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International Development Committee calls on DFID to extend its support for CoST



The House of Commons International Development Committee has called on DFID to put more money and resources into supporting the Construction Sector Transparency (CoST) Initiative. Chairman of the Committee Malcolm Bruce MP said: "DFID should also give greater emphasis to stamping out corruption in infrastructure construction. The Government's support to the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative has been valuable but it must carry this through to ensure that CoST fulfils its early promise". EAP is currently coordinating the CoST International Secretariat.

The report is available [here](#).

Information about CoST is available at <http://www.constructiontransparency.org/>

CoST discussed at World Bank Annual Meetings

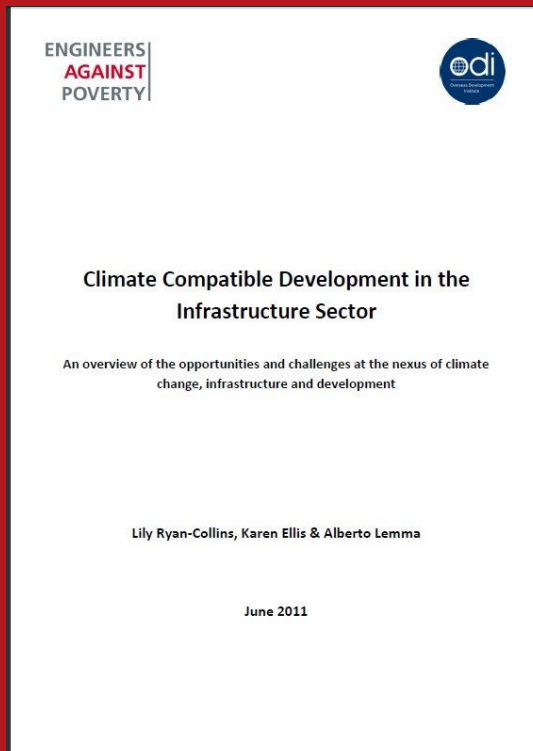
The construction sector is critical to economic growth and human development, but mismanagement, inefficiency and corruption often prevent it from achieving its potential development impact. This is one of the points that emerged from an event entitled 'Public infrastructure: What should the public expect', held recently in the World Bank. Speakers included Chrik Poortman of CoST, Professor Paul Collier of Oxford University and Rajiv Lall Director and CEO of the Infrastructure Development Finance Company Limited.

A report of the event is available [here](#).

EAP/ODI report on infrastructure and climate change launched

A joint EAP/ODI report highlights the crucial role of policymakers and practitioners in ensuring that investments in infrastructure help meet the challenges of climate change in the developing world. Speaking at the launch event former EAP Programme Officer Lily Ryan-Collins said:

"Climate change has created opportunities as well as challenges in the infrastructure sector in the developing world, and it is important that developing country governments are aware of these opportunities and are supported in taking advantage of them through demand-led programmes. Opportunities include access to new sources of finance from donors and carbon markets, the creation of green jobs, and synergies between climate change activities and developmental priorities". Other speakers at the event were Dr Alexis Nzahabwanimana, Minister of State in Charge of Transport in the Rwandan Government and Roger Callow, Head of ODI's Water Policy Programme.



Read the report: [Climate Compatible Development in the Infrastructure Sector](#).

Details of the launch event can be found [here](#).

Young African Engineers call for more support from Professional Institutions

Young engineers from across Africa gathered in Botswana recently to discuss what they can do to ensure that engineering contributes to meeting international development goals. Amongst the proposals made were that Professional Institutions should provide career development paths for young engineers and also ensure that the priorities and concerns of young members are reflected more in their work. This event was the latest in a series of workshops that are being offered by the Africa-UK Engineering for Development Partnership that includes the Royal Academy of Engineering, Institution of Civil Engineers, African Engineers Forum and Engineers Against Poverty.

More information on the A-UK Partnership is available on the [Royal Academy of Engineering](#) website and the [African Engineers Forum](#) website.

'Education for Engineering in a Social and Global Context' event to be held in London

This event is a unique opportunity to learn from and share ideas with Project Directors from four international projects related to the event theme. They are:

- A Global Dimension for Engineering Education - Petter Matthews of Engineers Against Poverty
- Exploring Intercultural Competency in Engineering - Tom Goldfinch of the University of Wollongong
- Engineering Education for Social and Environmental Justice - Caroline Baillie of the University of Western Australia
- Program of Research in Opportunities and Challenges in Environmental Education in Denmark (PROCEED) - Andrew Jamison of Aalborg University.



The event is scheduled for 10.00 am – 1.00 pm on 31 October 2011 at EAP, 246 High Holborn London. The event is free but places are limited and you must register. More details available [here](#).

New faces at EAP

EAP is pleased to announce that Jo Downham has joined us as Trustee and Treasurer and that John Hawkins will join us in November as a Technical Adviser with responsibility for procurement and governance.

Jo is Finance & Business Director at the Institution of Chemical Engineers. John's previous position was as a Manager with responsibility for Management, Procurement and Law at the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Speaking about the appointments EAP Chairman Professor Paul Jowitt said: "Our success can be attributed to the quality of our people and I'm delighted to welcome Jo and John into our team. Jo brings a wealth of experience to the Board and her appointment will help further strengthen our links with the IChemE. John is well known to EAP as he has represented the

ICE in our long-term collaboration on infrastructure procurement and local content. He also represented the ICE in the CoST programme and he will remain involved in CoST for EAP. His knowledge and experience will be a tremendous asset to our team.”



Jo Downham



John Hawkins after having climbed Mt Kilimanjaro for EAP!

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