

Information for Potential Members



What does BICO do ?

BICO is a multidisciplinary voluntary organisation which provides a platform for the exchange of ideas on provision for the totality of provision for the built environment. To this end, it organises lectures, seminars, exhibitions, workshops, carries out research, and provides consultancy services.

BICO will also hold a register of people, with the right qualifications and aptitude. They will be engaged as and when necessary to provide consultancy services to international clients and organisations.



Why should I apply to join BICO ?

The 'Win - Win' Philosophy

'We lease the land from our children and not inherit from our parents.'

BICO provides a multi-disciplinary platform from which cross sectorial as well as cross cultural issues in an increasingly global world can be debated as they impact on provision for the built environment. These will be examined from the point of view of previous, current, and future policy, programmes, and projects. The important dimension of culture will underscore some of these debates which can only further the acknowledgement of the diversity of our global heritage.

BICO is the organisation to be with in order to participate in stimulating dialogue which will help shape a new order for the millennium and beyond. Our very existence is reason enough to be part of such a dynamic and forward looking group.

Information for Agencies



BICO provides consultancy services to governments, BI-lateral and Multi-lateral organisations, the private and community sectors.

Services are provided in the following areas:-

Skills Transfer



Capacity Building

Education and Training

Research

Feasibility Studies

Project Management

Policy Advice



Social Development Training

Cataloguing and Archiving

BICO provides cultural orientation courses to members, business organisations and other potential consultants.

BICO works as a reflective organisation constantly evolving in furtherance of it's servitude to humanity. It works by applying the evolutive ethos.

What do I have to do ?

For an initial informal chat, and to express interest, please contact Ron Nathan on **0171 738 3636**, or write to the following address;



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BACKGROUND

The Black International Construction Organisation (BICO) is a UK based voluntary organisation which has emerged out of the desire of black professionals to assist in articulating the development agenda of particular groups both in the UK, and internationally. We aim to contribute positively to the development work that is already underway in inner city areas in the UK, and in African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries by working in partnership with governments, the private sector, community-based organisations, and individuals with a special emphasis on disadvantaged groups.



HISTORY

In March 1995 a group of Black professionals from the construction industry in the UK launched a paper entitled Building E = Quality. At the launch a specialist group articulated the need to extend this theme towards the United Kingdom's International Development Programme.

MISSION STATEMENT *'THE WIN - WIN PHILOSOPHY'*

To facilitate the creation of an ethical enabling environment that will foster the design of sustainable systems and processes in all aspects of provision for the built environment, with a view to creating an equitable stakeholdership in humanity.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Unstoppable world urbanisation is now a reality. The planet's urban population is expected to double in the next twenty years. In 1990 only 15% of the 6.1 billion strong human race lived in urban areas. By the year 2030 city dwellers will make up 66% of the population. 90% of this massive growth will occur in the developing world.

It is in fulfilment of this need, and in highlighting the very important dimension of culture in social as well economic development that BICO will play a role.

We propose to do this by adopting the two concepts of the 'EVOLUTIVE ETHOS', and the concept of 'THE WIN - WIN PHILOSOPHY'

"To fail to plan is to plan to fail" "

AIMS and OBJECTIVES

- * To create a platform that will assist debate on pertinent issues that affect provision for the built environment globally, with an emphasis on African - Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.
- * To positively encourage the participation of women in all relative spheres in the process of provision for the built environment.
- * To provide training and capacity building, consultancy services, organise seminars, lectures, exhibitions and workshops, that reflect the dimension of culture.
- * To act as facilitators and enablers to Community Based Organisations (CBO) and Non Governmental Organisations (NGO) in African Caribbean and Pacific countries, under the Lome convention with a view to creating a greater sense of stakeholdership and awareness of sustainable development.
- * To publish, edit and collect a database of information for provision for the built environment in the ACP countries including cataloguing and archiving of Urban /Rural space including built form in these regions.
- * To assist other Charity Organisations including bi-lateral and multi lateral agencies in their development agenda.
- * To be the first point of contact for, and the national authority on, sustainable development in developing countries
- * To represent the interest of black professionals in the built environment in all sections of industry, commerce, the arts and education, irrespective of professional discipline.

