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Innovation, Procurement and Sustainability in the Construction Industry

Message from the Guest Editors

The construction industry is increasingly being relied upon to help address the climate emergency and contribute towards the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This sustainability agenda has resulted in the need for project performance criteria that go beyond the conventional metrics of cost, time, quality, with an increasing emphasis on broader outcomes. Achieving these broader outcomes will require leveraging innovative tools, technologies, processes and business models across the sector. This adoption and diffusion of innovation at the project, organisation and industry level can either be inhibited by conventional procurement arrangements, or could lead to the emergence of innovative procurement models that help advance the sustainability agenda in the construction industry. This SI aims to make a contribution to the existing literature on the interlinkage between innovation, procurement and sustainability in the construction industry, providing insights into how traditional procurement norms and practices are being challenged to improve the construction industry's contribution towards economic, environmental and social sustainability outcomes.

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