



CoST introductory webinar agenda

Introducing CoST and the relevance of infrastructure transparency and integrity to the private sector.

With AFCCA, FAC and FOCIC

Duration: 90 minutes

Date: Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Time: 11 am (UK/GMT)

Languages: English and French; simultaneous interpretation subject to confirmation.

Meeting platform: Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting

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Conveners: CoST, the African Federation for Construction Contractors' Associations (AFCCA), the Federation of Arab Contractors (FAC) and the Federation of Contractors in Islamic Countries (FOCIC).

Audience: Leadership and member federations of AFCCA, FAC and FOCIC, and their contractor representatives.

Objective: Introduce CoST, its approach, current activities and work in African countries, with particular attention to its relevance to the private sector. Reflect on private-sector perception survey findings from Africa and Latin America and allow each federation to consider the potential value of future cooperation with CoST.

Expected results

Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Understand CoST's approach, current activities and work in the regions of operation.
- Explore how infrastructure transparency can improve access to information, fair competition and dialogue with government.
- To demonstrate how the Infrastructure Integrity Toolbox developed by CoST leverages practical resources and real-world experiences to help infrastructure stakeholders identify risks, exchange insights, and strengthen integrity throughout the project lifecycle.
- Identify interest in follow-up discussions, with each federation considering future cooperation separately.

Agenda

Time (UK/GMT)	Duration	Session	Focus	Proposed lead
11:00–11:05 am	5 min	Welcome and session arrangements	Welcome participants, introduce the webinar's purpose and explain the language arrangements.	Karimi Sebghatullah Technical Advisor, CoST
11:05–11:20 am	15 min	Introductory remarks	Brief remarks from AFCCA, FAC, FOCIC and CoST on the webinar's relevance to their members and private-sector engagement in infrastructure transparency. - CoST Executive Director, Petter Matthews - President of AFCCA, H.E. Eng. Hassan Abdelaziz - President of FAC, H.E. Mr. Ali Al Sanafee - President of FOCIC, H.E. Eng. Zakariya Abdulrahman Al Abdulqader	AFCCA, FAC, FOCIC and CoST
11:20–11:30 am	10 min	Short presentation about CoST	Introduce CoST's approach, current activities and work across its membership, highlighting its relevance to contractors and private-sector associations.	Evelyn Hernandez Technical Director – CoST Olive Kabatwairwe – Africa Regional Manager & Learning Lead – CoST.
11:30–11:45 am	15 min	Infrastructure Integrity Toolbox	Present and reflect on how the Toolbox brings practical resources and real-world experience to help the infrastructure community identify risks, share insights, and strengthen integrity at every stage of the project lifecycle.	Nicolas Ronderos Senior Programme Manager, Private Sector
11:45 am–12:20 pm	35 min	Questions and discussion	Take questions in English and French. Invite participants from all three federations to share experiences, reflect on the findings, and discuss possible areas for future engagement with CoST.	Karimi Sebghatullah Technical Advisor - CoST

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12:20– 12:30 pm	10 min	Closing and follow-up	Deliver closing remarks, summarise key messages and outline next steps. - CoST Director Programmes, John Hawkins - Secretary-General FAC, Eng. Hamdy Shehata - Secretary-General AFCCA, Amb. Hatem Tageldin	CoST & FAC/ AFCCA



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CoST is a global initiative that promotes transparency and accountability in public infrastructure. Across Africa and worldwide, CoST works with government, businesses, and civil society to improve access to infrastructure information and strengthen oversight. Its engagement with contractors, business associations and professional bodies helps identify procurement barriers, inform reforms and promote fairer competition and dialogue with government.

The webinar will open with introductory remarks from AFCCA, FAC, FOCIC and CoST, followed by a short presentation about CoST and a separate CoST presentation reflecting on private-sector perception survey findings from Africa and Latin America. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and consider the potential value of future cooperation.

The meeting details are below. Please note that simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French and English throughout the meeting.

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