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INAUGURAL IBQC ANNUAL FORUM

Universal Good Practice Building Regulation: The Key Elements

On 9 October 2020, the [University of Canberra](#) and the International Code Council are hosting the inaugural annual Forum of the [International Building Quality Centre \(IBQC\)](#). This first Forum will be held virtually from 2-4pm GMT and will feature a keynote speech from Dame Judith Hackitt, former Chair of the UK Health and Safety Executive and the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety following the Grenfell Tower fire. Dame Judith is now an advisor to UK Government and to Victoria, Australia Government on delivery of major reform to Building Regulations. Closing remarks will be delivered by Ms. Sylvia Solf of The World Bank. Various IBQC Board Members will offer insight into the practices that enable safety, efficiency and innovation as discussed in the [Principles for Good Practice Building Regulation](#) publication.

Registration is free and welcome to all. **Due to the anticipated difficulty for some in far eastern time zones to join the Forum live, a recording will be made available via the [IBQC](#) website on the 14th October 2020 onward.**

Topics and Speakers

Keynote Address

Dame Judith Hackitt

“Best practice dispute resolution mechanisms and mandatory auditing”

Professor Kim Lovegrove

Senior Construction Lawyer, Lovegrove and Cotton Lawyers

“A mandatory statutory process which provides for rigorous inspections of work by Competent Practitioners”

Mr. Alejandro Espinosa-Wang

Senior Private Sector Specialist, The World Bank

“Building approvals systems”

Ms. Stephanie Barwise QC

AtkinChambers Barristers

“Regulating for building product safety and compliance”

Ms. Bronwyn Weir

Director at Weir Legal and Consulting Pty Ltd





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“Professional competency certification: what is required in design and practice”

Professor José Torero

Professor of Civil Engineering and Head of the Civil Engineering Department, University College London

“Best practice solutions for developing economies: adapting the Principles”

Mr. Michael DeLint

Director, Regulatory Reform and Technical Standards, Residential Construction of Ontario

“The importance of clear & transparent legislative & regulatory frameworks to achieving building safety”

Professor Robert Whittaker

Director of Holdum Whittaker

Closing Address

Ms. Sylvia Solf

Sr. Private Sector Development Specialist, Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation, The World Bank Group

ABOUT IBQC

The [International Building Quality Centre \(IBQC\)](http://www.ibqc.org.au/) is a collaborative entity hosted by the [University of Canberra](http://www.canberra.edu.au/) that identifies, endorses, and encourages best practice systems, regulations, codes, and laws in the area of building safety. Launched in November 2019, the IBQC conducts research and undertakes comparative analyses to benchmark and identify pioneering jurisdictions that have successfully implemented best practice and emerging construction technologies, probity regimes and enlightened construction systems and practices. For additional information please visit <http://www.ibqc.org.au/>.

ABOUT THE *PRINCIPLES FOR GOOD PRACTICE BUILDING REGULATION*

In September 2020, IBQC issued its first publication: [Principles for Good Practice Building Regulation](http://www.ibqc.org.au/principles-for-good-practice-building-regulation), a collection of 10 key elements of successful building safety regimes. The *Principles* assume a foundation of public safety in building regulation and challenge jurisdictions to move beyond that to achieve regulatory regimes that are efficient and that encourage innovation. The authors posit that inefficient regulatory regimes encourage circumvention, and regulatory regimes that do not accommodate legitimate building innovations become irrelevant. Therefore, good practice building regulatory regimes must be a win-win-win proposition relative to safety, efficiency and innovation. The document succinctly defines each of the 10 principles and defines good practice in an easy-to-use listing of the components of each principle. [Principles for Good Practice Building Regulation](http://www.ibqc.org.au/principles-for-good-practice-building-regulation) publication can be downloaded for free from the [IBQC](http://www.ibqc.org.au/) website.

