



Committees Newsletter

October – December 2015

The newsletter of the French Chamber committees:

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 technology impact, and proposes a holistic approach by sharing presentations from both the banking industry and other large companies that face the same revolution.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Nov. 02, 2015 **'FinTech mapping'**
'Start-ups and relations with banks'
- ✦ Dec. 07, 2015 **'Innovation and partnership'**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jan. 21, 2016 **'Blockchain & Biometric: two key technologies for the future of financial services'**

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.

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Past meetings:

† Oct. 09, 2015	PowerBrain Rx Ltd
† Oct. 16, 2015	AMP
† Nov. 13, 2015	PopScout
† Nov. 27, 2015	Patrimolink
† Dec. 11, 2015	OnTheList

Next meetings:

† Jan. 08, 2016	Nefala
† Jan. 22, 2016	OnTheList (2 nd meeting)

Chief Financial Officer Roundtable

This committee 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 meeting:

† Nov. 09, 2015	- Experience sharing with Andre HK Buying Office Ltd - 'Salary increases in Asia'
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Next meeting:

† Jan. 18, 2016	'Bonded warehouses'
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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 proposes 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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Next meeting:

† Jan. 11, 2016	'One Belt, One Road' initiative: The implications for Hong Kong
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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.

Past meeting:

† Dec. 07, 2015	Experience sharing session with Dragages
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Next meeting:

† Feb. 22, 2016	Experience sharing session with Clarins
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Past meetings:

- † Oct. 13, 2015 **'Warehouses in Hong Kong'**
- † Nov. 03, 2015 **'Social media in the Food and Beverage sector'**
- † Dec. 01, 2015 **'50 Best Restaurants: What are the trends?'**

Next meeting:

- † Jan. 05, 2016 **'Tourism development and Hong Kong Tourism Board's promotion strategy'**

Past 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, 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 (sustainable public housing, experience sharing on Corporate sustainability) and visits (sludge incinerator, Lamma Power station), as well as the yearly event with Dr. Christine Loh.

Past meeting:

- † Nov. 24, 2015 **'Walkability' by Civic Exchange (open to Infrastructure committee)**

Next meeting:

- † Jan. 14, 2016 **Joint-meeting with Infrastructure Committee - 'Sustainable Public Housing: Green Homes for Two Millions'**

Past event:

- † Oct. 08, 2015 **Visit of CLP Lamma Power Station**

Next event:

- † Feb. 23, 2016 **'Climate Change' with Christine Loh, Under Secretary for the Environment**

'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.

Past meeting:

- † Nov. 05, 2015 **Brainstorming on the need of the Healthcare & Insurance working group**
- † Jan. 07, 2016 **Healthcare system in Hong Kong**

Next meeting:

- † April 07, 2016

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 event:

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

Next meeting:

† Jan. 14, 2016 **Exchange of views between members**

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, 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, and OCC MTR).

Past meeting:

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

Next meeting:

† Jan. 14, 2016 **Joint-meeting with Green Business Committee - 'Sustainable Public Housing: Green Homes for Two Millions'**

Next event:

† Jan. 20, 2016 **Hong Kong International Airport visit**

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 on 15 October 2015.

Past meetings:

† Oct. 15, 2015 **Brainstorming on next year programme**
† Dec. 03, 2015 **'Becoming a lawyer' – HK & UK bar**

Next meeting:

† Feb. 02, 2016 **Brainstorming session**

Logistics and Supply Chain working group:

This new working group was launched in May 2015. It gathers members in charge of Supply chain and 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.

Past meetings:

† Oct. 19, 2015 **Brainstorming on committee**
† Nov. 24, 2015 **'Update on sea freight'**

Next meetings:

- † Jan. 20, 2016 'Free-Trade Zones in China'
- † Feb. 16, 2016 'The challenges of recruitment in Greater China'

Luxury and Retail committee:

The Luxury & Retail committee launched a progressive survey on the young affluent that was carried out in October and November.

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 meeting:

- † Dec. 10, 2015 'Brainstorming on rent issues at Hong Kong airport'

Past event:

- † Oct. 15, 2015 'Creative thinking for luxury brands'

Survey on the Young Affluent in Hong Kong

The survey, with a qualitative - not quantitative – approach, aimed at perceiving the young affluent approach on luxury (their understanding of products, services, future shops) and how they see themselves when compared to their elder ones. It focused on the Hong Kong young affluent (18-25.y.o), to understand what luxury is for them and how they will consume in the short to medium-term future.

Results were delivered early in December 2015. **If some members are interested in buying the report**, please contact committees@fccihk.com.

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 address**

The recommendations for the Chief Executive were prepared in December 2015.

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 together 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:

- † Oct. 14, 2015 'The entrepreneur's stress'
- † Nov. 11, 2015 'China (tax, VAT, customs, FTZ...)'
- † Dec. 09, 2015 'App & softwares experience sharing'

Next meeting:

- † Jan. 13, 2016 'Marketing and Brand strategy'

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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:

- ✦ Oct. 09, 2015 **'Market update and trends for 2015 / 2016 – Major trends in maritime transport'**
- ✦ Nov. 06, 2015 **Presentation by Lionel Marrie, Jensen**
- ✦ Dec. 04, 2015 **Presentation by Jose Zdziech, Carrefour Global Sourcing**
- ✦ Dec. 04, 2015 **Sourcing dinner**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jan. 08, 2016 **'Asia at a crossroads: What to expect for 2016'**

Next event:

- ✦ Mar. 09, 2016 **Made In Asia 6th edition**

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.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Dec. 04, 2015 **WAF – 'How to be more assertive?'**
- ✦ Dec. 17, 2015 **Brainstorm next year program (H1/H2)**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jan. 21, 2016 **WAF session**

Past events:

- ✦ Oct. 06, 2015 **Business Performance & Gender Balance 2nd edition – 'Harsh economic times: Could women be the answer?'**
- ✦ Nov. 12, 2015 **Learning and Development session – 'How to become an excellent communicator'**

Next event:

- ✦ Jan. 12, 2016 **WOB networking cocktail with 4 other International Chambers**

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.

Past event:

- ✦ Sep. 30, 2015 **YP & VI Cocktail at Mahalo Tikki Lounge**
- ✦ Nov. 19, 2015 **YP & VI Cocktail at Tasmania Ballroom**

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† Dec. 16, 2015 **YP & VI Round Table Series: 'Starting your own business' with la Rotisserie**

Next Events:

† Jan. 13, 2016 **YP & VI Round Table Series: 'New Deal of Employee Engagement' with Bernard Coulaty**

† Jan. 21, 2016 **YP & VI Cocktail at Bistro Bloom**

† Mar. 17, 2016 YP & VI Cocktail

† June 23, 2016 YP & VI Cocktail

† Sep. 22, 2016 YP & VI Cocktail

† Nov. 24, 2016 YP & VI Cocktail

We hope that you all had a very joyful Festive Season, and send you our best wishes for 2016.



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