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EAP News Bulletin

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### **Nelson Ogunshakin OBE Appointed Trustee of EAP.**

**Nelson Ogunshakin OBE has been appointed a Trustee of EAP. Nelson is Chief Executive of the Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE) and he sits on the Executive Board of Engineering UK.**

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### **Climate Compatible Development in the Infrastructure Sector Overview.**

Climate change is recognised as one of the most significant threats to development during the 21st Century and beyond. Infrastructure policymakers and practitioners have a crucial role to play in meeting the challenge of climate change in the developing world. This applies both to mitigation, i.e. reducing greenhouse gas emissions in ways that facilitate continued growth and sustained poverty reduction; and to adaptation, i.e. protecting vulnerable populations from the impacts of climate change. EAP in partnership with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) has written a report providing an overview of the challenges and opportunities at the nexus of climate change, infrastructure and development. The report overview is now available. A full report will be published in June 2011.

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### **An Engineer's toolkit for a developing world - Now is the time!**

During Chairman Paul Jowitt's Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) President he worked with 12 young engineers from around the world to develop an engineer's toolkit for international development. The toolkit provides a set of materials and ideas to help engineers plan and deliver infrastructure for international development, poverty alleviation and the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). EAP in partnership with the ICE and SISTech Ltd at Heriot Watt University has been awarded an Ingenious Public Engagement Grant by the Royal Academy of Engineering to deliver a series of awareness raising and knowledge transfer workshops based on the toolkit. The workshops will initially be run by the UK based apprentices, will take place throughout the UK and will be targeted at schools, universities, companies and community/policy groups



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## **PIDG Systematic Review: What is the evidence of the impact of development finance institution (DFI) support for private participation in infrastructure on economic growth and poverty reduction?**

EAP is working in partnership with the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University on this Systematic Review. The Review examines the channels through which the work of DFIs (in mobilising private sector investment in infrastructure) contributes to economic growth and poverty reduction in the developing world. Emerging findings were presented at the PIDG annual meeting in Berlin on 10th May, and the final report is due to be available in August 2011.

## **Pilot phase shows that the Construction Sector Transparency (CoST) initiative is technically viable.**

The Construction Sector Transparency (CoST) initiative was piloted in eight countries between 2008 and 2011. The pilot phase has shown that the CoST approach is technically viable in government systems and across all construction subsectors, and has yielded useful lessons for applying the approach more broadly. As part of the International Secretariat, over the past few months EAP has produced a number of publications for the Construction Sector Transparency (CoST) initiative. These include an international comparison of the findings from the baseline studies in 8 pilot countries and an international comparison of the Assurance Team reports on performance of individual projects in seven of these countries. Shorter versions of these reports are also available as briefing notes. All can be downloaded from the 'results' section of the CoST website: [www.constructiontransparency.org](http://www.constructiontransparency.org)

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