

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Environment and Sustainability

Meeting No. 003/24 of the Committee on Environment and Sustainability (Com-E&S) was held on 10 September 2024 (Tuesday) 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 online via MS Teams.

Summary Notes of the Com-E&S Meeting No. 003/24:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
3.1	CIC/E&S/M/002/24	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the last Com-E&S meeting No. 002/24 held on Friday, 7 June 2024.
3.2	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Latest Updates of Accidents and Upcoming Safety Events The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the CIC's latest safety publications/events, and messages from the CIC's Chairman.
3.3	CIC/E&S/M/002/24	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the following:

		<p>(a) <u>Item 2.2 - Green Data Hub</u></p> <p>Members were informed that the proposal of Green Data Hub will be submitted for application for the CIC R&D Fund before November 2024.</p> <p>(b) <u>Item 2.2 – Updates on the CIC Loyalty Program</u></p> <p>Members were informed that the Internal Working Group of the CIC Loyalty Program has been formed. Prior to the program development, the Group will collect and analyse the first six-month user data from the CIC APP.</p> <p>(c) <u>Item 2.5 – Progress Updates on the CIC Smart Waste Management Tool (SWMT)</u></p> <p>Members were informed that 17 projects have been registered for the tool, and 25 more projects are intended to adopt the SWMT.</p> <p>The discussions with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) regarding the integration of their C-Easy Platform with the SWMT are underway.</p> <p>A consultant has been appointed for the commencement of the second phase of development, and the Working Group has approved the initial deliverables.</p> <p>(d) <u>Item 1.4 – Proposal on a Feasibility Study on Construction Site Electrification and Clean Energy Adoption</u></p> <p>Members were briefed that a consultant was appointed and the project commenced in</p>
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		<p>August 2024. The consultant team has initiated the pre-engagement sessions and submitted the inception report to the Working Group for review and comment.</p>
3.4	CIC/E&S/P/012/24 (for endorsement)	<p>Revision of 2025 Business Plan, Budget and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Revision of 2024 KPIs</p> <p>Members were informed of a budget reduction for Com-E&S for 2025 due to economic changes. The details of the subsequent revision to the Business Plan, budget allocation and KPIs for 2025 will be submitted for endorsement from the Executive Committee and approval from the Council.</p> <p>The CIC Secretariat presented the 2024 KPI status and justified removing the “Development of Green Data Hub” from the 2024 KPIs in view of the project's latest development and the revised CIC R&D Fund application schedule.</p> <p>Members endorsed the revision of 2024 KPIs as detailed in Paper CIC/E&S/P/012/24.</p>
3.5	CIC/E&S/P/013/24 (for information)	<p>Progress Updates on Enhancement and Repositioning of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme</p> <p>Members were briefed on the proposed consultancy study for the enhancement and repositioning of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme (SFCS).</p>

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		<p>Members suggested engaging banks to facilitate SMEs’ access to green financing and conducting market research to identify SMEs’ needs regarding green finance and tailoring the SFCS for them accordingly. The CIC Secretariat responded that those areas would be included in the upcoming study.</p>
3.6	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	<p>Progress Updates on HKGBC Projects Funded by the CIC and the Funding Request for 2025</p> <p>Members were reported on the progress of the HKGBC projects funded by the CIC for 2024 and the revised funding request for 2025.</p> <p>Members inquired about the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement, the future promotion plan for the CIC Green Product Certification (the CIC GPC) in the Greater Bay Area, and the tender status and revised budget of the CIC GPC enhancement study.</p> <p>HKGBC affirmed the effectiveness of promotion, noting the Hong Kong Housing Authority’s intention to include the CIC GPC-certified ready-mixed concrete in its general specification. HKGBC responded that collaborative efforts with the CIC shall be sought for promotion in 2025, and elaborated the CIC GPC enhancement study would span three years instead of two with the total amount of funding request remains unchanged.</p>
3.7	PowerPoint Presentation	<p>Progress Updates on the Enhancement Study on the CIC Green Product Certification</p>

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	(for information)	<p>Members were reported on the progress updates on the enhancement study on the CIC GPC, including major changes in the new scheme, the overall programme and progress, and the launching arrangement.</p> <p>Members expressed their expectations for a broader recognition and smooth transition in the enchanted CIC GPC.</p>
3.8	*CIC/E&S/P/014/24* (for information)	<p>Progress Updates on CIC R&D Fund Project – Tailoring New-Generation Low-carbon Concrete for Green Construction: Engineering Applications towards Carbon Neutrality</p> <p>While the paper updated the current progress, the representatives from PolyU will be invited to Com-E&S to report on the key deliverables in due course.</p>
3.9	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>(a) Technical Procurement Guideline by RESET Carbon/Hong Kong PropTech Alliance</p> <p>Members were introduced to the Technical Procurement Guideline on Low Embodied Carbon Construction (the Guideline) initiated by RESET Carbon, a consultant of carbon management.</p>

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		<p>The CIC Secretariat reported on its contribution to the Guideline as “knowledge partner” only, including feedback on sections related to Carbon Assessment Tool and CIC GPC, and sought members’ view on the CIC’s role in this initiative. No adverse comments were received on CIC’ role as “knowledge partner”.</p> <p>Members clarified that PropTech Alliance, composed of major private developers, had not officially endorsed the Guideline and opined that the CIC should prudently consider its role in the initiative.</p> <p>Members discussed and commented on the limitations of the Guideline and advised on the direction for improvement accordingly.</p> <p>(b) Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook</p> <p>Members were briefed on the collaborative initiative of developing the Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook together with HKGBC and the Business Environment Council. The CIC will contribute to the content on CIC initiatives related to circularity, call for submissions from the industry and nominate Members to the Task Force.</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.