Overview

iiSBE is an international non-profit organization whose overall aim is to *actively facilitate and promote the adoption of policies, methods and tools to accelerate the movement towards a global sustainable built environment*. iiSBE has an international Board of Directors from almost every continent and has a small Secretariat located in Ottawa, Canada. Our specific objectives include the following:

- Map current activities and establish a forum for information exchange on SBE initiatives, so that gaps and overlaps may be reduced and common standards established; and
- Increase awareness of existing SBE initiatives and issues amongst the international buildings and construction community;
- Take action on fields not covered by existing organisations and networks.

Our most important activity is networking; helping specialists and generalists to get to know each others’ abilities and needs. This occurs formally through our meetings and newsletter, and informally through every-day e-mails. Other more specific activities include the following:

- We are well known for the continuing development of our building performance assessment system, formerly known as GBTool, and now called SBTool. This is a flexible framework operating on Excel that can be configured to suit almost any local condition or building type. The current version is SBTool 2014;
- In 2007, we developed a version of SBTool to suit the needs of an international competition sponsored by the Principality of Monaco, to extend the downtown area into the sea. The flexible framework proved its worth and its application was an unqualified success;
- We have been contracted to carry out a one-week workshop on sustainability issues and SBTool in Arequipa, Peru, in May 2015.
- iiSBE has launched the Academic and Research Forum, a sub-group intended to support communication and cooperation between universities and research institutes around the world with a focus on sustainable building;
- Four European universities that are active in iiSBE are preparing a proposal to the EC for the establishment of a Masters Programme on Sustainable Building and Construction;
- iiSBE, CIB and UNEP are international co-sponsors of the SBE global conference series that began at Maastricht in 2000, then went on to Oslo in 2002, Tokyo in 2005, Melbourne, Australia in 2008 and Helsinki in 2011. The last global event was held in Barcelona in October 2014 and Hong Kong has been selected as the site for the 2017 World Sustainable Built Environment (SBE) conference. The Executive Director of iiSBE coordinates the series on behalf of CIB, iiSBE, UNEP-SBCI and FIDIC.
- In partnership with CIB and UNEP, iiSBE sponsored a series of regional SB conferences in 2004, and a similar series took place in 2007, in 10 locations. Twelve events were undertaken in 2010, and 16 national events took place in 2013. Currently, 20 national events are planned for 2016. The best peer-reviewed papers from these events have a fast-track to the following global event;
- We are managing and providing technical support for the international *Sustainable Building Challenge* (SBC) process, which invited design and development teams to display projects at our global SB conferences. The projects need to be assessed by any of the established rating systems and also need to submit data on key performance indicators;
- We have been active in supporting the UNEP Sustainable Building and Construction Initiative (SBCI), a group of global construction-sector firms that develop sustainable building initiatives;
- We have active Chapter organizations in Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Israel, Taiwan and Korea.
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Becoming a Board member

The qualification required to become a member of the Board is that you have already joined iiSBE as a Member, before the deadline for nominations has passed. Board members are selected on the basis of their personal qualifications and not their country or organizational affiliation.

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