



LAHORE DECLARATION OF MARCH 21, 2007

Participants, comprising 350 Engineers, Consultants and relevant stakeholders representing Technical Consultancy Development Programme for Asia and the Pacific (TCDPAP) and FIDIC Grouping of the Asia Pacific (ASPAC) from the UN-ESCAP countries and other parts of the globe, participating in the Regional Conference on "Engineering and Disaster Management" held at Lahore, Pakistan from March 20-21, 2007 on the occasion of the concluding session,

Realizing the role of Engineers for designing and construction of buildings and infrastructure to mitigate the human sufferings and minimize the destruction of properties in the face of natural or human created disasters,

Noting the inadequacy of engineering design and construction methods in vogue in the Asia Pacific region and the need for updating and collaboration with other organizations,

Determined to institutionalise the capacity building of Engineers and Consultants, enforcement of internationally recognized best practices of procurement in UN-ESCAP region through appropriate regulations by respective governments,

Have today adopted the following:

DECLARATION

1. For capacity building of Engineers and Engineering Consultants, the participants resolve, not limited to the following:
 - i) Engineering Institutions to update their syllabi and teaching method. Consultants and Constructors Associations should focus on developing, updating and implementing their Codes of Conduct.
 - ii) To establish Regional Training Institutes with international supervision and assistance.
 - iii) Continued Professional Development programmes through specified and approved Institutes.
 - iv) Maintaining data base of individual Engineer's Continued Professional Development (CPD) credit Points for continuation of their professional services.
 - v) Public awareness campaign regarding need of appropriate design and construction.
 - vi) To organize training of craftsmen.
2. For implementation in respective countries through appropriate regulations, the participants resolve, not limited to the following:
 - i) International Best Practices shall be made country specific and should be enforced through Appropriate regulations.
 - ii) Licensing and periodic renewal of such license be made after appropriate scrutiny by an independent autonomous regulatory body. Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) is one such Statutory regulatory body enacted by the Parliament of Pakistan in 1976.
 - iii) Prepare, adopt and periodically update Building Codes and Standards.
 - iv) Develop and enforce country procurement system.
 - v) Develop appropriate monitoring system for compliance of Codes of Conduct and Regulations.
 - vi) Effort should be made to eliminate malpractice in the award and execution of engineering projects.