

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Environment and Sustainability
Summary of Meeting No. 003/25

Key Highlights

1. Re R&D Fund Project – iBEAM Unison – Members endorsed KPIs achievements and supported KPI-based payment of HK\$963,900 to Beam Society Limited (BSL).
2. Re CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme (SFCS) – Members endorsed the suspension of the current SFCS, effective 30 September 2025, and the recommendation to conduct a strategic review latest by 31 March 2027.
3. Members approved the proposed composition of the Organising Committee for CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition (GCSFE) 2026.
4. Members noted that the 2026 E&S budget had been revised from HK\$26.31 million to HK\$16.7073 million. Members also noted the updated KPIs related GCSFE 2026. The Secretariat will update the budget plan following the Committee on Administration, Finance, Governance, and Strategy (Com-AFGS) meeting on 19 September 2025, with the possibility of changing the event venue of GCSFE to accommodate the revised budget, if necessary.
5. Members noted that Hong Kong Green Building Week (HKGBW) 2025 will be held 19-28 September 2025. Members noted that CIC initiatives would be incorporated into the exhibition zone of the Green Building Fair at HKGBW 2025.
6. Members noted the progress update of “CIC Green Product Certification” and the KPIs amendment in 2026.
7. Re Smart Waste Management Tool (SWMT) Phase II – Members were informed that the Change Request (CR) proposal was approved in principle at the Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held on 28 August 2025.
8. Members noted that CIC had successfully hosted two panel discussion sessions and the CIC GPC Pavilion at ReThink HK 2025, held 11-12 September 2025, as a Strategic Partner of the organiser.
9. Re Sponsorship of the Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook – Members agreed to share one-third of the production cost for CIC, which is HK\$20,833.33.

10. Members supported CIC to join as a supporting organisation and to deliver a speaking session on CIC GPC in the “Reinforcing Sustainability and Standards in Green Construction Event”, and event co-organised by the Hong Kong Construction Materials Association (HKCMA) and CARES.
11. Members were briefed on the timeline for Sustainable Construction Award (SCA) 2026: the launch ceremony will take place 12 December 2025 at CIExpo 2025 with website launch on the same day.

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Meeting No. 003/25 of the Committee on Environment and Sustainability (Com-E&S) was held on 16 September 2025 (Tuesday) 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 via video conference - MS Teams.

Summary Notes of the Com-E&S Meeting No. 003/25

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
3.1	CIC/E&S/M/002/25	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the previous Com-E&S Meeting No. 002/25 held on 23 June 2025 (Monday).
3.2	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Latest Updates on Accidents and Upcoming Safety Events The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the CIC's latest safety publications/events.
3.3	CIC/E&S/M/002/25 (for information)	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting The CIC Secretariat updated Members on the following: (a) <u>Item 2.10 – Progress Updates in CIC R&D Fund Project – Tailoring New-Generation Low-carbon Concrete for Green Construction: Engineering Applications towards Carbon</u>

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		<u>Neutrality</u> Members noted that PolyU needs more time to address the comments from the last Com-E&S Meeting No. 002/25. The test results and further progress will be presented in due course. (b) <u>AOB item – Joining the Signatory for ULI Low Carbon Emissions Steel Initiative</u> Members were informed that the CIC has officially joined the initiative as a supporting organisation.
3.4	CIC/E&S/P/009/25 (for endorsement)	Progress Update on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Achievement of CIC R&D Fund Project – iBEAM Unison Members were briefed on the status of the project’s KPIs, noting that all 7 KPIs have been fulfilled. Members were informed that iBEAM Unison is owned and operated by BEAM Society Limited (BSL), with operational costs covered by BSL. iBEAM Unison is open and free for use by any companies in the industry, including developers and contractors. Members endorsed the KPI achievements and supported the release of KPI-based payment to BSL, in a total amount of HK\$963,900.
3.5	CIC/E&S/P/010/25 (for endorsement)	Progress Updates on the Consultancy Study on Enhancement and Repositioning of the CIC Sustainable Finance Certification Scheme (SFCS) Members were briefed on CECEP’s recommended strategic direction and the repositioning options for the SFCS. The SFCS is identified experiencing a shortage of applications as a result

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		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. Members endorsed the suspension of the current SFCS, effective from 30 September 2025, and conducting a strategic review by 31 March 2027 at the latest.
3.6	CIC/E&S/P/011/25 (for approval)	Proposal on Organising Committee of CIC Global Construction Sustainability Forum and Exhibition (GCSFE) 2026 Members noted and approved the proposed composition of the Organising Committee for GCSFE 2026.
3.7	CIC/E&S/P/012/25 (for information)	Revised E&S Budget Plan for 2026 Members were informed that the E&S budget for 2026 has been revised from HK\$26.31 million to HK\$16.7073 million, mainly due to adjustments in the budget allocation for GCSFE 2026. Members noted the updated KPIs for GCSFE 2026. The Secretariat will update the budget plan following the Committee on Administration, Finance, Governance, and Strategy (Com-AFGS) meeting on 19 September 2025, with the possibility of changing the event venue of GCSFE to accommodate the revised budget, if necessary.

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3.8	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	HKGBC Progress Updates on HKGBC Funded Projects for 2025 Members were updated on the event theme, planned activities and promotional strategy of the Hong Kong Green Building Week (HKGBW) 2025, scheduled for 19-28 September 2025. Members were briefed on the capacity building activities for the Hong Kong Green Shop Alliance (HKGSA) 2025, which operates on a two-year cycle. Members were updated on the operation of the CIC Green Product Certification Scheme (CIC GPC), including website enhancements, GPC 2.0 pilot run cases, training, promotion plan and current application status. 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 more than three suppliers to 18. 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 2025 and has an estimated duration of 6 to 8 months.
3.9	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Progress Updates on the Consultancy Study and Development on CIC Smart Waste Management Tool, Phase Two Members were informed that the Change Request (CR) proposal was approved in principle at the

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		Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting held on 28 August 2025. No adverse comment was received. Updates on Rethink HK 2025 Members were briefed that CIC successfully hosted two panel discussion sessions and the CIC GPC Pavilion at ReThink HK 2025, held 11-12 September 2025, as a Strategic Partner. Sponsorship of the Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook Members agreed to share one-third of the production cost for the Guidebook with HKGBC and Business Environment Council (BEC), with a share amount of HK\$20,833.33 for CIC. Members had no further comments on the Guidebook. Supporting the Reinforcing Sustainability and Standards in Green Construction Event Co-organised by the Hong Kong Construction Materials Association (HKCMA) and CARES Members supported CIC to join as a supporting organisation and to deliver a speaking session on CIC GPC. Progress Updates on CIC Sustainable Construction Award (SCA) 2026 Members noted the next OC meeting will be held on 29 September 2025. Members were briefed on launching and website timeline for SCA 2026. Members were updated that promotional video service contract awarded to Video-Film Productions Ltd. to produce four videos.

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.