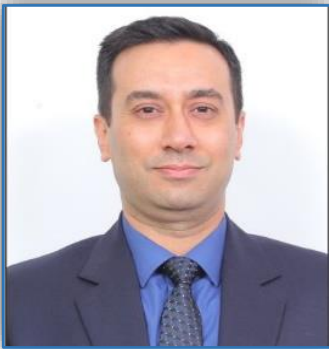


## PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,

CEAI was pleased to host the FIDIC Board in New Delhi on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March for an interactive session with first the members of the Governing Council, followed by an interactive session with various stakeholders viz. MDB's, Clients and consultants using FIDIC contracts in India. A collaboration between the Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI) and the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) can be highly beneficial for enhancing the consulting engineering sector in India. Here are some potential collaboration areas identified during the visit:

- **FIDIC Training Programs:** CEAI can collaborate with FIDIC to offer certified training programs on FIDIC contracts, dispute resolution, and project management.
- **Workshops and Webinars:** Organize joint knowledge-sharing sessions featuring global experts on engineering trends and best practices.
- **Adoption of FIDIC Contracts:** Promote the use of FIDIC's internationally recognized contract templates for infrastructure projects to ensure transparency and efficiency.
- **Policy Engagement:** Collaborate to provide recommendations to policymakers on infrastructure development, sustainability, and best practices.
- **Global Events and Conferences:** Encourage CEAI members to participate in FIDIC's annual conferences and regional events for networking and exposure.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Work together on green infrastructure projects and climate management initiatives.
- **Young Professionals Program:** Promote FIDIC's Future Leaders program for young Indian engineers to gain international exposure.
- **Leadership Training:** Provide opportunities for CEAI members to participate in FIDIC's leadership development initiatives.

An Engineers Bill is crucial for regulating the engineering profession, ensuring accountability, and promoting the highest standards of practice. Many countries have enacted similar legislation to safeguard public interest, enhance infrastructure quality, and support the professional growth of engineers. Here's why having an Engineers Bill is important:

### 1. Establishing a Legal Framework

- **Recognition and Regulation:** It formally recognizes engineering as a regulated profession, ensuring only qualified and licensed professionals practice engineering.
- **Standardization:** Sets standards for education, qualifications, and professional conduct.
- **Legal Authority:** Provides a mechanism for legal recourse in cases of engineering malpractice or negligence.

## 2. Ensuring Public Safety and Welfare

- **Accountability:** Engineers are held responsible for the quality and safety of their work, reducing the risk of infrastructure failures.
- **Ethics and Responsibility:** Promotes adherence to a professional code of ethics, ensuring engineers prioritize public safety and environmental sustainability.
- **Consumer Protection:** Protects clients and the public from unqualified or unethical practitioners.

## 3. Enhancing Industry Credibility

- **Global Recognition:** Aligns with international best practices, boosting the global reputation of the country's engineering sector.
- **Ease of Collaboration:** Enables smoother collaboration with international engineering bodies like FIDIC, as regulatory frameworks are comparable.
- **Investor Confidence:** Provides assurance to investors, both domestic and international, that projects are handled by qualified professionals.

## 4. Supporting Government and Policy Objectives

- **Infrastructure Development:** Supports government initiatives in building robust, sustainable, and safe infrastructure.
- **Sustainability Goals:** Facilitates the integration of sustainable practices into engineering projects.
- **Disaster Resilience:** Ensures engineering designs adhere to standards that minimize disaster risks.

Currently, India does not have an Engineer's Bill to regulate the profession. This has been a long drawn struggle and many of our Past Presidents have been working tirelessly towards this for decades. We have now been approached by AICTE for sharing our comments/ observations on the draft Engineers' Bill. CEAI has formulated a committee to review and comment on the draft Bill and also collaborate with other industry stakeholders to gather insights and build consensus on the bill's provisions. We hope and pray that finally an Engineers Bill shall see the light of the day in our nation.

Warm Regards

Prashant Kapila  
President

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## DIRECTOR'S DESK

During the month of March 2025, CEAI conducted the following meetings:

- Membership Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Seminar & Events Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Publication & Communication Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Finance Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Governing Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## INTERACTION SESSION WITH FIDIC BOARD MEMBERS

**FIDIC Board Members** visited New Delhi on 04 March 2025 enroute to the FIDIC Board Meeting which was to be held in Goa, India.

In New Delhi they met with NITI Aayog and had interactions with CEAI GC Members and MDBs and various Government/ Implementing Agencies.

The FIDIC Board Members who visited India and participated in the CEAI Interaction session were:

• Ms. Catherine Karakatsanis	President	Canada
• Mr. Alfredo Ingletti	President Elect	Italy
• Mr. James Mwangi	Vice President	Kenya
• Ms. Chantal Dagnaud	Member	France
• Ms. Martina Hess	Member	Zambia
• Mr. Manish Kothari	Member	USA
• Mr. José Joaquín Ortiz García	Member	Colombia
• Mr. Adam Bialachowski	Member	Poland
• Mr. Cosmin Tobolcea	Member	Romania
• Ms. Helen Davidson	Chair, DNS Advisory Council	New Zealand

## INTERACTION WITH NITI AAYOG

The FIDIC President, Ms. Catherine Karakatsanis accompanied by Mr Alfredo Ingletti (President-Elect), Mr Prashant Kapila (FIDIC Board Director from India and CEAI President), Mr J V L Narayana, Chair of Seminars & Events and External Relations Committee, CEAI and Mr Sachin Pant, MD&CEO of IQT IN Pvt Ltd and a CEAI Member met the following officials of NITI Aayog at their office in New Delhi:

Dr V K Saraswat, Member NITI Aayog (Meeting Chair)  
Dr Vivek Kumar Singh, Sr. Advisor  
Dr Ashok Sonkusare, Dy Advisor  
Dr Thyagaraju, Dy. Advisor

The objective of the meeting was to introduce the FIDIC President and President Elect to the officials of NITI Aayog and provide them an insight into the broader activities of FIDIC and emphasize the need to adopt FIDIC Conditions of Contract in the domestically funded projects in India.

## INTERACTION WITH CEAI GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) MEMBERS

Interaction of FIDIC Board Members with CEAI GC Members was held from 12 noon to 13:00 hours at Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The session was attended by FIDIC Board Members and CEAI GC Members.

After the brief round of introductions, Mr. JVL Narayana invited Ms. Catherine Karakatsanis (President FIDIC) and Mr. Prashant Kapila to the dais. He extended a warm welcome to the FIDIC Board Members and briefed them regarding CEAI's objectives, activities and initiatives taken as a Member Association (MA) of FIDIC.



Mr JVL Narayana, Chairperson, Seminar & Events Committee giving brief introductions



Mr Prashant Kapila, President CEAI welcoming the FIDIC Board Members and the participants

Mr Prashant Kapila (FIDIC Board Member from India and President CEAI) in his address welcomed the FIDIC Board Members to India and detailed the activities carried out by CEAI and initiatives taken by him as the FIDIC Board Director of India. He emphasised the need to understand broader FIDIC activities and the role of FIDIC in sustainable development.

Ms Catherine Karakatsanis, in her address, thanked the CEAI President and the Executive Council team for welcoming them and arranging the interaction session. She gave a brief of the FIDIC activities and explained the roles and responsibilities of each member to the CEAI team and requested Mr Narayana to open the floor for an interaction session.



Ms Catherine Karakatsanis (Canada), President FIDIC giving her address



## INTERACTION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AND MDBs

Interaction of FIDIC Board Members with representatives from various implementing agencies and MDBs was held from 14:00 to 16:00 hrs. at Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The session was attended by around 100 participants including CEAI GC Members, representatives from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Exim Bank; representatives from Ministries and various Government organisations viz. Department of Expenditure, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), Engineers India Limited (EIL), NBCC (India) Ltd, National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), RITES Limited, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), Border Roads, member companies of CEAI, etc.

Mr JVL Narayana welcomed the participants, briefed the gathering on CEAI's activities and set the context for the discussions.

Mr Prashant Kapila welcomed the participants, elaborated on FIDIC activities and the role of FIDIC in sustainable development. He mentioned the golden principles of FIDIC and stated that the Indian consulting industry can reap benefits from FIDIC with its global reach and 650 volunteers working across the globe.

Ms Catherine Karakatsanis, in her address, introduced the FIDIC Board Members and gave a detailed presentation illustrating various activities carried out by FIDIC. Each of the FIDIC Members also presented their roles and responsibilities and the value addition they could bring to the table.



## WEBINAR ON DAM SAFETY

CEAI organised a webinar on **"Dam Safety"** on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Mr J Chandrasekhar Iyer, Former Chairman, Central Water Commission was the speaker at this webinar.

Dam safety needs the immediate attention of the Government, decision makers, planners, engineers and academia involved in research and technological innovation. Keeping this in mind, CEAI organised this webinar to address state of the art technologies in dam safety engineering.

Focus on dam safety ensures dams are structurally sound and well managed to prevent failures that could endanger public safety, property, and the environment. This involves ongoing monitoring, inspections, and maintenance, as well as emergency preparedness plans.

## CEAI MEMBER NEWS

- Prof Mainak Ghoshal, a CEAI Member, received the MSME Award in the category Outstanding Service Provider for Micro Enterprises from the BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (BNCCI)
- Col Naresh Bana, a CEAI Member, participated as Speaker and Panelist in Economic Times Infrastructure Summit 2025 at The Grand Hotel on 06 March 2025.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ CEAI Future Leader Forum is organising a webinar on **"Post-disaster Rehabilitation & Reconstruction: Need of Integrated Management principles"** on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Ms Renjitha Nair, Contract Specialist, General Contracting and Trading Services Co. WLL will be the Speaker for the above webinar

Registration Link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/X2zJwTVTQFCz3O-tV6XQIA>

- ❖ CEAI-WRC plans to organise a seminar on **"Parallel Flanged Sections and Tubular Sections"** in Ahmedabad in June 2025

## CEAI QUARTERLY PUBLICATION - VIEWPOINT

For the June 2025 issue the theme is **"Integrated Engineering of Projects - A Dire Need"**.

Professionals are requested to share their articles.

The articles for an issue need to reach CEAI at least 3 weeks prior to the end of the month of the ViewPoint issue. Articles need to be in Times New Roman 12 with single line spacing with before and after 6 pt and normal margin, on A4 size. A recent clear and bright passport size photograph of the author(s) is to be sent along with the article. For details of formatting please refer to *"Format for Articles for CEAI Viewpoint"* on CEAI's website, under 'Publications'.

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## FIDIC PUBLICATIONS

1	FIDIC Contracts Guide (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed. 2022)
2	EPC Turnkey Contract 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed 2017 Silver Book Reprinted 2022 with amendments
3	Construction Contract 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed 2017 Red Book, Reprinted 2022 with amendments
4	Plant & Design Build Contract 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed 2017 Yellow Book, Reprinted 2022 with amendments
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6	Conditions of Contract for EPC Turnkey Projects (First Edition, 1999)
7	EPC/Turnkey Contract 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed (2017 Silver Book)
8	Conditions of Contract for Construction (First Ed. 1999)
9	Construction Contract 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed (2017 Red Book)
10	Conditions of Contract for Plant & Design-Build (First Ed, 1999)
11	Plant and design-build contract 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed (2017 Yellow book)
12	Dredgers Contract 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed (2016 Blue-Green Book)
13	Client/Consultant Model Services Agreement 5 <sup>th</sup> Ed (2017 White Book)
14	GUIDE to Conditions of Contract for Design, Build and Operate Projects (2008 GOLD BOOK) 1 <sup>st</sup> Ed 2011
15	Conditions of Contract for Works of Civil Engineering Construction (4 <sup>th</sup> Ed. 1987 Reprinted 2011)
16	Conditions of Contract for Design-Build and Turnkey First Edition 1995 Reprinted 2011
17	Conditions of Contract for Underground works (2019 Emerald Book)

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