



# FIG Working Week 2024

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## CASLE Update

- Wed 22nd 11.45 Dragon Room

### Agenda

- Roll call and introductions
- Presidential update – FIG MOU
- Subscription fee update
- CASLE update
- Open discussion
- AOB



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## CASLE update

- **Incorporation update -**  
[COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYING AND LAND ECONOMY - GOV.UK \(company-information.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/company-information-service)
- **Commonwealth Update – accreditation, Commonwealth Day**
- **Quarterly newsletter and contact details**

### CASLE attends Commonwealth Day Service of Celebration

Max Crofts FRICS CASLE Management Board Member had the honour of representing CASLE at the Commonwealth Day Service of Celebration held at Westminster Abbey on 11 March. Representatives from all of the 56 countries in the Commonwealth were present. All members of the Royal Family attended except, for health reasons, King Charles and the Princess of Wales.

In a video message to the congregation the King began by saying that the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Commonwealth was a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey the family of nations had made since 1949. He went on to say:

*The Commonwealth family is strongest when we are connected through friendship.....the Commonwealth represents a third of humanity, from all regions of the world with all the different experiences, knowledge and aspirations that this brings.....it is by coming together that we create the best chances to improve our world and the lives of people everywhere. Indeed, over the years countless people across the Commonwealth have been inspired to form their own Commonwealth Associations, from lawyers and accountants, to business and trade networks, and many more besides. The work they do is absolutely vital, sharing professional knowledge, experience and expertise across the Continents for the betterment of each one of us.*

This message should encourage us to make the best use of the opportunities CASLE has to share our members' knowledge, experience and expertise.

[Commonwealth Day | Commonwealth \(thecommonwealth.org\)](https://www.thecommonwealth.org/)

### RICS at COP28

RICS participated at COP 28 as a [UN-accredited observer organisation](#). Ahead of COP28 RICS launched multiple workstreams centred around progressing sustainable practices in the built environment and showcasing our members' work. [Sustainability Hub](#) – a set of resources to help address the built environment's significant carbon footprint, accounting for 40% of global emissions. Dive into our [member case studies](#) showcasing our collective efforts to decarbonise, enhance climate resilience, safeguard biodiversity, and embrace circular economy principles. Visit the [hub](#) to explore how RICS and its members actively contribute to a sustainable future. In our global [student competition](#), winners Jim Yee Long and Yap Jui Hui from Malaysia present a groundbreaking solution – Decarbonising Homes: Rainwater to Green Hydrogen. This innovative approach not only champions sustainability but also supports off-grid electricity production, marking a significant step toward achieving the 2050 net-zero target.



[CGPS UAE - United Nations Climate Change Conference](#)

### CASLE and BEPIC

CASLE has been in discussions with Peter Osburn, President Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA), Dawn Bonfield, President, Commonwealth Engineers' Council (CEC) and Jua Cilliers, President, Commonwealth Association of Planning (CAP) on the reforming of the Built Environment Professionals in the Commonwealth (BEPIC) group after a few years of status post the excellent report [Survey of the Built Environment Professions in the Commonwealth - Commonwealth Association of Architects \(commonwealtharchitects.org\)](#)

BEPIC would like to hold a 're-launch' online event in Summer 2024, develop a joint MOU between all five bodies, and think on collaborative involvement with online webinars for all members (public procurement), attendance at CHOGM and at WUF 2024 (New Cairo - [WUF17 | WUF \(arhabitat.org\)](#)). We will let CASLE members know on forthcoming webinar details.

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# CASLE update

- BEPIC

\*\*\* News Release \*\*\*

"Built environment professionals across the Commonwealth renew their commitment to confronting global challenges together."

**BEPIC Objectives**

1. Encourage a positive environment within which the partners can foster a collaborative environment to work effectively together.
2. Establish a foundation for collective action in key areas such as advocacy, capacity building, and climate action.
3. Encourage the joint promotion of diversity within the built environment professions across the Commonwealth.
4. Provide a mechanism at a senior level for continuing dialogue between the partners.

**Background to the members of BEPIC**

- **CAA:** The Commonwealth Association of Architects represents national architectural institutions across the five regions of the Commonwealth, united by shared values and the mission to maximise the contribution by architects to the benefit of society. [www.commonwealtharchitects.org](http://www.commonwealtharchitects.org)
- **CAP:** The Commonwealth Association of Planners has been connecting planners and advancing planning across the Commonwealth for over 50 years. Today this global institution plays an increasingly significant role in promoting planning as fundamental for sustainable human settlements, mitigating the impacts of climate change and building resilient communities. [www.commonwealth-planners.org](http://www.commonwealth-planners.org)
- **CASLE:** The Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy was formed in 1969 as an association of independent professional societies and other bodies, in the field of surveying, and land and marine economy. It aims to foster development of the profession in Commonwealth countries, including appropriate standards of education and training, and to facilitate the transfer of technology with dialogue between member institutions and others, including governments.
- **CEC:** Engineering is at the heart of social and economic development, and key to delivering a sustainable future for people and planet. The Commonwealth Engineers' Council is a global network, established in 1946, open to all engineering institutions and societies across the Commonwealth, as well as individual members from Commonwealth Countries. Our mission is to promote and support the role of engineers and engineering as a key enabler of the critical infrastructure that underpins civilisation, the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the response to the global climate emergency. [www.commonwealthengineers.org](http://www.commonwealthengineers.org)

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) takes place biannually and will next take place in Samoa in October 2024. BEPIC are working to build on the Declaration on Sustainable Urbanisation to align with the theme of One Resilient Common Future.

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## CASLE Governance – current status

President - Joseph Segun Ajanlekoko (Nigeria)

Past President - Professor Chitra Weddikkara (Sri Lanka)

### Regional Presidents

Africa: James Dadson (Ghana)

Asia: Dato Lau Wai Seang (Malaysia)

Atlantic: Charisse Griffith-Charles (Trinidad)

Europe: Max Crofts (UK)

Pacific: Buddley Ronnie (Solomon Islands)

### Vice Presidents

West Africa: Surv Bern Omo Akhigbe (Nigeria)

East Africa: Dr Gordon Wayumba (Kenya)

Southern Africa: Matthew Ngulube (Zambia)

Asia: Professor Chitra Weddikkara (Sri Lanka)

Atlantic: Walter Anstey Scott (Barbados)

Pacific: Mr Mike McDermott (Australia)

Sec General – James Kavanagh (RICS [jkavanagh@rics.org](mailto:jkavanagh@rics.org))



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