

KINGDOM OF LESOTHO



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

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FIDIC CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME IN THE ROAD SECTOR

Background

Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MoPWT), through the financing of the World Bank, International Development Agency (IDA) is implementing the Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity Project (TICP) and has planned to use part of the funding towards the cost of the institutional strengthening and capacity building of the staff of the MoPWT, Roads Directorate, Road Fund and any other agencies in the road transport sector.

Overview

In an endeavor to strengthen the capacity of the institutions in road transport sector, towards proper management and administration of contracts for consulting services and construction activities, the Roads Directorate with support of the TICP has arranged a seven (7) days FIDIC (*French acronym for International Federation of Consulting Engineers*) training workshop for 40 delegates from Roads Directorate, Road Fund, Maseru City Council and TICP. The delegates were mainly from the Civil Engineering Fraternity and Legal Sector.

FIDIC is the form of contract generally accepted and widely used in the road and bridges construction, upgrading and maintenance contracts financed by the Government of Lesotho and International Multi-Lateral Development Donors including World Bank (WB), African Development Bank (AfDB) and Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

The TICP is currently financed by the World Bank and possible additional funding may be received from Opec Fund for International Development (OFID) and Road Fund upon successful completion of Out-Put and Performance Based Road Contracting (OPBRC) study currently underway. All contract documents of the TICP are formulated in line with the World Bank standard documents which were drafted based on the FIDIC forms of contracts. The FIDIC the workshop is therefore aimed to assist the implementing partners of the TICP Component 1 (Improve Access infrastructure) to:

- i) Enhance their confidence in working with WB contract documents;
- ii) Help them understand the management of contractual claims which might subsequently become disputes;
- iii) Understand the workings, processes and procedure of Dispute Adjudication Board and Arbitration.;

- iv) Correctly manage and administer WB contracts throughout the contract life cycle;

With this background, the successful implementation of the TICP consulting services and construction activities will entirely depend on the knowledge and skills of application of good contract management principles

Venue

The workshop was held in Roads Directorate Training Centre in Teya-teyaneng in the District Bera Lesotho.

Service Provider

Induna Training Services of South Africa.

Dates:

- 6 – 7 February 2019 Module 1 – Practical Approach to FIDIC contracts;
- 12 – 13 March 2019 Module 4 – Management and administration of FIDIC Contracts;
- 14 – 15 March 2019 Module 2 – Management of Claims under FIDIC contracts; and
- 19 March 2019 Module 3 – Understanding Dispute Adjudication Board and resolution of disputes