



Committees Newsletter

July – September 2015

Intercommittee link

Watches are created on a regular basis for most committees: do not hesitate to check your committee webpage for more information on news, events, or indexes...

Gentle reminder:

To ease committee meetings organization, it would be really appreciated that:

- ✦ Members **reply to meetings notices** either by registering to the meeting, or replying that they cannot make it,
- ✦ **Attend the said meetings when they have registered.**
Meetings imply practical organization and invitation to speakers, and it is important that we know how many guests we shall welcome.

Committees' activities

Banking and Finance - FinTech group

This group focuses on the impact of new technologies for banks.

It:

- ✦ Gathers unit managers to help them have a vision of the impact of technology for banks,
- ✦ Proposes a holistic approach by sharing presentations from both the banking industry and other large companies that have faced the same revolution.

Past meeting:

✦ Sep.08, 2015 **Brainstorming on the programme**

Next meeting:

✦ Nov.02, 2015 **'FinTech mapping'**
'Start-ups and relations with banks'

Business Advisors group

The aim of the Business Advisors group (BAG) is to bring network / contacts, advise and coach start-ups or companies going for new developments.

Actions:

- ✦ BAG modus operandi: Main idea is to bring help – the approach is altruist,
- ✦ Clear difference and separation between the BAG action (counseling) linked to the Chamber, and the financial relations linked with members intuitu personae that are totally separated from the Chamber scope of actions,
- ✦ Give more visibility to candidates by offering them to place a short presentation and a link to their website on the Group webpage.

Future Actions:

Continue to receive candidates on a regular basis: projects can be sent to Catherine, committees@fccihk.com, who will forward them to the BAG.

Past meetings:

† Jul. 03, 2015	Quatorze Juillet
† Jul. 17, 2015	Makaron
† Sep.04, 2015	Linking Wellness
† Sep.18, 2015	Thymus Consulting
† Sep. 21, 2015	BAG dinner
† Oct. 09, 2015	PowerBrain Rx Ltd
† Oct. 16, 2015	AMP

Next meetings:

† Nov. 13, 2015	PopScout
† Nov. 27, 2015	Ladivson
† Dec. 11, 2015	OnTheList

Chief Financial Officer Roundtable

This working group provides an opportunity for regional CFOs to exchange freely on common topics and get access to information that is most relevant to their daily functions. This roundtable is closed to non-CFOs.

Meetings have been organized every 2 months for 2015-16, with focus on experience sharing between regional CFOs.

Past meetings:

† July. 06, 2015	‘Experience sharing with Fendi Asia Pacific’
† Sep 14, 2015	‘Back to work’ meeting with macro-economy forecasts by HSBC

Next meeting:

† Nov. 09, 2015	Experience sharing with Andre HK Buying Office Ltd ‘Salary increases in Asia’
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China Committee

It will continue to be active, proposing regularly events and presentations by speakers during its committee meetings.

The 2015-16 programme will propose activities on the following topics: China economics and politics, Business confidence, Chinese management, Digital in China, Labour relations, the Green economy, the ‘one belt one road’ initiative, as well as networking cocktails.

Past meeting:

† Oct. 12, 2015	‘China 2016: Navigating rough waters’
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Past event:

† Sep. 11, 2015	‘Decoding China politics’ with Willy Lam and Jean-Pierre Cabestan
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Next meeting:

† Jan. 11, 2016	‘China policies: experience sharing’
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Corporate sustainability working group

This new working group was launched in June 2015.

It focuses on corporate sustainability, not philanthropy. Members want to concentrate on business, measure the impact of sustainability on business, get concrete ideas, and are interested in hearing from practitioners. It may also launch lobbying actions.

Berenice Voets was elected as President of the Corporate Sustainability working group.

Past meeting:

† Sep. 15, 2015

Election of President and Vice-President and Brainstorming on topics

Next meeting:

† Dec. 07, 2015

Experience sharing session (Clarins/Dragages)

Digital Innovation committee

Mission: Share market best practices and latest insights on Digital and Innovation, educate on e-transformation process for established corporations and on lifecycle for technology start-ups.

Programme for 2015-16:

1. e-commerce and market place
2. data collection, analytics, personalization & ROI

Past event:

† Oct. 14, 2015

'T-mall'

Next event:

† Nov. 18, 2015

'Market place vs. e-commerce'

Next meeting:

† Dec. 02, 2015

'E-commerce : solutions landscape'

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Editorial Committee

The editorial committee helps the Chamber to prepare its quarterly magazine, HongKongEcho.

HongKongEcho Autumn Issue:

The autumn issue investigates the identity identification of Hong Kong in relation to its political and economic affiliation to two big superpowers. The topic "How Chinese is Hong Kong?" presents various perspectives from historical, cultural, legal and economic dimensions, giving readers a better understanding of the region's identity struggle.

Next issue will be devoted to creativity & innovation in the city.

Food & Beverage Committee

The goals of the committee are:

- † Exchange views on the market,
- † Give / receive advice,
- † Create synergies between members,

It focuses on **'exchange of information'** and **lobbying towards the Hong Kong government.**

Programme for 2015-16 proposes experience sharing with Committee members (Le Comptoir, Lactalis), and addresses on topics such as warehouses in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Tourism Board campaigns, social media for the F&B sector, geo-localisation in shopping malls, and human resources challenges.

Past meetings:

- † Jul. 08, 2015 **Brainstorming on topics for 2015-16**
- † Sep. 08, 2015 **Experience sharing with Le Comptoir**
- † Oct. 13, 2015 **'Behind the scene- Central kitchens/warehouses for the F&B sector'**

Next meetings:

- † Nov. 03, 2015 **'Social media in the Food and Beverage sector'**
- † Dec. 01, 2015 **'50 Best Restaurants: What are the trends?'**

Next event:

- † Dec. 09, 2015 **'Is the French touch a new concept?'**

Green Business committee

The Green Business Committee provides a user friendly forum for sustainable development issues, promotes the level of understanding of sustainable development, and addresses matters of specific concern or interest in conservation and environmental matters consistent with sustainable development principles.

The 2015-16 programme proposes a mix of committee meetings (Hong Kong electricity market, sustainable public housing, experience sharing on Corporate sustainability) and visits (sludge incinerator, Lamma Power station and CLP Black point station), as well as the yearly event with Dr. Christine Loh.

Past event:

- † Oct. 08, 2015 **Plant visit – Lamma Power Station**

Next meetings:

- † Nov. 24, 2015 **'Walkability' by Civic Exchange (opened to Infrastructure committee)**
- † Jan. 14, 2015 **Joint-meeting with Infrastructure Committee - 'Sustainable Public Housing: Green Homes for Two Millions'**

Next event:

- † Feb. 23, 2016 **'Climate Change' – Christine Loh**

'Healthcare & Insurance' working group

This new working group will be launched in November 2015. It is a restricted one that gathers only members from the healthcare and insurance sectors.

Next meeting:

- † Nov. 05, 2015 **Brainstorming on the need of the Healthcare & Insurance working group**

Human Resources Steering Committee:

The Committee's nature is oriented towards a 'Club' mindset: people sharing the same issues, looking for solutions, with HR leaders at the center of the group plus few representatives of professions interesting for HR.

In 2015-16, the Committee will focus on experience sharing and the 2 events organized yearly will cover: 'Employee engagement' and 'HR and digital'.

Past meeting:

- † Sep. 23, 2015 **'Latest trends in Human Resources'**

Next event:

† Dec. 03, 2015 **'Employee engagement'**

Infrastructure Committee:

The Committee continues its exchanges with the Hong Kong government, answering consultations and inviting representatives to do presentations during committee meetings.

The programme for 2015-16 will propose committee meetings (experience sharing with members, presentation on building costs in Hong Kong, East Kowloon smart district), joined meeting with the Green Business committee (Sustainable public housing in HK) and visits (tunnel working site, Hong Kong International airport, Kai Tak district cooling system and OCC MTR).

Past meeting:

† Sep. 11, 2015 **'Building healthy cities in spite of 21st Century challenges'**

Next meetings:

† Nov. 24, 2015 **Joint-meeting with Green Business Committee – 'Walkability' by Civic Exchange**

† Jan. 14, 2015 **Joint-meeting with Green Business Committee - 'Sustainable Public Housing: Green Homes for Two Millions'**

Next event:

† Nov. 16, 2015 **Plant visit – Kai Tak District Cooling System**

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Legal working group:

This new working group was launched in May 2015. It is a restricted one that gathers only in-house counsels and lawyers from legal firms.

Experience sharing will be encouraged to compare practices, and lawyers will provide presentations to counsels on hot topics such as new laws in Hong Kong and the region.

Emmanuelle de Buhren was elected President and Elodie Dellavolta Vice-President.

Past meeting:

† Oct. 15, 2015 **Brainstorming on next year programme**

Next meeting:

† Dec. 03, 2015 **'Becoming a lawyer' – HK & UK bar**

Logistics and Supply Chain working group:

This new working group was launched in May 2015. It gathers members in charge of Supply chain or from logistics companies.

Programme for 2015-16 includes the following topics: local distribution, e-commerce, taxes (duty-free / duty-paid cross-border exchange) and Asean agreements.

Matthieu Gaonach was elected President and Vincent Burtet Vice-President.

Past meeting:

† Oct. 19, 2015 **Brainstorming on committee**

Next meetings:

- † Nov. 24, 2015 **'Update on seafreight'**
- † Dec. 16, 2015 **'Free-Trade Zones' in China**

Luxury and Retail committee:

The Luxury & Retail committee is launching a progressive survey on the young affluent, which will be carried out in the coming months.

Programme for 2015-16 covers committee meetings (e-shopping experience, shopping malls in Asia, the position of HK vs. Japan, Korea), events (Innovation in luxury), and an always very successful session on experience sharing between well established and younger brands.

Past events:

- † Sep. 17, 2015 **'Back to work Luxury'**
- † Oct. 15, 2015 **'Innovation in Luxury'**

Next meeting:

- † Dec. 10, 2015 **'E-shopping experience'**

Policy and Consultation committee:

This committee aims at supporting the Chamber to prepare its paper submissions: the Policy and the Budget recommendations.

Past meeting:

- † Sep. 15, 2015 **Recommendations for the 2016 Policy and Budget addresses**

Small and Medium Enterprises committee:

This committee continues to organise regular monthly gatherings on topics important for SMEs. It favours experience sharing inviting members to bring testimonies on the topics presented, for better exchanges between participants.

The 2015-16 programme will present for the different topics tackled, the view of the expert with the experience of the Entrepreneur. Subjects include the yearly 'Back to work', the entrepreneur's well-being, business in China (tax, VAT, customs...), marketing and brand strategy, the manager, communication and creativity. A meeting will also be co-organised with the British Chamber SME members.

Past meetings:

- † Sep. 16, 2015 **'News exchanges - Get real: Challenges & Opportunities'**
- † Oct. 14, 2015 **'The entrepreneur's stress'**

Next meetings:

- † Nov. 11, 2015 **'China (tax, VAT, customs, FTZ...)'**
- † Dec. 09, 2015 **'App & softwares experience sharing'**

Sourcing Committee:

The committee continues to hold its successful monthly meetings, with lots of exchanges between the participants.

The Committee will continue to focus on experience between members while preparing the 6th edition of Made In Asia that will take place on 9th March 2016.

Past meetings:

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| † Aug.13, 2015 | Sourcing dinner |
| † Sep. 04, 2015 | Back to Work session with an economist from Natixis |
| † Oct. 09, 2015 | 'Market update and trends for 2015 / 2016 – Major trends in maritime transport' |

Next meetings:

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| † Nov. 06, 2015 | Presentation by Lionel Marrie |
| † Dec. 04, 2015 | Sourcing dinner |

Women On Board committee:

This committee continues its: 'Learn, Develop and Succeed' series, 'Women Advisory Forum – WAF' sessions and networking cocktails, always very successful.

It also organized the 2nd edition of its milestone event on Gender Balance and Business performance, which is a yearly appointment and took place on 6th October 2015.

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| † Sep. 16, 2015 | Brainstorm Q4 and next year program (H1/H2) |
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| † Sep. 16, 2015 | WOB Cocktail |
| † Oct. 06, 2015 | Business Performance & Gender Balance 2nd edition – 'Harsh economic times: Could women be the answer?' |

Next events:

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| † Nov. 19, 2015 | Learning and Development session |
| † Dec. 08, 2015 | WOB Steering |

Young Professionals and VI committee:

The Young Professionals & VI Committee aims at animating and developing the network of the young professionals and V.I. community in Hong Kong, while helping to integrate them to the broader Hong Kong business community.

These goals are achieved through the organisation of regular networking cocktails, and through round table events and workshops, where young professionals are given the opportunity to meet experienced top managers.

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| † 30 Sept. 2015 | YP & VI Cocktail at Mahalo Tikki Lounge |
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Next Events:

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| † 19 Nov. 2015 | YP & VI Cocktail at Tasmania Ballroom |
| † TBC | YP Round Table with Bernard Coulaty |
| † 21 Jan. 2016 | YP & VI Cocktail |
| † 17 March 2016 | YP & VI Cocktail |
| † 23 June 2016 | YP & VI Cocktail |
| † 22 Sept 2016 | YP & VI Cocktail |
| † 24 Nov. 2016 | YP & VI Cocktail |