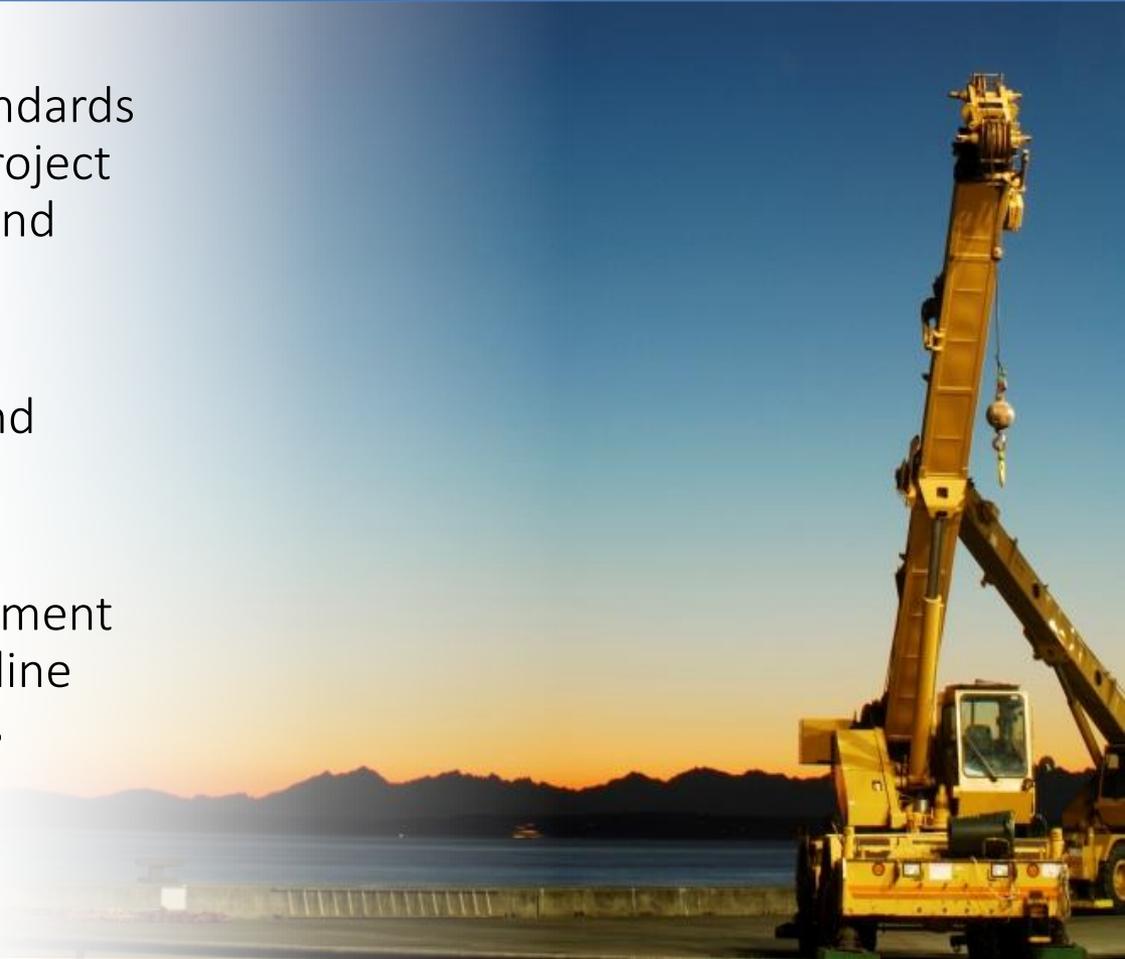


International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS)



What are construction measurement standards?

- Construction measurement standards refer to the way construction project costs are calculated, classified and reported.
- What is included in the 'cost' and what is not.
- Not about the units of measurement (\$, £, €, ¥ etc.) but instead the 'line items' in the calculation such as labour, land purchase, design, materials and client costs.



Why are they important?

Knowing what is, and what is not included in the cost of a construction project is vital to:

- Understanding how it compares with other projects within or outside that market
- Accurately assessing value-for-money
- Assessing and benchmarking the 'footprint' of a construction project
- Reporting national and international construction statistics



How are they used today?

- The standards used today differ within countries and from one jurisdiction to the next.
- Depending on where the project is located the costs might include some or all of the following elements:
 - Labour and materials
 - Land acquisition
 - Professional Fees
 - Client costs



What are the implications of global inconsistency?



- Inability to accurately compare project costs
- Investment risk
- Lack of transparency

Leading to:

- Under-investment in construction projects
- Time and cost overruns

What is ICMS

- ICMS establishes a global standard for assessing project costs.
- It defines what should be included in the calculation of a construction project.
- It will enable global consistency.

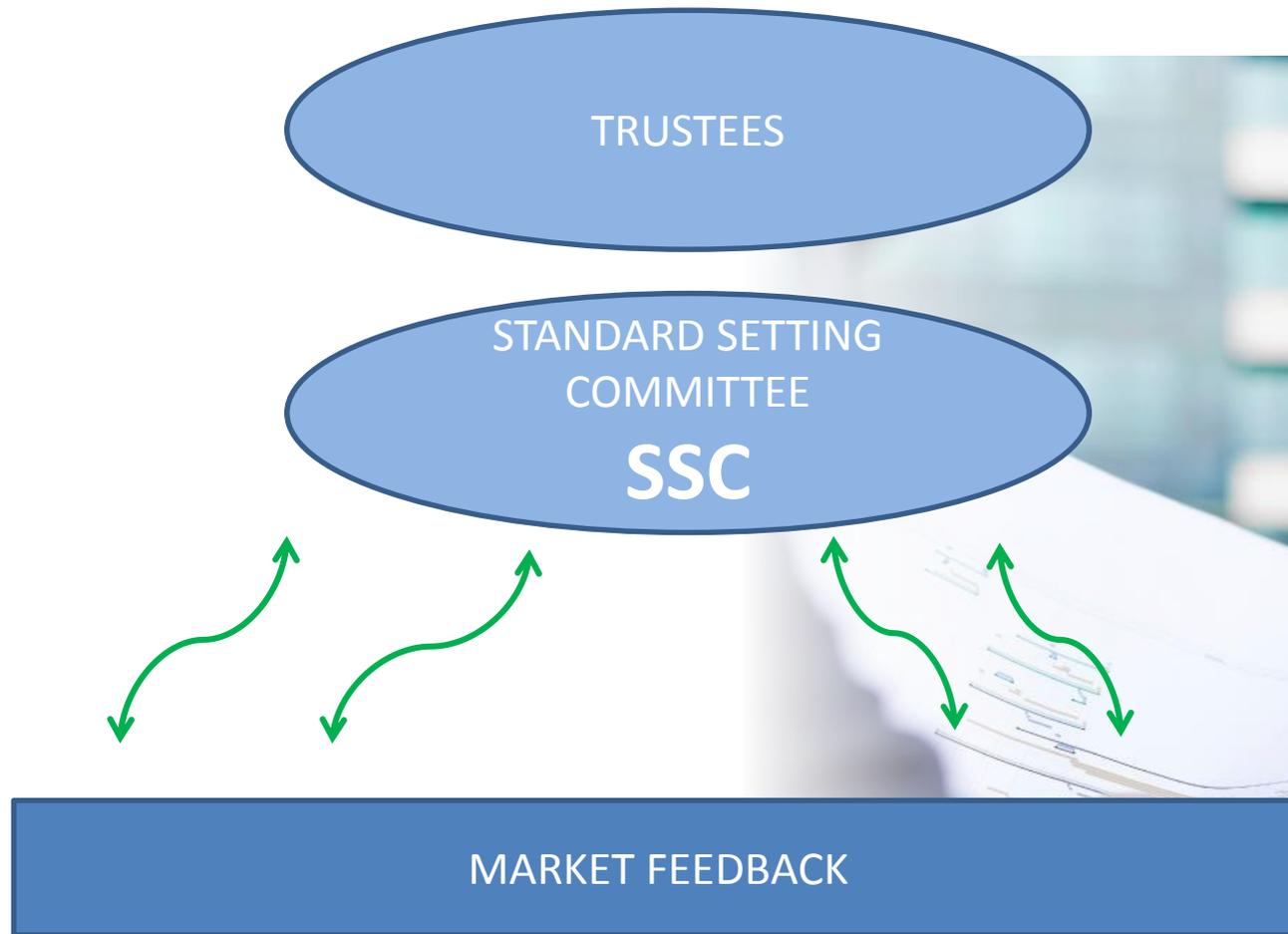


Who is developing ICMS?

- Developed by a coalition of professional bodies from around the world.
- Coalition established during a meeting at the IMF, Washington D.C. in June 2015.
- Organisations have committed to develop and implement the standard.



ICMS Structure



The expert committee

- An independent Standards Setting Committee (SSC) has been established to write the international standard.
- The SSC is comprised, in total, of 27 experts from around the world.
- A public consultation on the ICMS will run before the SSC ratifies and hands over the final standard to the Coalition.

What was the brief?

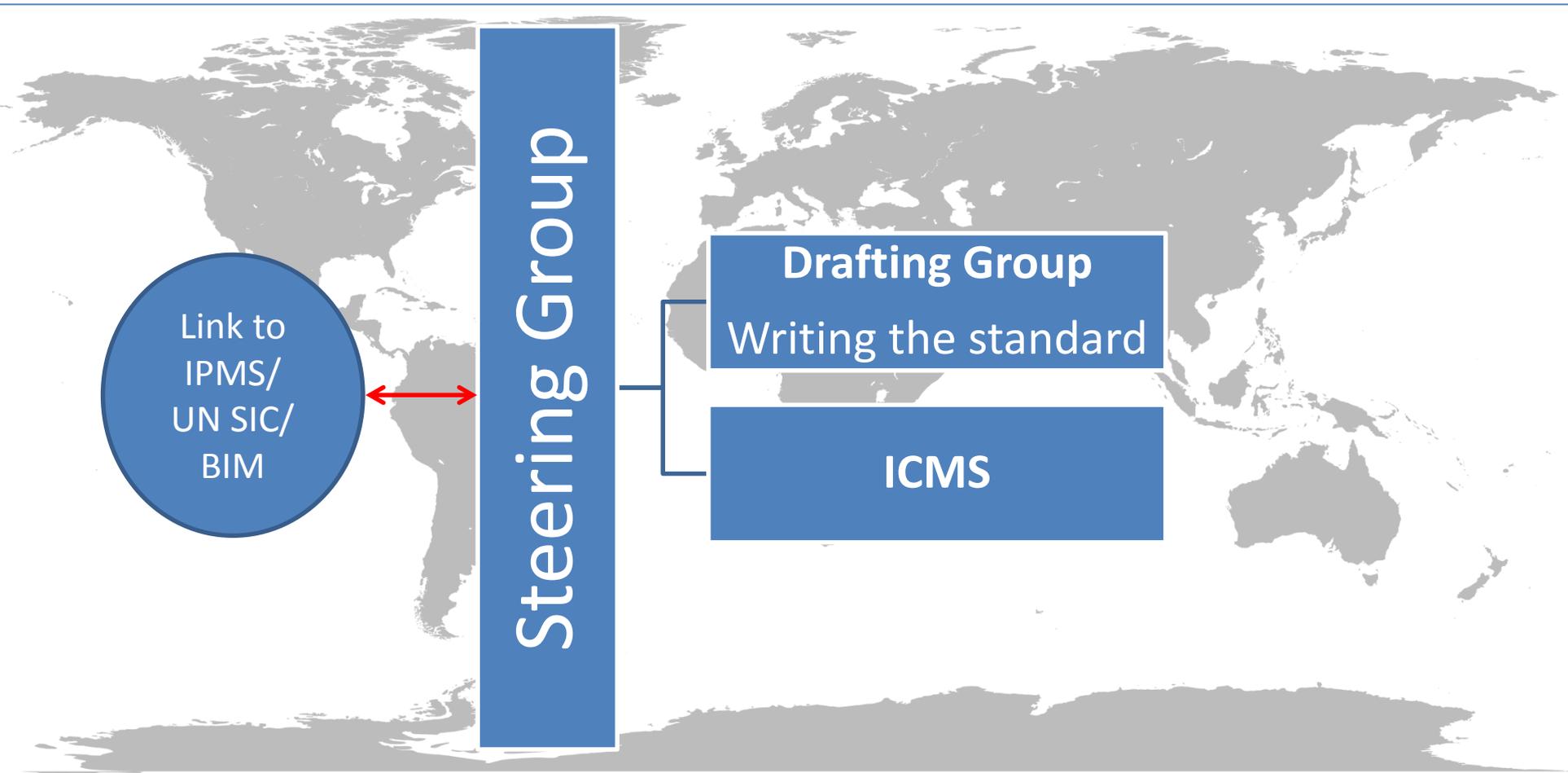
To agree what is included and excluded from construction costs at both a project level and a national reporting level

To create (a framework for) a standard system of costing for building and civil engineering projects

To allow Governments and international bodies compare the costs of construction of building and civil engineering projects (works) so that:

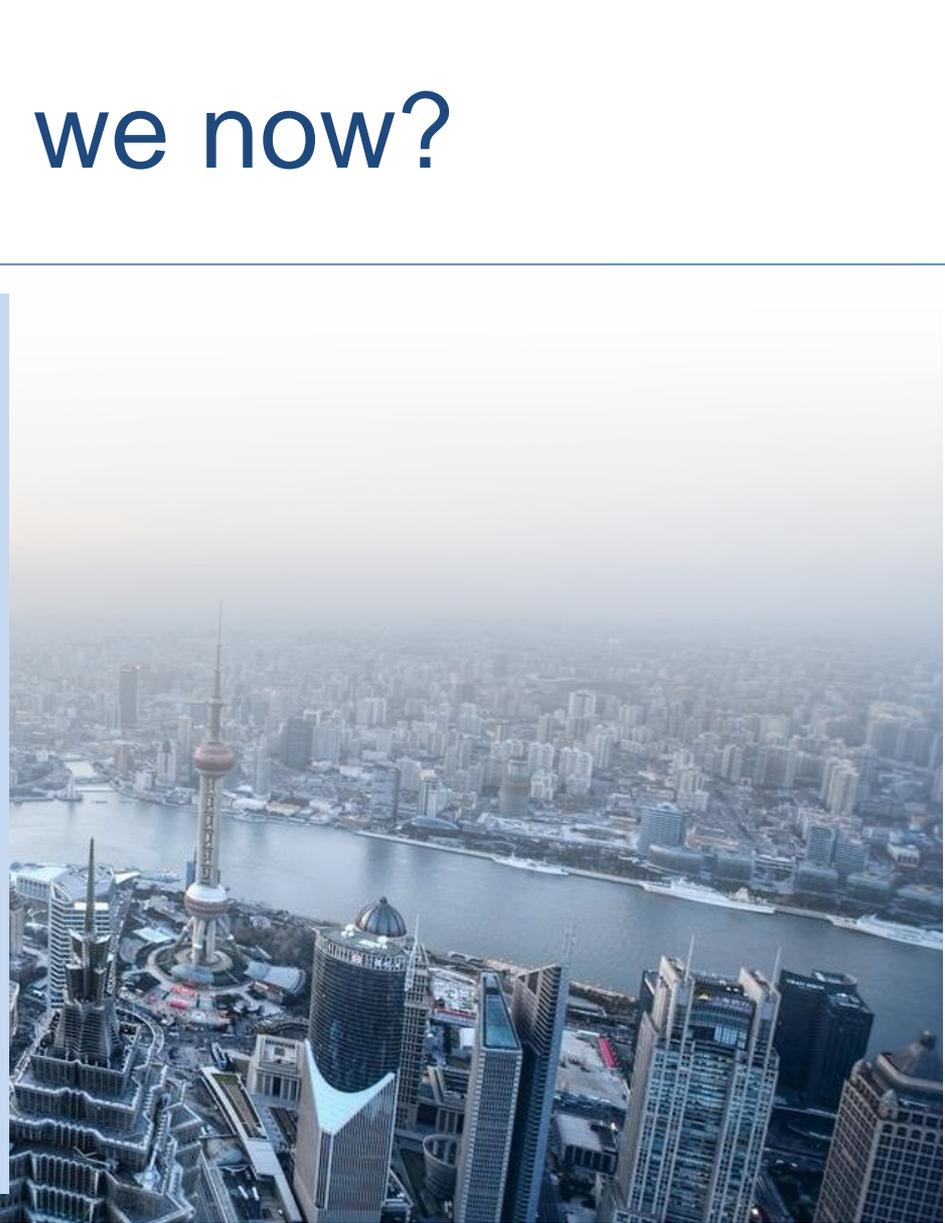
- national costs can be benchmarked;
- the causes of differences in costs can be identified;
- properly informed decisions on the location of construction projects can be made; and
- the relative performance of the construction industry in different countries can be determined

How have we organised ourselves?



Where are we now?

- ICMS
 - ✓ High level classification agreed
 - ✓ Attributes and values virtually agreed
 - ✓ Link to IPMS (www.ipmsc.org) for floor areas
- Drafting
 - ✓ Explanatory preambles drafted and under development
 - ✓ Drafting of cost classification systems commenced



Who will benefit from ICMS?

- Any party that has a direct or indirect interest in construction projects will benefit.
- Those investing in or managing construction projects will benefit significantly.
- The public will benefit through enhanced, prudent assessments of public projects



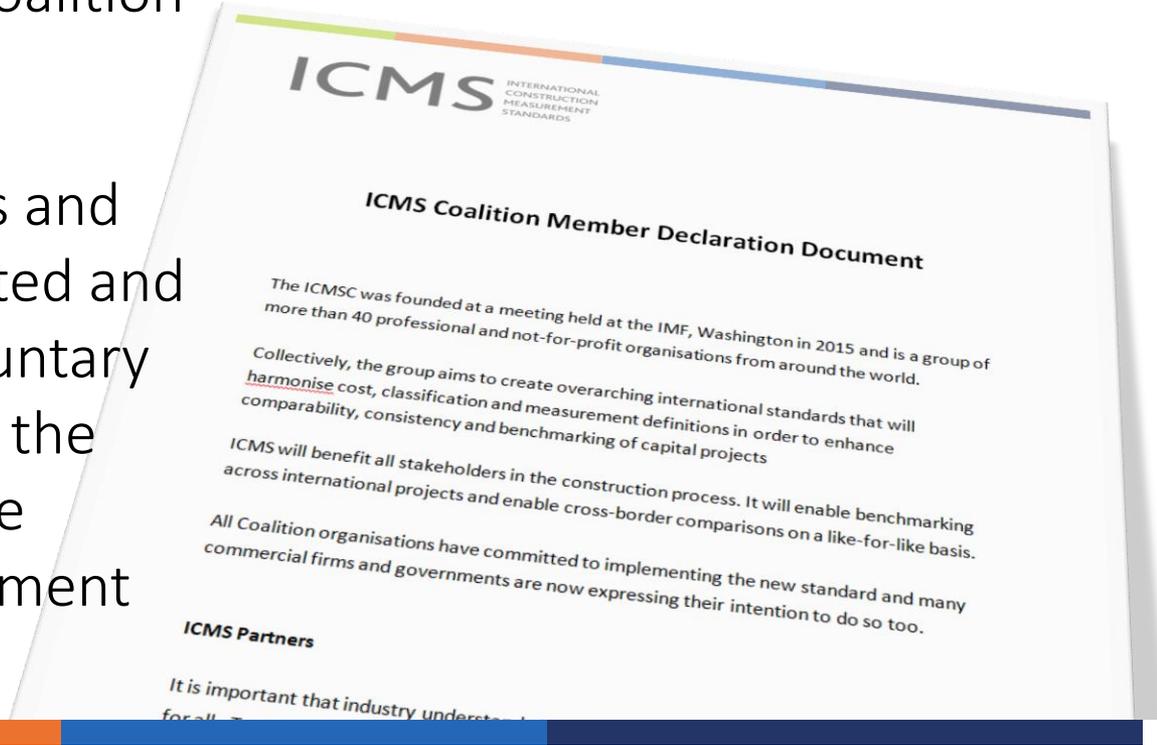
How will ICMS be adopted?



- The non-profit standards organisations that make up the coalition have committed to implement the ICMS once it is published.
- Many organisations will incorporate ICMS within existing standards and guidance.
- Governments and businesses will lead adoption of ICMS in the marketplace

How can I get involved?

- Not-for-profit, professional and standards-setting bodies are encouraged to join the coalition and to adopt ICMS.
- Private firms, universities and governments will be invited and encouraged become voluntary 'partners' and work with the coalition to develop, raise awareness for and implement ICMS.



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