



## FIDIC ASPAC Conference 2019

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The **FIDIC ASPAC 2019 International Conference for Engineering Services** is taking place in New Delhi, **India** from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. It has been **organized by** the Consulting Engineers Association of India (**CEAI**).

- The theme of the Conference is **“Quality Infrastructure for Clean and Sustainable Development”**.
- **Focus Areas:**
  - Infrastructure industry revolution
  - Urban Mobility
  - Coastal & Marine Development
  - Energy and Quality of Life
  - Business Opportunities with Regional Cooperation
  - Young Professionals Open Forum
  - Technological Developments

## International Federation of Consulting Engineers

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- Founded in **1913**, FIDIC is the global representative body for **national associations of consulting engineers** and presently, represents over one million engineering professionals and 40,000 firms in more than 100 countries worldwide.
- It promotes and implements the consulting engineering industry’s strategic goals on behalf of its Member Associations and disseminates information and resources of interest to its members.

## ASPAC

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- ASPAC represents the consulting engineering industry in Asia and Pacific Region as the **regional grouping of FIDIC Member Associations**.
- ASPAC has 22 member countries.

- The main objective is to encourage regional cooperation amongst the member associations by sharing and enhancing knowledge on the different infrastructure requirements of each country.

## The Consulting Engineers Association of India

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- It is an **apex body of consulting engineers** with a pan-India membership, comprising of professional consulting engineering organisations and eminent engineering consultants.
- It promotes professional interest as well as establish rights and privileges of the consulting engineering profession in India.
- It is the **Indian Member Association of FIDIC**.
- It is a non-profit organisation, registered under the Societies Act.

## Related Proposals in the Union Budget 2019-20

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- The **budget has provided** for a road map for the **expansion of infrastructure** in the country with investment of **one lakh crore rupees** in the next five years.
- An investment of **Rs 50 lakh crore** is proposed for the expansion and **development of railways** in next 10-12 years.
- **Incentives for electric vehicles industry** has been proposed in the budget.
  - Also, India has achieved **1200% growth** in installed capacity of **solar energy** during the last five years.
  - India has also become the **largest user of LED bulbs** with the improvement of technology and cost cutting of manufacturing.
  - The number of households that have access to **LPG through cylinders** have almost doubled.

**Note:** A **national gas grid** for delivery of piped gas to all households in urban centres is also being planned by the government.