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International Code Council launches MENA Building Science Advisory Council

New group will promote collaboration among regional experts in the building safety industry in key areas related to training, code and standard development and enforcement, and services in testing, inspection and certification

Washington, D.C. – Today in Dubai at the International Code Council’s Middle East and North Africa (MENA) regional office, the Code Council hosted the inaugural meeting of the MENA Building Science Advisory Council. Code Council President Cindy Davis, CBO, Vice President for Global Services Judy Zakreski, and Regional Director of Operations for ICC MENA Mohamed Amer presided at the meeting.

The Advisory Council forms an integral part of the Code Council’s strategy in the MENA region to establish strong relationships with experts that influence policy in the region to foster promotion of the Code Council’s family of solutions. The Advisory Council provides a platform for its members to provide unbiased expertise to the market and regulators about emergent issues in building safety.

“While the International Codes are widely known and used in the region, more needs to be done to promote the value of leveraging training, certification, product evaluation, and unique accreditation programs available to designers, researchers and regulators,” said Zakreski. “The Advisory Council provides an important strategic lever to help deepen the Code Council’s market engagement.”

The members of the Advisory Council hail from some of the most prestigious organizations in the MENA construction market, including the American Concrete Institute, the American University Sharjah, IE Group, MADA Gypsum, Thomas Bell-Wright International Consultants, Unidome, and Vortex Fire.

“The organizations participating in the Advisory Council are very familiar with the Code Council family of solutions,” said Amer. “They are already our strong partners and participation in the Advisory Council formalizes our collaboration and recognizes their importance to us.”

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.