



## **Draft summary of meeting**

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TG 81 Meeting in Amsterdam Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Present:** Jan Bröchner, Onur Dursun, Stephen Gruneberg, Peter de Jong, Ronnie Khoza, George Lopes, Paul Missa, Eero Nippala, Johan Nyström, Katrin Brömer, Meledin, George Ofori, Shekhar Patil, Pumelele Qongqo, Les Ruddock, Terttu Vainio, Abimbola Windapo

## **Interests, expertise and possible contributions**

Jan Bröchner, quality issues, input-output data

Katrin Brömer Freiberg, German Construction market

Onur Dursun, Stuttgart, data analysis

Peter de Jong, Delft, architect

George Lopes, macro data, Africa

Paul Missa, Salford, development background

Eero Nippala, economist, building stock analyst, construction analyst, Russia and Baltic countries, Euroconstruct infrastructure

Johan Nyström, road micro-data

George Ofori – methodology China

Shekhar Patil, US and project data

Pumelele Qongqo, South African data

Les Ruddock, Salford, construction industry economics

Terttu Vainio, Construction and economics, global construction economics, demand for building products and input output analysis

Abimbola Windapo, developing economies.

## **Discussion**

1. The data should be at the national level in the first instance but it would also be appropriate to use regional, state or provincial data of the largest countries.
2. Output of companies data
3. We need to investigate definitions and methodological issues.
4. The issue of the use of raw data in national currencies was raised and one member of the group thought that currency is part of the interpretation. This is an issue we need to agree.
5. We need to establish an inventory of what is available in different countries, for example, the IMF database
6. EU KLEMS data on productivity was mentioned as an area worth looking at.

## **Aim**

We need to target *useful* worldwide construction data for *both* industry and the research community. [Industry includes international organisations and governments, SG.]

## **Activities and outputs**

- Set up a data base
- Produce papers
- A global construction data handbook was discussed and well received but the handbook concept still needs to be defined for our purposes.
- A W55 virtual seminar was also proposed (LR and SP offered to help with this).

## **Outcome of the meeting**

1. We will produce a report containing a mixture of papers and data. The papers will be revised and updated versions of papers tabled at the meeting.
2. SG will produce a number of country construction data tables based on the benchmark model and the results of the model will be compared to other sources of data and comments received from members. The original modelled data will then be revised.
3. PdeJ agreed to set up a “Linked-in” site for debate and discussion by members of the TG81. This will be linked to the W055 site.
4. Various members of the group agreed to provide information and regional data.