

International SBE Conference series



Introduction

The Sustainable Built Environment (SBE) series of conferences began in 2000, operates on a three-year cycle and now includes four international organizations as co-owners:

- *International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction* (CIB, www.cibworld.nl)
- *International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment* (iiSBE, www.iisbe.org)
- *United Nations Environment Programme*, www.unenvironment.org
- *International Federation of Consulting Engineers*, www.fidic.org

The SBE series is held on a three-year cycle with planning and preparation in year one, national or regional conferences held in year two and a global event in year three.



The series places a core emphasis on peer-reviewed papers, presentations of regional policy papers, displays of pre-evaluated projects and a small number of high-quality commercial exhibits.

These events also provide fast-track inclusion of the best technical papers from national/regional conferences into the global WSBE20 event, as well as registration policies designed to encourage the attendance of students and delegates from developing countries.

In all of these events, one or more local research-based organizations have taken financial and organizational responsibility while the international series owners, iiSBE, CIB, UN Environment and FIDIC, have given organizational advice and have used their networks to help ensure a large multi-disciplinary audience for the events.

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See also our conference series website at www.sbe-series.org.



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There is also an increasing emphasis on continuity, reflected by frequent consultations with conference organizers going back to 2000, and more emphasis on involving the World SBE conference organizers in the preceding national/regional SBE events.

Seventeen organizations have held or propose to hold regional conferences during 2018 and 2019, and the global *Beyond 2020* event is planned for Gothenburg in June 2020.



SBE Roundtables

The intent of these events is to include a session that will provide a focused view of high-level climate change and sustainability issues that may be relevant to the built environment in the region.

Themes covered include anticipated climate change impacts in the region and possible counter-actions, Nationally-Determined Contributions (NDCs) offered by the region or country, sustainability issues in the regional built environment.



Specific topics covered will be organized according to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that have been identified by the organizers of WSBE20 as the most relevant for the SBE series.

