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Under the leadership and direction of FIDIC President, Tony Barry and the entire Board, this charter underwent the most comprehensive consultation to date of a FIDIC policy document receiving high levels of support and will continue to evolve. As noted by respondents, this charter is only the beginning. There will be guides, briefings, notes and tools that also need developing by a dedicated FIDIC Climate Change Task Group to assist FIDIC, member associations, companies, and projects to commit to moving forward to achieving Net Zero.

In addition, a dedicated campaign website has been developed under the banner FIDIC for Global Goals to aid this initiative. The website will serve as a long term campaign supporting the United Nations Global Goals and allow for signing up to FIDIC's charter and serve as a resource hub for content, case studies, and best practices in the industry. The FIDIC for Global Goals website can be viewed on the link below.

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Sign up to FIDIC's Climate Change Charter here!
 Thank you for your support of this truly global aspirational charter that places engineers at the heart of change to help meet the climate challenge.

With best wishes,

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