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## Message from the CIB President CIB APPOINTS DON WARD AS NEW CEO

Dear Colleagues and Members,

The CIB is pleased to announce that it has appointed Don Ward to the position of CEO from April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020. His brief resume is attached overleaf.

The CIB President Keith Hampson said:

“We welcome Don to the CIB to work closely with the Board to lead us into a new era of growth and impact for our members and wider stakeholders in research and innovation in built environment around the world. The appointment had the unanimous approval of the Officers of the Board. I am sure Don will enjoy a great relationship and support from all CIB members around the globe. Please join me in giving him a very warm welcome and every support as we move forward.”

Don Ward responded:

“I am delighted to be offered this opportunity to work with members, Task Groups and Working Commissions of the CIB to understand and achieve their goals. My entire career has been in research, innovation and best practice in our industry, working closely with researchers, governments and industry bodies in senior leadership roles. This is an industry which has consistently undervalued research and innovation, and we need to take greater advantage of our global collaborative CIB network to make a step change here. I look forward to working with you all.”



Keith Hampson will welcome Don Ward at the next CIB Board meeting to be held in Copenhagen Denmark, from 02-05 June 2020. The draft programme including a mini-conference organised by the Department of the Built Environment (BUILD), at Aalborg University and sessions with Working Commissions Coordinators is attached.

**Keith Hampson**

CIB President

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## **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

### **1. About CIB**

CIB is the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction. It was established in 1953 with the support of the United Nations as an Association whose objectives were to stimulate and facilitate international cooperation and information exchange between government research institutes in the building and construction sector, with an emphasis on those institutes engaged in technical fields of research.

CIB has since developed into a worldwide network of over 3,000 experts from about 300 member organisations with a research, university, industry or government background, who collectively are active in all aspects of research and innovation for building and construction.

The purpose of CIB is to provide a global network for international exchange and cooperation in research and innovation in building and construction in support of improved building processes and improved performance of the built environment.

CIB covers the technical, economic, environmental and organizational aspects of the built environment during all stages of its life cycle, addressing basic and applied research, documentation and translation of research results, and the implementation to industry practice.

The objectives of CIB are to be: a relevant source of information concerning research and innovation worldwide in the field of building and construction; a reliable and effective access point to the global research community and a forum for achieving meaningful exchange between the spectrum of building and construction interests and the global research community.

### **2. Don Ward**

Don was chief executive of the UK Constructing Excellence (CE) organisation from 2005 till 2019. Before that he was chief executive of the Design Build Foundation (2001-2006) and Construction Industry Board (1996-2001) after an early career at the then UK Government's Building Research Establishment (BRE).

He is an international expert in construction industry change, supply chain integration, collaborative working, benchmarking and sustainability with 35 years' experience of studying, implementing and learning from best practice and change programmes in the housing, construction and infrastructure sectors in the UK and globally. Until recently he was an advisor to the UK Government's Cabinet Office on new procurement models, Secretary to the British Standards Institution's committee on construction procurement, and a Simon Industrial Fellow in Infrastructure Development at Alliance Manchester Business School.

Most recently he has run CE International under license to BRE, working with government, universities and industry bodies in the Middle East, South Korea and Hong Kong to develop and support industry improvement programmes.