

Construction Industry Council**Committee on Environment and Sustainability**

Meeting No. 003/25 of the Committee on Environment and Sustainability for 2025 was held on Tuesday, 16 September 2025 at 3:30 pm in 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:	Clarence LEUNG	(CLWK)	Chairperson
	Terence LAM*	(TmL)	
	Garret HONG*	(GH)	(On behalf of Tim LI)
	Anthony CHAN*	(AyC)	
	HUANG Jianxiang	(HJX)	
	Rodney IP*	(RICW)	
	KAN Jun	(KJ)	
	Sunnie LAU	(SLSY)	
	LEUNG Man-kit	(MKL)	
	Henry NGAI*	(HNHS)	
	WU Siu-kei	(WSK)	

In Attendance:	Raymond CHAN*	(RCKL)	Adviser
	Albert CHENG	(CTN)	Executive Director
	CK WU	(CK)	General Manager – Industry Development, Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) (Acting)
	Leo HIU	(HLH)	Manager – Management Support

Max CHIN	(MChin)	Manager – Environment and Sustainability (E&S)
Lynn CHENG	(LCheng)	Manager – E&S
Jessica HUANG	(JHuang)	Assistant Manager – E&S
Jane LING	(JLing)	Senior Officer – E&S
Ray CHAN*	(RCKH)	Senior Officer – E&S
Susan LEE	(SLee)	Officer – E&S
 Presenter:	Tim LO	BEAM Society Limited (BSL)
	Priscilla LIU	BSL
	Sandy LI	CECEP Environmental Consulting Group Limited (CECEP)
	Sijia GENG	CECEP
	Paul SAT	Hong Kong Green Building Council (HKGBC)
	Heidi HUI	HKGBC
 Apologies:	Thomas CHAN	(TCCT)
	Victor CHEUNG	(VC)
	KWOK Hing-wun	(HWK)
	Raymond KWOK	(RKWM)
	Tim LI	(TMLW)
	Kevin MA	(KMHM)
	Rex WONG	(RxW)
	Andrew YOUNG	(AYMC)

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* Attended the meeting online via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES**Action****3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Members confirmed minutes CIC/E&S/M/002/25 of the last Com-E&S meeting No. 002/25 held on Monday, 23 June 2025. No conflict of interest was reported from Members.

All to Note

3.2 Latest Updates of Accidents and Upcoming Safety Events

Members were briefed on the latest safety messages and events.

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3.3 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

Members were updated on the following matters:

(a) Item 2.5 – E&S Business Plan and Budget for 2026

The Secretariat reported the latest budget update under agenda item 3.7.

All to Note

(b) Item 2.8 – Progress Updates on the Consultancy Study on Enhancement and Repositioning of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme (SFCS)

The Consultant, CECEP, presented the latest progress under agenda item 3.5.

All to Note

(c) Item 2.10 – Progress Updates in CIC R&D Fund Project – Tailoring New-Generation Low-carbon Concrete for Green Construction: Engineering Applications towards Carbon Neutrality

Members were informed that the research team from Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) needs more time to address the comments raised during Com-E&S Meeting No. 002/25. The test results and further updates will be presented in due course.

All to Note

Action**(d) AOB item – Joining the Signatory for ULI Low Carbon Emissions Steel Initiative**

Members were informed that the CIC has officially joined the initiative as a supporting organisation.

All to Note

3.4 Progress Update on KPIs Achievement of CIC R&D Fund Project – iBEAM Unison

Members were briefed that the original project period is 24 months after the commencement date on 16 May 2022. Due to the change in scope, the final deliverables were completed and reported to Com-E&S on 15 September 2024.

All to Note

(Representatives of BSL joined the meeting at 15:40)

Members were briefed on the achievement status of the SEVEN (7) KPIs set out in the research agreement. Members were reported that all KPIs had been fulfilled.

All to Note

CLWK enquired about the ownership of the iBEAM Unison platform. BSL clarified that the platform is owned and operated by BSL, with all operational costs covered by BSL. The platform is open and free for use by any companies in the industry, including developers and contractors.

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CLWK enquire if BSL has any development plans for iBEAM Unison. BSL responded that they may consider improving the embodied carbon calculation by incorporating the material emission factor database and enhancing the solar radiation simulation function in the future stage.

All to Note

Members enquired about BSL's plans to strengthen iBEAM Unison's presence within the consultancy sector. BSL responded that they will explore integrating iBEAM Unison into the BEAM Plus assessment standard and arrange more proactive engagement and training for contractors and

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consultants.

CLWK noted that the iBEAM Unison platform is crucial to BEAM Plus submission which in turn would be critical to Occupation Permit (OP) application following the new requirements for Compliance Assessment as pre-requisite for OP. CLWK reminded BSL to consider measure to ensure service continuity for the platform.

All to Note

(Representatives of BSL left the meeting at 15:56)

Members endorsed the KPIs achievement of the CIC R&D Fund Project “iBEAM Unison” and supported the release of KPI-based payment to BSL.

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3.5 Progress Updates on the Consultancy Study on Enhancement and Repositioning of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme (SFCS)

(Representatives of CECEP joined the meeting at 15:57)

Members were reported on the findings and recommended strategic direction. CECEP identified that the SFCS is experiencing a shortage of applications as a result of changing market conditions, while simultaneously facing high operational costs. Thus, CECEP recommended to suspend the current SFCS by 30 September 2025 and conduct a strategic review after 18 months from the suspension date. CECEP also presented the repositioning options for the SFCS and future deliverables of the consultancy study.

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CLWK inquired whether the recommended repositioning option of the joint programme with financial institutions leveraging on CIC Green Product Certification (GPC) is targeted solely at material suppliers. CECEP clarified that the programme welcomes participation from manufacturers, suppliers, contractors and developers.

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(Representatives of CECEP left the meeting at 16:10)

CLWK expressed support for CECEP's recommended strategic direction, particularly the suspension of the current SFCS by 30 September 2025 but suggested conducting a strategic review no later than 18 months following the suspension, at the latest by 31 March 2027.

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CTN also expressed support for the suspension and proposed conducting an internal review of similar programmes in the market offered by other organisations in Hong Kong for CIC's future reference. CLWK explained that CECEP conducted a detailed comparison analysis as part of the consultancy study, and the findings would be included in their deliverables.

All to Note

Members endorsed the suspension of the current SFCS, effective 30 September 2025, and the recommendation to conduct a strategic review at the latest by 31 March 2027.

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3.6 Proposal on Organising Committee of CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition (GCSFE) 2026

Members were reported on the proposed composition of the Organising Committee.

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CLWK invited members to advise on the theme and content of the event at the upcoming Com-E&S meeting. As an example, CLWK shared an idea from CTN to include topics related to sustainable development in the Northern Metropolis.

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Members approved the proposed composition of the Organising Committee for GCSFE 2026.

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Action**3.7 Revised E&S Budget Plan for 2026**

Members were briefed that the 2026 E&S budget had been revised. The majority of the adjustment was attributed to the budget allocation for the GCSFE 2026.

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Members noted the updated KPIs for GCSFE 2026, which include engaging over 1,000 in-person participants, 1,500 online participants, inviting more than 10 well-known speakers and at least 12 exhibitors.

All to Note

The Secretariat will update the GCSFE 2026 budget plan following the Committee on Administration, Finance, Governance, and Strategy (Com-AFGS) meeting on 19 September 2025. The Secretariat is exploring various venue options in order to accommodate the revised budget, if necessary.

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3.8 Progress Updates on HKGBC Funded Projects for 2025

(Representatives of HKGBC joined the meeting at 16:24)

Members were updated on the event theme, planned activities, and promotional strategy of the Hong Kong Green Building Week (HKGBW) 2025, scheduled from 19 to 28 September 2025. The CIC initiatives would be incorporated into the exhibition zone of the Green Building Fair at HKGBW 2025.

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Members were briefed on the capacity building activities for the Hong Kong Green Shop Alliance (HKGSA) 2025, which operates on a two-year cycle.

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Members were updated on the operation of the CIC Green Product Certification (GPC), including website enhancements, GPC 2.0 pilot run cases, training, the promotion plan and the current application status.

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HKGBC reported an amendment to the 2026 KPIs for CIC GPC. The target number of valid licenses has been reduced from 1,400 to 960 due to the anticipated expiration of a significant number of ready-mixed concrete product licenses in the coming year. Additionally, a new KPI has been introduced to increase the number of product categories with three or more suppliers to 18.

CLWK supplement the rational for amendment of KPIs per previous discussion with HKGBC. It is observed that the numbers of ready-mixed concrete (“RMC”) product licenses would have significant impact on the total numbers of certified products achievable each year. Given that the slowdown in the construction market, the numbers of RMC licenses is expected to reduce drastically. Therefore, instead of striving for an increase in the total numbers of certified products, it is recommended to re-direct team’s efforts to fulfil other needs and goals of the CICGPC scheme. It is considered that increasing the number of product categories with sufficient suppliers will also facilitate wider adoption of GPC-certified materials.

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HKGBC reported the tendering process for the “Market Demand-and-Supply Study” under CIC GPC Enhancement Stage 4 and 5. The study is expected to commence in late 2025 and with an estimated duration of 6 to 8 months.

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(Representatives of HKGBC left the meeting at 16:50)

3.9 AOB

Progress Updates on the Consultancy Study and Development on CIC Smart Waste Management Tool, Phase Two – The Secretariat reported updates on the variation order (VO) status and development timeline. Members were informed that the Change Request (CR) proposal was approved in principle at the Project Steering Committee (PSC)

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meeting held on 28 August 2025, with no adverse comments.

Updates on ReThink HK 2025 – Members noted that CIC successfully hosted two panel discussion sessions and the CIC GPC Pavilion at ReThink HK 2025, held from 11 to 12 September 2025, as a Strategic Partner.

All to Note

Sponsorship of the Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook – Members were informed that the Secretariat had circulated the latest version of the Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook (the Guidebook) for members' information and feedback.

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Members agreed to share one-third the production cost of the Guidebook among HKGBC, Business Environment Council (BEC), and CIC.

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Members had no further comments on the Guidebook.

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Supporting the Reinforcing Sustainability and Standards in Green Construction Event Co-organised by the Hong Kong Construction Materials Association (HKCMA) and CARES – Members were briefed on the upcoming event scheduled on 11 November 2025 and supported the proposal for CIC to join as a supporting organisation and to deliver a speaking session on CIC GPC.

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Progress Updates on CIC Sustainable Construction Award (SCA) 2026 – Members were briefed that the next Organising Committee meeting for SCA 2026 will be held on 29 September 2025.

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The Secretariat reported the website and launching timeline for SCA 2026: the launching ceremony will take place on 12 December 2025 at Construction Innovation Expo (CIEexpo) 2025, with the website scheduled to launch on the same day.

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Members were updated that the promotional video service contract was awarded to Video-Film Productions Ltd., which will be responsible for producing four promotional videos for the award.

3.10 Tentative Date of Next Meeting No. 004/25

Next Meeting is scheduled for 25 November 2025 (Tuesday), 2:30 pm, in the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (Megabox), 38 Wang Chiu Road.

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