

TG81 Global Construction Data Workshop at the CIB Conference in Amsterdam

The original TG81 proposal sent out on the 2nd of August stated that the construction data that we might be interested in collecting could be on a number of time series including construction output, firms and employment, productivity, health and safety, training, skills, plant and equipment, company accounts, contractual methods used, prefabricated content, materials, carbon issues and contribution to national income.

In response to the proposal setting out the work of the TG81, various members including Abimbola Windapo, Jan Bröchner and Shekhar Patil made a number of suggestions such as adding construction cost data, property (land values and buildings) price data, labour cost and material price data, identifying reputable agencies around the world to form the basis of a global network of construction data sources, and identifying the limitations and difficulties of using national accounts for international construction analyses.

I therefore suggest that ask for papers and discussion documents for presentation at our workshop in Amsterdam on the following themes:

1. A review of the ICEC cost of construction findings
2. A review of national construction data availability globally
3. A review of the limitations of construction data

Of course I would be delighted if individuals offered papers for us to discuss on other related topics in addition. However, together these reviews should form a critical audit of what is available and allow us a degree of consistency in our individual efforts to further find and analyse the actual data. I suspect there may be disagreements about how best to proceed, which will only help to make our task more interesting!

If you are not already a member of TG81 and would like to join in our work and discussions, please do contact me at: s.gruneberg@westminster.ac.uk .

I look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam.

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