)** moderated, highlighting the creativity and leadership potential of emerging engineers and lawyers.



**Session 6 (Dispute Boards and Resolution Frameworks):** Experts discussed the vital role of Dispute Boards and dispute resolution mechanisms in reducing project risks and ensuring fair outcomes. **Mr. George Wall (Singapore)** highlighted dispute boards as proactive risk management tools,



while **Ms. Natalia Berredá (Peru)** emphasized their transparency and efficiency benefits. **Mian Sheraz Javaid (Pakistan)** presented CPEC 2.0's legal framework for dispute resolution, and **Mr. Waseem Raza (Pakistan)** analyzed international arbitration and UNCITRAL frameworks in Pakistan. **Mr. Khawaja Hamid Mushtaq (Pakistan)** moderated and concluded by stressing the need for dedicated Dispute Resolution Centers with structured rules, administrative support, and qualified professionals to strengthen dispute resolution in complex projects.

## DAY 3: TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

**Welcome Address by Convener Conference Management Committee: Mr. Tanveer Ahsan** (Convener, Conference Management Committee) welcomed all delegates, speakers, and participants to Day 2 of the Technical Sessions. He appreciated the efforts of the organizing team, sponsors, and ACEP leadership and reaffirmed ACEP's commitment to knowledge-sharing and professional collaboration through such impactful events.



**Session 7 (Optimizing Contracts and Legal Frameworks):** This session focused on improving contract administration and legal frameworks for better project delivery. **Ms. Elvira Palomino (France)** discussed integrating FIDIC contracts in PPP outcomes, while **Mr. Sami Ud Din Khilji (Pakistan)** compared PEC standard bidding documents with FIDIC conditions to enhance transparency. **Mr. Ignacio De Almagro (Spain)** shared ways to avoid early contractual errors, and **Mr. Rafey A. Siddiqui (Pakistan)** presented a case study on sectional site possession and complex coordination for the Quetta Airport reconstruction. **Mr. Andrea Dalceggio (Canada)** moderated, leading a high-level discussion on practical legal solutions for complex infrastructure projects.



**Session 8 (The Young Professionals' Diary) - Part 2:** Continuing the focus on youth contributions, this session highlighted dynamic perspectives from early-career professionals. Ms. Feroza Bobokulova (Uzbekistan) discussed arbitration challenges in construction disputes, Ms.

Marcela Garcia (El Salvador) emphasized improved communication for collaborative contract administration, and Dr. Aaroon Joshua Das (Pakistan) explored innovative contract approaches for geographically scattered projects. Mr. Issam Akkari (Saudi Arabia) moderated, encouraging dialogue on leadership, innovation, and adaptability among young professionals.



**Panel Discussion (Engineering Knowledge in Action):** The concluding panel provided an interactive platform for experts to reflect on key conference takeaways, focusing on contracts, claims, and capacity development. Panelists shared practical lessons from the technical sessions, emphasizing stronger professional capacity, stakeholder collaboration, and improved project delivery through effective contract management, dispute resolution, and knowledge-sharing. The panel featured Mr. Mohsen Islam Khan (ADB), Mr. Syed Wajahat Ali Shah (World Bank), Dr. Aslam Waseem (DG Legal, PPRA), Mr. Waseem Nazir (Chairman, PEC), and Mr. Arshad Dad (Contractors' Association of Pakistan), moderated by Mr. Khalid Mirza (Vice President, ACEP). Their insights underscored transparent procurement, innovative contract strategies, and capacity building to meet Pakistan's evolving development needs.



**Closing Ceremony:** At the closing ceremony, Mr. Muhammad Waseem Asghar (President, ACEP) acknowledged the successful delivery of the event and expressed gratitude to international speakers and delegates from Canada, China, El Salvador, France, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam for enriching knowledge sharing and strengthening global ties. He also thanked event partners, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, Mövenpick Centaurus, as well as sponsors and volunteers for their support. Special appreciation was extended to the Conference Management Committee and team members — Mr. Tanveer Ahsan (Convener), Mr. Abdul Haseeb Mansuri (Coordinator), Mr. Fahad Hassan, Mr. Kamran Siddiqui, Mr. Safwan Ali, Mr. Sheheryar Shafique, Mr. Mirza Sharique Saleem, Mr. Taimoor Ahmed, Mr. Hassan Jabbar, Ms. Saniya Saleem, Ms. Um e Kulsoom — for their dedicated day-and-night efforts in making the conference a success.

**Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, Chief Guest** at the closing ceremony, emphasized that sustainable progress relies on strong institutions, transparent systems, and public-private collaboration. He praised ACEP for engaging young professionals and future leaders and acknowledged FIDIC's role in setting global benchmarks for project delivery. Highlighting Pakistan's commitment to reform, innovation, and international standards, he expressed confidence that the conference's connections and shared knowledge will foster continued collaboration and excellence in infrastructure.



The conference concluded by reaffirming ACEP’s commitment to transparency, sustainable development, and nurturing young talent, ensuring Pakistan’s active role in the global engineering community. It advanced the understanding and practical application of FIDIC Conditions of Contract, laying a strong foundation for future collaboration, transparency, and innovation in global infrastructure delivery.



# CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA CONSTRUCTION FORUM 2025

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The Caucasus and Central Asia Construction Forum 2025 took place on June 9th-10th 2025 in Astana city, capital of Kazakhstan. The Forum was organized by Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants (KNAPEC), in collaboration with ACEG - the Georgian Association of Consulting Engineers, Intelligent Solution and Hogan Lovells with the support of the Ministry of Transport Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Forum was opened by welcome speech of Mr. Satzhan Ablaliyev, Vice-Minister of Transport Republic of Kazakhstan, followed by welcome speeches made by Berik Kamaliyev, Chairman of the National Committee of PIARC in the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan; Irakli Khergiani, Member of FIDIC Membership Committee, President of ACEG, Founder and Director of Intelligent Solution, Georgia; Karl Pörnbacher, Partner at Hogan Lovells, Germany.

Keynote speeches were conducted by Prashant Kapila, FIDIC Board Member, Managing Director of Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats Pvt Ltd., India and Greg Smith, Global Programme Director of iRAP, UK.



Best professionals of the sector have participated in panel discussions. Among them are above-mentioned high officials and top executives, and also Maxat Bayakhmet and Zhambyl Bakhtiyar, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Roads, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan; Aiday Soltobaeva, legal Expert, Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Kyrgyz Republic,; Bulatbek Aitbayev, General Director of the National Center for the Quality of Road Assets, Kazakhstan; Cosmin Tobolcea, FIDIC Board Member, Managing Partner at PROTOBY & Euro Finance Advisors, Romania; Asel El Housan, Managing Director of AEH Consultancy LLC, UK; representatives of World Bank, Asian Development, Islamic Development; Eurasian Development Bank; FIDIC Board members and others;

Moderators of the panels have guided the discussions. Among them are Karl Pörnbacher, Partner at Hogan Lovells, Germany Nata Ghibradze, Counsel at Hogan Lovells, Germany; Serik Imashev, Chief Engineer of KazAutoZhol national company; Kamilla Maxatova, Deputy Director of Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants and others.

Over the course of two intensive days over 150 participants were brought together, representing governments, international financial institutions, contractors, consulting engineers, in-house and external legal counsel, arbitral institutions, and many others. The discussions covered key developments in the region's infrastructure sector, financing perspectives, engineering and contractual practices, road safety, dispute resolution trends, and capacity building. The Forum reaffirmed its role as a unique platform connecting stakeholders across jurisdictions and industries. It was great opportunity for sharing ideas and engaging in productive discussions.

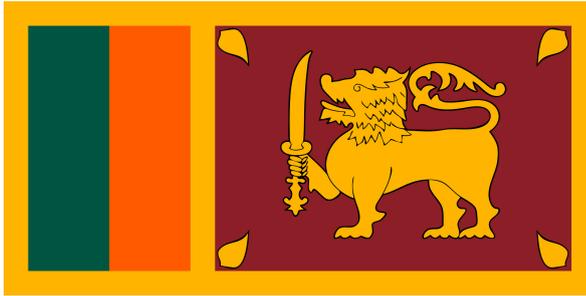
More information can be found on official website of Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants, [www.knapec.kz](http://www.knapec.kz) and on its linkedin page.

III Caucasus and Central Asia Construction Forum is planned in year 2026.





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### Mission

To develop Consulting Engineering practice whilst enhancing the profile of Consulting Engineers in Sri Lanka. To contribute in the Planning and the Implementation in the Development of Sri Lanka. To assist Consulting Engineers Develop their skills and share knowledge. To promote in providing a quality service to the public. To assist in export of Engineering Consultancy services.



### Vision

To be the Apex Association for Consulting Engineers in Sri Lanka and the highest recognised in the Region

Association of Consulting Engineers, Sri Lanka, ACESL is the national body of consulting engineers in Sri Lanka. ACESL is affiliated to the International Federation of Consulting Engineers FIDIC. Founded in 1980 to promote common professional interests, ACESL now comprises 18 firms and 156 individual members.



## Objectives

- To foster and promote the profession of consulting engineering.
- To promote and safeguard the professional interests, rights, powers and privileges of consulting engineers.
- To offer the Government, its subsidiaries and a forum to discuss and ascertain the views of consulting engineers on matters directly or indirectly affecting engineering.
- To facilitate give the Government and other public bodies and others the facilities for conference with and ascertaining the views of consulting engineers as regards matters directly or indirectly affecting engineering.
- To discuss with associations representing manufacturers, contractors and other persons engaged in engineering works on matters of common interest;
- To introduce general standards of professional conduct and practice for Consulting Engineers and ensure the maintenance of such standards in their professional activitie.
- To determine scales of fees and conditions of engagement for consulting engineers, within Sri Lanka.
- To enter into any arrangements with the Government and its subsidiaries with a view to promoting all or any of the objects of the Corporation and promoting such rights, privileges and concessions as are appropriate for a professional association.
- To liaise with association of consulting engineers in other countries and affiliate with international consulting engineering organizations.
- To take any other measures that may be necessary for the attainment of all or any of the objects of the corporation.

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# A WARM WELCOME TO KYRGYZSTAN - THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC FAMILY!

## KYRGYZ ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS

We are pleased to announce that the Member Association of Kyrgyzstan, the Kyrgyz Association of Consulting Engineers, has officially joined FIDIC. We warmly welcome them to the FIDIC Asia Pacific family and look forward to their active engagement, collaboration, and contributions towards strengthening our regional network of consulting engineers.





# **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF FIDIC ASIA PACIFIC**

Happening on  
**19th August 2025**

**16:30 - 17:30**

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### ELECTION OF FAP BOARD

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO FAP BOARD

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# INTEGRITY AND ETHICS IN EDUCATION: THE CORNERSTONES OF EXCELLENCE

DR AJAY PRADHAN | *Vice President | KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, India*

## Introduction

Integrity and ethics are foundational to educational excellence and the development of responsible global citizens. In education, ethics refers to the well-founded standards of right and wrong that guide human behavior, while integrity is the unwavering commitment to these moral principles, consistently reflected in one's words and actions, even when no one is watching.

As Dr. Ajay Pradhan of KIIT University highlights, ethics tells us “what is right,” and integrity is about living those values consistently. This resonates with Martin Luther King Jr.'s assertion, "Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education," and Samuel Johnson's reminder that "Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful." In education, ethics translates to pedagogical honesty, while integrity embodies the dedication to student growth through truthful engagement.

## Why Ethics and Integrity Matter

Faculty play a pivotal role as ethical role models. When teachers uphold honesty and fairness, they nurture similar values in students, building trust in educational institutions. The International Center for Academic Integrity underscores that these values underpin academic success. Conversely, breaches like plagiarism or research fraud damage institutional credibility and harm society's perception of education.

In disciplines such as engineering and medicine, ethical responsibility extends beyond academics to the societal impact of professional work. Biomedical ethics emphasizes principles like autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, and justice, while engineers are entrusted with public safety through ethical practice. Emerging fields like AI call for renewed ethical frameworks to navigate novel challenges.

### The Teacher's Ethical Mandate

Teachers have core ethical duties: honest assessments, fairness irrespective of students' backgrounds, respect for diversity, maintaining professional boundaries, and continuous professional development. Their ethical conduct ripples through thousands of lives, molding future professionals and sustaining community trust. Institutional reputation depends on educators' integrity, as scandals involving corruption or dishonesty can irreparably harm credibility.

Despite professional oaths—for example, the Hippocratic Oath in medicine or engineers' creeds—the reality can include complacency and conflicting interests. Regular self-reflection, peer accountability, and integrating ethics into daily practice help bridge the gap between pledge and sustained ethical conduct.

### Cultivating Ethical Academic Environments

Prominent universities institutionalize integrity through honor codes. Harvard and Yale stress honesty and original scholarship as pillars of their academic culture. Such codes create environments conducive to honesty, respect, and accountability.

Lessons from global and business leaders reinforce these ideals:

- **Mahatma Gandhi** urged, “Be the change you wish to see in the world,” emphasizing personal responsibility and leadership by example through simplicity and truthfulness.
- **Thomas Jefferson** said, “Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.”
- **Steve Jobs** emphasized integrity as acting rightly even when unobserved.

These values resonate across sectors and are crucial for educators who serve as ethical exemplars.

### Work Culture and Leadership at KIIT

Positive work culture in academia is characterized by trust, transparency, accountability, inclusivity, and student-centricity. It fosters engagement, innovation, and institutional pride. KIIT's core values explicitly include integrity and ethics, inspired by leaders like Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS and KIMS whose life of openness, selflessness, and commitment to marginalized communities' models ethical leadership and the transformative power of education.

### Implementing Ethics: Practical Strategies

For institutions:

- Develop clear codes of conduct and honor codes.
- Embed ethics across curricula and provide continuous ethics training.
- Establish fair systems to handle violations and form ethics committees for oversight.

## For individuals:

- Reflect on personal values and create an ethics pledge.
- Anticipate ethical challenges and develop strategies to address dilemmas.
- Commit to lifelong ethical growth.

## Case Studies and Challenges

Real-life controversies like the IIT-Kanpur plagiarism scandal and the Ivy League admissions bribery highlight the consequences of ethical lapses, including reputational damage and loss of trust.

## In Closing

Ethics and integrity are not abstract ideals; they define the daily reality of teaching, learning, and leadership in education. Upholding them ensures that institutions produce not just knowledgeable graduates but principled citizens who contribute positively to society. As the ancient Sanskrit phrase puts it, “Where there is Dharma (righteousness), there will be Victory.”



# POKHARA: A GROWING CITY IN IMPENDING RISK OF DEBRIS FLOW HAZARD

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## Introduction

Many people are familiar with the fact that Pokhara is a tourist destination, a beautiful city located slightly west of the centre of Nepal, famous for its majestic view of the Annapurna mountain range, including Machhapuchhre, beautiful lakes, and caves. It's also known as a gateway to the Annapurna Circuit, a popular trail in the Himalayas. However, only a few people are aware of the true story behind the formation of the present-day Pokhara Valley.



Figure 1: Location map of Pokhara Nepal

Many earth scientists from around the world tried to unfold the story of the terraced landform and existence of a huge pile of sediment deposit in Pokhara Valley, extending at least for a distance of 80 kilometers and thickness varying from more than 200m in Ghachok in the north to only few meters downstream of Bhimad to the south, thinning continuously from upstream to downstream. Dr. Harka Gurung (1964) was the first geographer to recognize the process of the formation of Pokhara Valley in its present form and the origin of the lakes. He, for the first time, explained in his PhD thesis that Pokhara Valley came into existence in its present form because of the sediment deposit after catastrophic debris flow along Seti River, and the lakes were formed on the valley fringes due to the damming of the tributary streams of the Seti River by the debris.

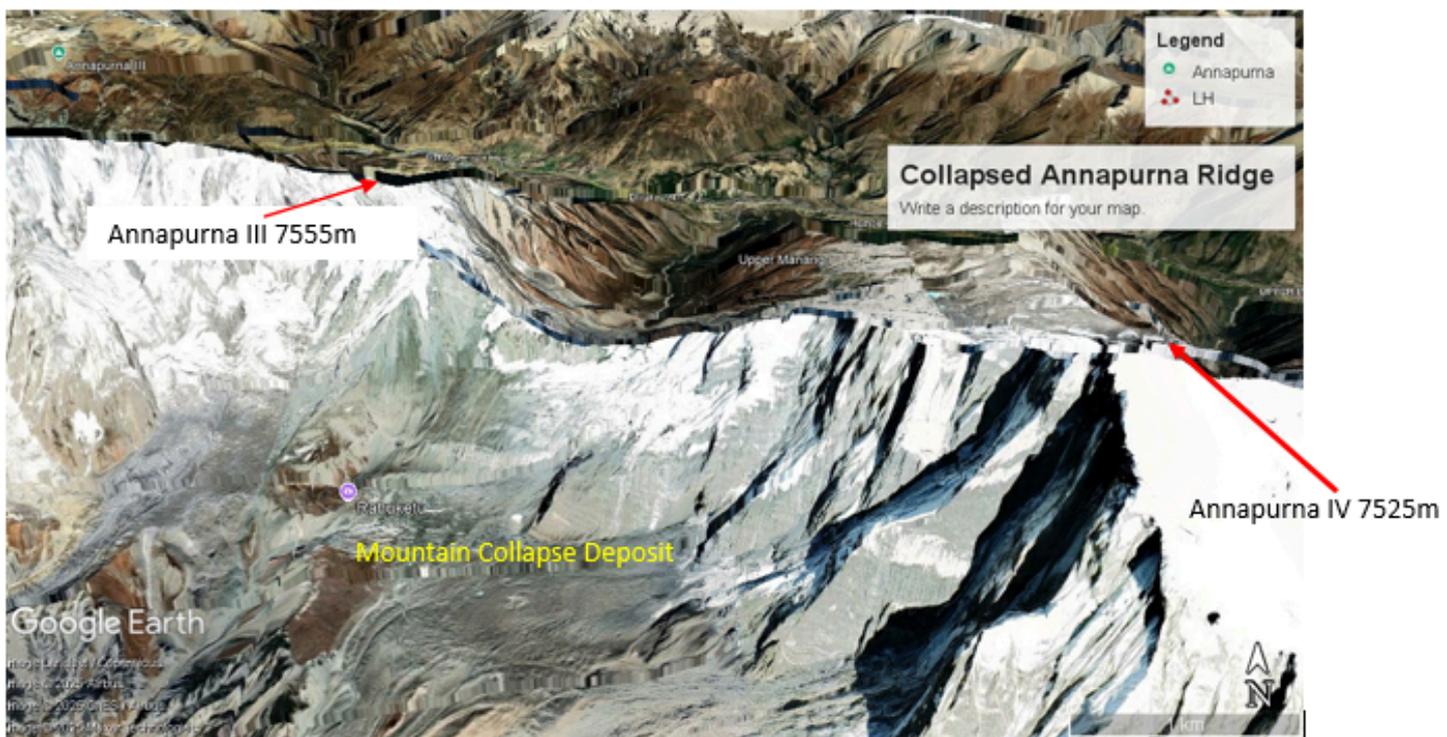
### Geology of Pokhara Valley

Although the geology of Pokhara Valley is mainly dominated by detrital sediments in the form of river terraces all along the Seti River originated in the Annapurna region, but the basement and the surrounding hills consist of the Kunchha formation as described by Stocklin and Bhattarai (1977) for central Nepal. Present course of Seti River is a flow path carved by the river in thick pile of sediments. The terraced landform has been differentiated into different formations by Yamanaka et al (1982), as presented in the table below in order of appearance from top to bottom.

S No	Name	Composition	Age
1	Pokhara Formation	Calcareous weakly cemented sub-angular to rounded clasts of mainly limestone, gneiss, quartzite and granite of mainly debris flow and alluvial origin. At some places, lacustrine deposits can also be seen	Medieval ?
2	Phewa Formation	Grey clayey silt of lacustrine origin	Latest Pleistocene
Unconfirmity			
3	Ghachok Formation	Dominantly calcareous, maturely karstified, cemented and hard strong conglomerate consisting of angular to subangular clasts of limestone from debris flow origin	Latest Pleistocene
4	Tallakot Formation	Cataclastic rock deposit appearing from Sabche Cirque to Pokhara Valley, consisting of boulder to sand-sized particles with angular clasts from debris avalanche origin from mountain collapse	Latest Pleistocene
Unconfirmity			
6	Kunchha Formation	Greenish grey gritty phyllite and quartzite	Precambrian

### The Mountain Collapse

Among the series of research articles published after Harka Gurung on the origin of sediment and depositional processes in Pokhara Valley, the latest one published in a prestigious Journal Nature Vol. 619 in July 2023 “Medieval demise of the Himalayan giant summit induced by mega-landslide” authored by Jerome Lave and his friends described meticulously the morphological features of the sediment deposit located in the source area as well as along the downstream stretches of Seti River. In the research article, the authors explained that a cataclysmic event of violent mountain collapse of one of the Himalayan peaks exceeding 8000m located between Annapurna III and Annapurna IV, produced an unprecedented volume of sediment, resulted in the apocalyptic debris avalanche and debris flow reaching Pokhara Valley, gave the present shape of the valley.



*Figure 2: Google Earth Image showing arrangement of Annapurna III and Annapurna IV and the depression in between them, together with the area of mountain collapse deposit in Sabche Cirque area*

Lave and his friend not only described the origin of sediment and depositional processes but also tried to explain when the collapse event occurred and the subsequent sediment was transported and deposited. For this purpose, besides referring to the carbon dating results obtained by previous researchers, they applied various other dating techniques to determine the age of the sediment of mountain collapse event. They also collected some samples by themselves from various locations and conducted  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating. Coincidentally, all the results of the age dating conducted by Lave et al. (2023) and the results they referred to converged and indicated a range of medieval age.

Hence, they reported that the age of the mountain collapse event and the subsequent event of sediment transport and deposit took place in 1190 AD. On the contrary, the  $^{14}\text{C}$  age dating conducted on the carbonaceous matter obtained from just below the debris flow deposit in Pokhara, in course of preparation of Engineering and Environmental Geological Mapping of Pokhara Valley conducted by the Department of Mines and Geology (DMG) in 1997 Scale 1:50,000 with the cooperation of the German experts from Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources(BGR), Germany had yielded  $12,400 \pm 345$  (calibrated age by IntCal20 is BP 14,047 - 15,119)(Koirala and Rimal, 1995; Koirala, 1998).

## Discussion

To reconcile the two conflicting findings on the ages of the sediment deposits, Harutaka Sakai and Achyuta Koirala revisited all previous literature and conducted rigorous field studies in Pokhara Valley during the autumn of 2023 and 2024. Besides, Harutaka Sakai, leading the NHK expedition in early 2023, had explored the source area of the sediment in Sabche Cirque, its surroundings and the downstream stretches of the Seti River, studying the nature of the sediment derived from the mountain collapse and its depositional character all along river Valley.

After the fieldwork of 2023 and 2024, a brainstorming discussion was held among the fieldwork partners and Jorg Hanisch, who was actively involved in the preparation of the Engineering and Environmental Geological Map of Pokhara Valley as a German expert, to discuss the conflicting findings on the age of the sediment. The discussion led to the preparation of a research article by the lead author Harutaka Sakai, "When Did a Giant Peak Collapse in the Annapurna Himalaya–Medieval or Latest Pleistocene? Geological Evidence From Debris avalanche and Debris Flow Deposits" and published in the Island Arc. The paper elaborately describes the sediment deposits in the Sabche Cirque, on the river terraces of the Seti River and in Pokhara Valley, together with their downstream transport mechanism and geological and geomorphological evidence of their occurrence. The paper concluded that there had been at least two distinct debris flow events along the Seti River, and the evidence is preserved in Pokhara Valley, positioning the deposits one on top of the other. The paper also describes the probable triggering mechanisms and the time of occurrence of the events.

As described earlier the  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating of the humic soil obtained from above the bedrock and the base of the Ghachok Formation revealed  $12,400 \pm 345$  (calibrated age by IntCal20 is BP 14,047 - 15,119) (Koirala and Rimal, 1995; Koirala, 1998). The soil had clearly formed just before the placement of debris flow deposits of the Ghachok Formation. Further, the  $^{14}\text{C}$  age of a wood sample from the oldest lacustrine sediments of the Phewa Formation yielded an age of  $12,220 \pm 215$  (IntCal 20 age is BP 13,983 -14,522). The ancient lake must have been formed by the damming of one of the tributaries of the Seti River. Both the ages lead to the conclusion that the giant collapse event and the subsequent debris-avalanche and debris-flow occurred at 15-14 ka.



*Figure 3: The pit in the picture was excavated during the mapping work in 1995-1996. The man in the pit points out the contact between the lacustrine deposit (grey) on top and the humic soil at the bottom*

On the finding of the intermixing of the interpretative age of all the sediment deposits of Pokhara Valley to be similar by Lave et. al (2023), Sakai et. al (2025) inferred that this is because of their ignorance of the age determination conducted earlier, did not pay attention to study the contact of different phases of sediments and did not realized the possibility of the absence of carbonaceous material content in the area involved in mountain collapse and subsequent debris avalanche and debris flow when the event took place.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Pokhara Valley in its present shape is the outcome of repeated occurrences of debris flow deposits and lakes formed by the damming of the tributary valleys of Seti River.

Since the main city area of Pokhara is situated on top of the gravel-dominant Pokhara Formation covering the maturely karstified Ghachok Formation, the possibility of the hazard of the occurrence of sinkholes at any part of the city, in a garden of a residential building, on the road or even inside a building on the ground floor remains.

The possibility of the recurrence of big and small-scale debris flows along the Seti River course cannot be denied in light of the presence of a huge quantity of mountain collapse deposits in Sabche Cirque area.

Pokhara is a fast-growing city mainly along Seti River valley, which has been established as the flow path of past devastating debris flow events. Hence, it is recommended to investigate recurrence of the debris flow and make the people residing in and around Pokhara aware of the impending hazard.

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# EVENTS FROM LAST QUARTER

<p><b>Australia</b> <i>Consult Australia</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1. Consult Australia - Gala dinner 2024-25</li> <li>• 2. Collab X 2025</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hongkong</b> <i>Association of Consulting Engineers of Hong Kong (ACEHK)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACEHK Safety Forum 2025 [24 June 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>India</b> <i>Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEAI Webinar - Strategies for Winning International Projects</li> <li>• BIM, Digital Twin, XR &amp; Power BI in Project Management by WRC</li> <li>• 1.Role and Opportunities for Engineers in Project Appraisal by FLF.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indonesia</b> <i>Indonesian National Association of Consultants (INKINDO)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd INKINO DKI Jakarta Member Code of Ethics Training "In carrying out their business, all Members are bound by the Code of Ethics" [18 June 2025]</li> <li>• INKINDO DKI Jakarta Holds Blood Drive with PMI South Jakarta [19 June 2025]</li> <li>• 10th SMAP Document Preparation Training &amp; Workshop [24 June - 26 June 2025]</li> <li>• SEMINAR &amp; WORKSHOP on "SUSTAINABLE FLOOD MITIGATION: THE ROLE OF OPEN FLOWS TECHNOLOGY IN RESILIENT DRAINAGE SYSTEM DESIGN" [3 July 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Japan</b> <i>Engineering and Consulting Firms Association (ECFA)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning &amp; Formulation Course [12 May - 14 May 2025]</li> <li>• Monitoring &amp; Evaluation Course [9 June - 12 June 2025]</li> <li>• Introduction to Financial &amp; Economic Analysis: Theory and Practice [August 5-6, 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Malaysia</b> <i>The Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course on The Role of a Mechanical Engineer in an Engineering Consultancy Practice [3, 10, 17 May 2025]</li> <li>• MPC Driving Business Productivity &amp; Competitiveness: Leveraging Energy Performance Management to Boost Revenue and Reduce Carbon Emissions program - 30 &amp; 31 July 2025.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pakistan</b> <i>Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hosted Mid year conference of FAP - [15-17 July 2025]</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Nepal</b> <i>Society of Consulting Architectural and Engineering Firms (SCAEF)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on “Motorable Bridge Design for the beginners and Design Verification [16-21 April 2025]</li> <li>• “Showcase in Seminar and Exhibition on “Knowledge Dissemination Seminar and Exhibition on Motorable Bridges” Organized by Motorable Local Roads Bridge Programme-Phase IV (MLRBP-IV)” [24 - 25 June 2025]</li> <li>• Training on Basics of Building Information Modelling (BIM) SCAEF NEPAL in association with CBDIC, FCAN &amp; NBIMF[30 June - 2 July, 2025]</li> <li>• Technical Collaboration as Knowledge Partner with WRRDC on seven Days Training of Trainers on Advance Contract Management Training [27 June - 3 July 2025]</li> <li>• Training on Design and Construction of Multi-Lane Highways, Expressways, Underpass and Overpass, Tunnels [3 - 5 July 2025]</li> <li>• Formation of SCAEF Future Leaders’ Nepal (FLN) chaired by Er. Aditya Khanal (Member of AFLEC) [7-Jul-25]</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Zealand</b> <i>The Association of Consulting and Engineering New Zealand Incorporated (ACENZ)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on NZTA’s Integrated Delivery Model (IDM) - [19 May 2025]</li> <li>• ACE New Zealand SME Summit [21 May 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Singapore</b> <i>The Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACES Webinar 2025: Innovations, Challenges &amp; Regulatory Development - [29-30 May 2025]</li> <li>• Singapore International Green Building Conference 2025 - 9-10 July 2025</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thailand</b> <i>Consulting Engineers Association of Thailand (CEAT)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPC/Turnkey Construction Project Contract Management</li> <li>• Net Zero [21 May 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vietnam</b> <i>Vietnam Engineering Consultant Association</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIM Manager Course, Ho Chi Minh City [16-18 May 2025]</li> <li>• BIM Manager Course, Hanoi City [23-25 May 2025]</li> <li>• <u>Conference of the VII Congress Preparation Committee</u> [May 9, 2025]</li> <li>• With the companionship of Autodesk, the Vietnam Engineering Consultant Association organized a conference with the theme “From collaborative BIM to AI-integrated BIM” [July 4, 2025]</li> </ul>

# NEWS FROM FIDIC

## NEW CEO APPOINTED FOR FIDIC

With a distinguished 25 years career spanning international organizations, the public and private sectors, Susanna has built an extensive and influential network through continents and sectors, positioning her as a leading figure in global advocacy, strategic planning, and organisational transformation.

Since May 2025 she's the new CEO of FIDIC. Susanna joined FIDIC after serving 18 years in the International Road Federation (IRF).

As the Director General of the International Road Federation (IRF) ([www.irfofficial.org](http://www.irfofficial.org)), she has successfully spearheaded governance reforms, financial stabilization, and members' engagement initiatives, while championing road safety and sustainability on a global scale.

Her leadership has been critical in forging and nurturing high-level partnerships across governments, international financial institutions, and the private sector, making her a trusted representative at key multilateral forums.

Susanna is an accomplished leader committed to driving innovation, fostering global cooperation, and enhancing the global infrastructure sector.



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# NEWS FROM FIDIC

## Join FIDIC's Global Infrastructure Conference in Cape Town



FIDIC has announced the dates for its flagship annual Global Infrastructure Conference which takes place in Cape Town, South Africa, from **21-23 September 2025**.

The conference organised under the theme Smart Infrastructure: Equality, Resilience and Innovation for a Sustainable World will host a number of essential and timely discussions on the future of infrastructure and how it will be delivered in a changing world. The event will bring together a high-profile line-up of expert speakers, global influencers, industry experts and sector leaders together in one place for three days of discussion, debate, and networking.

The speaker lineup includes representatives from a wide range of global organisations including governments, consulting engineering companies, the financial services sector, construction business associations, water companies, infrastructure and engineering advisors, NGOs, construction software providers, data platform providers, management consultancy firms, multilateral development banks and risk management experts.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>Australia</b> <i>Consult Australia</i></p>	<p>Consult Australia is organizing following ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boardroom Breakfast with the Hon. Bill Yan MLA, NT Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure -[6 October 2025]</li> <li>• Boardroom Luncheon with Peter Regan Chief Executive, Sydney Metro [23 September 2025]</li> <li>• Boardroom Luncheon with Sam O’Connor MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works [11 September 2025]</li> <li>• Boardroom Lunch with Anthony Kannis, Director General of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage - 27 August 2025</li> <li>• Consult Australia Champions of Change 8th Annual Industry Lunch [27 August 2025]</li> <li>• FutureNet QLD: Shaping the Future of Infrastructure - Contracting Models [28 August 2025]</li> <li>• FutureNet SA - Social Amazing Race: Discover Adelaide's Hidden Gems! [19 September 2025]</li> <li>• Contracts for Consultants (in person) [17-19 September 2025]</li> <li>• Contracts for Consultants (online) [12-14 November 2025]</li> <li>• Role of the Superintendent (online) [11 November 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>India</b> <i>Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI)</i></p>	<p>CEAI is organizing the following ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Building Congress to be held at Engineering Staff Collage of India, Hyderabad [August 2025]</li> <li>• Indian Process expo &amp; Conference and Eco Sustain Expo &amp; Conference 2025 to be held at HITEX Hyderabad [August 2025]</li> <li>• CEAI Annual Conference &amp; Awards [November 2025]</li> <li>• Seminar on the use of Parallel Flange and Tubular Steel Sections</li> <li>• Webinar on - Tackling Fraud and Corruption in the Infrastructure Industry</li> <li>• Webinar on - Importance of Road Safety in India.</li> <li>• Webinar on - Building Services – Safety, BIM, AI &amp; Digital Tools.</li> <li>• Hands-on workshop - - XR and AI in Engineering and Construction Industry.</li> <li>• Webinar Engineers’ Role in Techno-Economic Viability Studies &amp; Lenders’ Independent Engineer Reports.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Malaysia</b> <i>The Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM)</i></p>	<p>ACEM is organizing the following ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACEM webinar series site supervision course discipline module civil &amp; structural 2025 [June - september 2025]</li> <li>• Luncheon webinar precast concrete technology in modern construction [August 2025]</li> <li>• Luncheon webinar from blueprint to reality: common design &amp; construction mismatches [August 2025]</li> <li>• Webinar “PASSING PAE” (BEM outcome-based professional) [November 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Philippines</b> <i>Council of Engineering Consultants of the Philippines (CECOPHIL)</i></p>	<p>CECOPHIL is organizing the following ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in FIDIC Asia Pacific Conference in Bali, Indonesia [18-20 August 2025]</li> <li>• Participation in FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in Cape Town, South Africa [21-23 September 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Zealand</b> <i>The Association of Consulting and Engineering New Zealand Incorporated (ACENZ)</i></p>	<p>ACENZ is organizing following ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Futurespace 2025 [22-23 October 2025]</li> <li>• Tough Calls Leaders Make on Hiring, Projects and Technology - [27 August 2025]</li> </ul>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>Singapore</b> <i>The Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACES AI Seminar - [20 August 2025]</li> <li>• ACES-ACO Seminar - [22 August 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Korea</b> <i>Korea Engineering and Consulting Association (KENCA)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2025 FIDIC Future Management Certification Program [March to September 2025]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thailand</b> <i>Consulting Engineers Association of Thailand (CEAT)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training: Smart Tools 101 - AI Tools Every Engineer Should Try at The Engineering Institute of Thailand [25 August 2025]</li> <li>• Training Course: FIDIC Contract Management and Administration Course at SC Park Hotel, Bangkok [4-5 September 2025]</li> <li>• Training Course : FIDIC Future Leaders 9 (FFL#9) at SC Park Hotel, Bangkok [18 October 2025 - 23 May 2026]</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pakistan</b> <i>Association of Consulting Engineers Pakistan (ACEP)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holistic Risk Reduction For Infrastructure Projects - [October 2025]</li> <li>• Blending Seismology, Climatology &amp; Sustainability - [November 2025]</li> <li>• Annual General Meeting ACEP - [November 2025]</li> <li>• Engineers Premier League Season 04 - [December 2025]</li> </ul>

We invite our member associations to share their constructive feedbacks and inputs to incorporate in the next issue of the newsletter.

Member associations are requested to circulate this newsletter among their members and seek articles, news and information related to past and future events to enhance the network and to represent more parts of the region.

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