

iiSBE 2016 Annual General Meeting

at the offices of UNEP in Paris, October 22, 2016:



Meeting Notes

1. Attendees:

LB	Luis Braganca, President (Portugal, Chair of the Meeting)
NL	Nils Larsson. Exec Director (Canada)
BB	Bob Bach Treasurer (Canada)
SwS	Sungwoo Shin, (Korea)
BW	Boguslaw (Bogdan) Witkowski (Belgium)
AL	Antonin Lupisek (Czech Republic)
LB	Larry Brydon (Canada)
MI	Mohammed Issa (Canada)
AM	Andrea Moro (Italy):
SS	Serge Salat (France)
FL	Francoise Labbe: (France)
RB	Ruben Paul Borg (Malta):
CG	Curt Garrigan (UNEP – part time observer):

2. Informal preliminaries:

Self introductions were provided by each board member present. It was noted that Sungwoo Shin is head of a Korean government agency with the objective to reduce GHG emissions, and is a key contact for possible Korean participation in the Global Alliance for Building and Construction.

3. Introduction and Agenda:

NL provided a presentation (attached) that included an agenda and other supporting information.

iiSBE Membership is approximately 385, but is slowly declining. The cause is mainly growth in the use of the Internet, and with free distribution of documents. iiSBE Austria membership remains strong, but the organization does not participate. Israel reports that funds are currently more available, and may re-join. Two chapters remain strong, Canada and Italy, but neither wants to expand their membership (5 and 18 respectively).

AL informed the group that GBC Finland and GBC CZ have left the WGBC.

4. Financial Report (NL & HRB):

BB, supported by NL, presented a summary of the current financial situation. He complimented NL on the carefully detailed tracking off all income and expenses, and on dealing with the four currencies in a practical manner.

In light of the financial condition of iiSBE International, BB strongly suggested that iiSBE Board members should be responsible for their own expenses when attending the annual meeting, and some other iiSBE events, to be defined

There was some discussion on the Canadian taxation rules under which iiSBE operates as a registered non-profit tax exempt organization.

5. Report on iiSBE Activities during 2015/16

a) SBE Conferences and Finances

NL provided some history on the GBC/SBE/WSB Conference Series.

- GBC Commenced in 1998 in Vancouver
- Ronald Rovers organized GBC2000 in Maastricht, NL
- CIB (Wim Bakens) joined the series to hold GBC2002 in Oslo, NO
- 2016 – SBE16s will be held in a total of 20 countries, with 16 completed to date, and 4 to be held by year-end.

iiSBE International leads the organization of the SBE and WSBE conferences on behalf of CIB, UNEP-SBCI, FDIC, and (as of Oct 3) Global ABC for these conferences that are held every 3 years. iiSBE receives high recognition as the main organizer.

b) SBE Challenge for 2017: WSBE 2017 Hong Kong will feature one-half day for SBE Building Challenge and one-half day for SBE Urban Challenge. There are 5 possible country teams participating in the SBE Building Challenge, and 6 in the SBE Urban Challenge.

c) NL, on behalf of iiSBE, was invited to join the Global Alliance for Building and Construction (GABC). WGBC is a member of Global ABC. This has turned out to be a very significantly active project, and iiSBE has assisted UNEP with organizing some meetings, conferences, etc.

d) LB invited BW to present for discussion a presentation on a project he had done with SS. He delivered by a brief summary presentation (attached)

- Discussion:
 - o NL: Are there not many issues to be decided that are not readily apparent?
 - o BW: There are many inputs and discussions fed into the model to influence the results. What is presented is very primitive, and does not include all the details.
 - o NL: For WSBE17, the organizers will require information on presentations by January.
 - o SwS (Korea) Responsible for a Carbon Zero City Model for Korea Capital City model.
 - o LB: Need to have a presentation on Urban and City models ready for January for WSBE 17.

e) LB described a brief proposal received just before the meeting from Ronald Rovers, who requested that iiSBE support his presence at COP22 so that he could deliver an iiSBE position paper at a side session. It was decided that there was not enough information would not be sufficient time before COP22 for iiSBE to review its position on this paper

6. Curt Carrigan on the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction.

CG provided some background.

A request came from France to UNEP to have an event at COP21 on Buildings. UNEP suggested there be some kind of effort that would survive COP21. This became the *Global Alliance on Buildings and Construction (GABC)*, launched at COP21. Twenty countries signed on, as well as a number of organizations. There are now 23-24 countries signed on to enhance and expand communications and collaboration, improve education, and expand market transformation for private sector engagement.

The 2°C limit on global temperature increase definitely requires the participation of the built environment sector in finding low-carbon solutions. The Global ABC was launched to speed up the implementation of relevant projects through collaboration. It was considered that baseline changes in start-up situations (e.g. in SE Asia) would take too long.

Regional roundtables have taken place in which, *inter alia*, the Global Environmental Fund (GEF) and *Sustainable Energy For All* have participated.

A main concern is the gap between Intended National Determined Contributions (INDCs) and likely reductions as indicated by current national plans.

Regarding how to reconcile the global goals of the GABC with the building-sector component of INDCs, there has to be a reverse engineering of global targets to take into account some significant national variations - Brazil, for example, has low-carbon hydro power.

Several steps have been taken to establish a foundation from which to begin projects. This reduces project consideration from 18 to 12 months for funding.

Several activities were launched in the interim before funding was established. Other countries are expected to join the Alliance. Traction is being established. The Energy Efficiency Accelerator initiative has had some funding allocated.

An Annual Global Status Report is being developed by the IEA, Danish Technical University, and the Global Buildings Performance Network (GBPN), to compare commitments and achievements, and also investments, national targets, certification systems, and other indicators. It will not include quantification in the first year.

Each country had submitted their pledge for their Intended National Determined Contributions (now NDCs). These are not yet enough, and countries have been asked to identify further actions. Most of these stated what could be done by the national government, but not what could be done at the regional or local level.

Under a UNEP contract, iiSBE has assisted UNEP significantly over the past year by partnering to provide some continuity in their contacting process. iiSBE conducted an initial COP 21 pilot survey that contributed to the structure of the broader survey, Habitat 3, which looked more at cities and also buildings., and has a 20 year cycle. The current contract will expire Nov. 30th, 2016. This discussion was supported by a presentation prepared by Nils-S (attached)

SS suggested that we could develop common metrics for global and regional use. The *City Prosperity Index* was cited by him as an example of a good global system. CG agreed that a global set of indicators would be valuable, and that there is a lack of activity in assessment systems for construction materials and water that needs to be filled.

A future contract with iiSBE could be developed. This is likely to focus on implementation activities, e.g. what are some specific activities that could be undertaken.

7. Review of iiSBE Projects:

- a) AL described the iiSBE Panek Award, that was presented at SBE16 Prague, and to which iiSBE contributed
 - Student award, with 10 participating universities
 - Projects submitted in English, plus Posters.
 - refer to presentation for further details (attached)
- b) iiSBE Canada – POE activities were undertaken for WSB14, and further activities are proposed for WSBE17. These were described by NL, BB and MI.
- c) AM described the development of the *Common European Sustainable Built Environment Assessment* (CESBA). An organization has been formed, of which AM is the vice-Chair. The foundation of the system is SBTool, and will include those variations developed in Portugal, Peru and Malta. The core system will have about 10 KPIs and will be used for trans-national purposes for comparisons. There will be a final CESBA meeting on 30 November concerning KPI for non-residential buildings.

There are two EU-funded InterReg projects: The InterReg Alpine Space and the InterReg Mediterranean. iiSBE Italia is the leader of technical work. Some features of both include:

InterReg Alpine

General assessment framework
9 local tools
Passports for Territories
Testing and training
Impl in policies & territorial label
9 regional committees.

InterReg Mediterranean

General assessment framework
8 local tools
Passports for Districts
Testing and training
Impl. in urban planning tools and regs.

AM expects that there could be a public launch in Hong Kong of the following systems:

- Building assessment
- Small Urban assessment
- Urban assessment
- Territorial assessment

SS suggested that this was missing the one sq km scale, and that at this level there are a lot of factors that can make the ideal of sustainability unattainable. This is neighbourhood development.

SBTool adaptations are being developed in Iberian-American countries, by an organization URBENERE.

8. Discussion of Future of iiSBE

It was agreed that there should now begin a transition period for the gradual displacement of NL in the Executive Director (XD) role by one or more other persons. The board held a lively discussion on how to prepare for the future of iiSBE:

We had already received a generous offer from Greg Foliente to ease into the role of XD over a transition period, for a defined maximum term. AM had also expressed interest in playing a role

AM suggested that the costs and other problems in managing a global organization could best be managed by having Regional Directors with knowledge of their respective territories take responsibility for activities in their region, and that the current XD could be called the Honorary President (or perhaps XD Emeritus). The new organizational framework could include Regional Directors in Europe, Asia, Pacific (including Australia and New Zealand), and North America.

SS suggested that a main role of Regional Directors should be to raise funds for the global organization and the region, and to launch or cooperate in interesting projects within the region. The reconfigured iiSBE should also apply the Italian work on passports globally. The Global XD would manage global budgets and membership.

AM pointed out that the Concrete Institute has a Past, Current and Future CEO, which ensures continuity.

It was suggested that WSBE17 would be an appropriate date to finalize the program of organizational change.

BB suggested that he, NL, AM and Greg Foliente would prepare a strategy document by mid-November and that, once distributed, there would be a two week period for comments. This would be followed by a job description for the new XD role, to be sent in December and have a two week period for comments.

9. Final items:

- a) LB said there is a need for a science-based weighting system for BPA related to SBTool. He proposed that a draft be prepared by iiSBE
- b). There is currently a proposal under development for iiSBE to develop a Synergy Zone project in Turkey.
- c) SwS suggested that we should work with UNEP to develop urban assessment models for various world regions. This could be a significant project and would benefit both iiSBE and UNEP.

11. The meeting adjourned at 17:45.

If any member did not receive a copy of the Annual Report that was issued on October 11, please send a request for a copy to Nils Larsson at <larsson.iisbe@gmail.com>.