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Universal Good Practice Building Regulation: The Key Elements

Speaker Biographies



Dame Judith Hackitt
Keynote Address

Dame Judith Hackitt is an advisor to the UK Government at to Victoria, Australia Government on delivery of major reform to Building Regulations. She is also the former Chair of the UK Health and Safety Executive and the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety following the Grenfell Tower fire.



Ms. Sylvia Solf
Closing Address

Sylvia Solf is the Global Lead for Business regulation in the Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Practice of the World Bank Group where she currently oversees business regulation reform programs in over 60 countries worldwide. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, she worked on portfolio management at the Inter-American Development Bank as well as in the private and non-profit sectors in Chile and Mexico.



Professor Kim Lovegrove

“Best practice dispute resolution mechanisms and mandatory auditing”

Kim Lovegrove MSE, RML, FAIB, Chairman of the International Building Quality Centre (IBQC), is a senior construction lawyer at Lovegrove & Cotton Lawyers. He is regarded as an authority in Victoria and New South Wales on building regulations, as he was retained by the Victorian Government to perform a principal role in the development of the Building Act 1993. Kim is also a regular Senior International Consultant to the World Bank in which capacity he assists the Bank with the provision of international best practice law reform advice on building regulations.



Mr. Alejandro Espinosa-Wang

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

Uzbekistan.

Alejandro Espinosa-Wang is a Senior Private Sector Specialist at the World Bank. Mr. Espinosa-Wang holds an MA in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC, he joined the World Bank in 2006 and has worked in construction permitting regulations projects in many jurisdictions, including Argentina, China, India, Russia, Mexico, Poland and



Ms. Stephanie Barwise QC

“Building approvals systems”

Stephanie Barwise QC is a London based advocate specialising in construction, civil engineering and infrastructure who is currently representing a group of the bereaved and survivors in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. Stephanie has also led an independent review into the operations workmanship and culture of one of the UK’s largest housebuilders.



Ms. Bronwyn Weir

“Regulating for building product safety and compliance”

Bronwyn Weir was the co-author of the Building Confidence Report commissioned by Australian Governments in the wake of the Grenfell fire. The BCR is now being implemented across Australia to improve building compliance outcomes. Bronwyn works extensively with government bodies and regulators assisting them to carry out their functions.



Professor José Torero

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

Jose Torero is a Fire Safety Engineer and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering. His work covers a broad range of issues associated to the fire safety of complex systems, from innovative solutions to the reformulation of regulatory frameworks and higher education.



Mr. Michael DeLint

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

Michael de Lint, M.A. is a founding member of the IBQC, and a Senior Consultant with the World Bank, who, since 2007, has travelled the world advising the Bank on matters related to building regulation. In addition: he is Director of Regulatory Reform at RESCON, a builder association in Toronto, Canada; he is the first recipient of the Bill Davis (former Ontario Premier) merit award from the Ontario Building Officials Association; he is a member of the Association of Ontario Land Economists; and he runs his own consulting firm DCI.



Professor Robert Whittaker AM FRSN

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

Professor Robert Whittaker is a Construction Practitioner and Educator with 35+ years of experience. He is licensed and accredited as a Builder and Project Manager, Quantity Surveyor, and Building Surveyor. He serves as adjunct Professor of Practice at three universities concurrently, and previously served as national president of his profession and was admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia (QB2014).