



Committees Newsletter

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The newsletter of the French Chamber committees:

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Version 2.0 of our website is now live!

This new, streamlined version of the website is aimed at enhancing your member experience. Any feedback is greatly appreciated, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

For security reasons all members passwords have been reset. Don't worry though; your account is still active!

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- 1) Click on this link.
- 2) Enter your 'login email' (which is the email address via which you received this message)

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French Chamber recommendations for the October 2018 Policy addresses

Please let us have your views/suggestions – if any – by 30th April (catherine.pielawa-ko@fccihk.com).

General topic: Hong Kong's relevance and collaboration with the Greater Bay Area.

Angles:

The smart living programme: accelerate and expand it. A digital strategy is needed.

Waste: come with something symbolic that can be quickly implemented, something striking.

Housing: the government has a real power, yet it is presently using a carrot when a stick may be needed.

Harbour front environment: the waterfront should be enhanced and funds allocated for that.

Take advantage of the development of connectivity in the PRD and the West Bank to push Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is at a crossroads and should promote its relevance.

References:

Link to the presentation 'Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta Area' by Ms. Phyllis LI, JP, Deputy Director of Planning/ Territorial, Planning Department [here](#).

'The Conceptual Spatial Framework of Hong Kong 2030' by the Planning Department [here](#).

SCMP article forwarded by David Baverez [here](#).

Business Advisor Group:

Do not hesitate to spread the word regarding the support offered by the BAG:

Projects to be sent to committees@fccihk.com, and then forwarded to the BAG.

Please contact us and forward the information to your contacts.

Gentle reminder:

To ease committee meetings organization, it would be highly appreciated that:

- ✦ Members **reply to Outlook invitations** either by registering to the meeting, or by accepting/declining the invitation;
- ✦ **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.

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Committees' activities

Business Advisors group

The aim of the Business Advisors Group (BAG) is to provide networking, advice and coaching to start-ups or companies undertaking 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,

Pitch Clinic:

This new service targets tech start-ups that are met before they go and pitch potential investors. Start-up interested can contact committees@fccihk.com.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 26, 2018 **Think it Twice**
- ✦ Feb. 09, 2018 **OnTheList**
- ✦ Feb. 23, 2018 **Good Moments Group**
- ✦ Mar. 16, 2018 **Cityshake**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 20, 2018 **TiForYou**
- ✦ May. 04, 2018 **Quicker**
- ✦ May. 11, 2018 **LOKA**
- ✦ May. 18, 2018 **Coolhobo**
- ✦ June. 08, 2018 **AOYAMA**
- ✦ June. 15, 2018 **GST**

Chief Financial Officer Committee

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 committee is closed to non-CFOs.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 29, 2018 **How to move from a segregated business model to an integrated company**
- ✦ Mar 12, 2018 **Organization of Financial departments in Asia**

Past event:

- ✦ Feb. 08, 2018 **The WeChat ecosystem in and out China**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 23, 2018 **Presentation by Alexandre Norre, Senior Vice President - CFO, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services**
- ✦ Jun. 11, 2018 **SSC Round 2: measuring improved performance**

Next event:

- ✦ May. 17, 2018 **How to power your e-commerce in China - LiLI, General Manager, VIP Luxury Division**

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China Committee

The 2017-18 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 meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 22, 2018 **“Innovation – The Chinese Way”
– A journey through China's innovative models**
- ✦ Mar. 05, 2018 **Climate change and environmental policies:
Will China take the lead on climate change?**

Past event:

- ✦ Mar. 19, 2018 **Networking cocktail with the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce**

Next meeting:

- ✦ May. 14, 2018 **The impact of foreign companies on China**

Corporate Sustainability Committee

This new working group 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 meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 15, 2018 **The holistic approach of Corporate Sustainability at Link**
- ✦ Mar. 05, 2018 **Partnering with charitable organisations in HK**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jun. 11, 2018 **TBC**

Next event:

- ✦ Apr. 23, 2018 **L'Oreal Group's Ethics Programme
Presentation by Mr. Emmanuel Lulin, Chief Ethics Officer,
L'Oreal**

Digital Innovation Committee

This Committee mission is to share market best practices and latest insights on Digital and Innovation, educate on e-transformation process for established corporations and on lifecycle for technology start-ups.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 11, 2018 **Data mining and Data analytics**
- ✦ Mar. 08, 2018 **Your company Digital maturity (Digital Innovation Club)**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 19, 2018 **Data privacy and the GDPR regulation**
- ✦ Apr. 26, 2018 **IOT, collection and monetization of data and challenges related to it (Digital Innovation Club)**
- ✦ May. 29, 2018 **Digital Club meeting - TBC**
- ✦ Jun. 20, 2018 **Digital Club meeting - TBC**

Next event:

- ✦ May. 15, 2018 **How digital is transforming the insurance industry**

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Entrepreneur Committee:

The Entrepreneur Committee remains the key place for entrepreneurs to meet and network. This Committee caters particularly to the needs of small companies and OPCs. We believe that diversity creates dynamism and that experience-sharing benefits each and every entrepreneur. In that respect, we organise seminars and exchange sessions specifically targeted to members' needs.

Past meeting:

✦ Feb. 07, 2018 **Legal structure / Finance structure**

Next meetings:

✦ Apr. 18, 2018 **Opening/Managing bank accounts in Hong Kong**
✦ Jun. 06, 2018 **Entrepreneur Committee meeting - TBC**

FinTech Committee

This committee 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 meeting:

✦ Feb. 06, 2018 **Presentation by Eleven**

Next meetings:

✦ Apr. 17, 2018 **Big Data in Banking Industry**
✦ May. 08, 2018 **FinTech Committee meeting – TBC**
✦ Jun. 05, 2018 **Presentation by BNP Paribas**

Food and Beverage Committee

The goals of the committee are to:

- ✦ Exchange views on the market,
- ✦ Give / receive advice,
- ✦ Create synergies between members,

It focuses on **'exchange of information'** and **lobbying towards the Hong Kong government.**

Past meetings:

✦ Jan. 09, 2018 **Supply Chain in Food and Beverage Sector**
✦ Feb. 06, 2018 **Think global | Act local, Zuma Restaurant**
✦ Mar. 06, 2018 **The importance of having the right company culture, Pirata**

Past event:

✦ Jan. 17, 2018 **Time to rethink F&B: Welcome to the "Fun and Beyond" revolution?**

Next meetings:

✦ Apr. 17, 2018 **Debra Meiburg on Evolution of Wine in F&B sector**
✦ May. 08, 2018 **F&B Committee meeting - TBC**
✦ Jun. 05, 2018 **F&B Committee meeting - TBC**

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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.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 25, 2018 **Smart Dubai and Smart Mobility: Integrated Center for smooth City-wide transportation operations**
- ✦ Mar. 22, 2018 **Doing business in South East Asian countries**

Next meeting:

- ✦ May. 16, 2018 **TBC**

Healthcare and Insurance Committee

This Committee launched two years ago, is a restricted one that gathers only members from the healthcare and insurance sectors.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Mar. 13, 2018 **Health policy in Hong Kong (update and orientations, main large actions)**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 26, 2018 **Chicago eye surgeon to expat ophthalmologist: personal sharing about the road for overseas doctors in Hong Kong**
- ✦ Jun. 07, 2018 **“Medical device administrative control system”
- Medical device control office, Department of Health**

Human Resources 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.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 15, 2018 **The mobility programmes within companies**
- ✦ Feb. 05, 2018 **Talent retention**
- ✦ Mar. 19, 2018 **Human Resources tools**

Next meetings:

- ✦ May. 07, 2018 **Diversity (handicap, religion, LGBT, race, men/women)**
- ✦ Jun. 04, 2018 **HR Organization and process assessment**

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Infrastructure Committee:

The Committee continues its exchanges with the Hong Kong government, answering consultations and inviting representatives to do presentations during committee meetings.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Mar. 01, 2018 **Big Data – An essential realm in smart city development**

Past event:

- ✦ Jan. 23, 2018 **Visit of the MTR Tsing Yi Operations Control Centre**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jun. 07, 2018 **Protecting Critical Infrastructures from Cyber Attacks**

Legal Committee:

This Committee 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.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Jan. 25, 2018 **Cyber-Security**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 19, 2018 **Data privacy and the GDPR regulation**
- ✦ Jun. 21, 2018 **Legal Committee meeting - TBC**

Logistics and Supply Chain Committee:

This new working group gathers members in charge of Supply chain and from logistics companies.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Mar. 20, 2018 **China-Europe Express Trains: On Track to Access Belt and Road Businesses**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 24, 2018 **Upstream logistics in China for the retail sector**
- ✦ Jun. 12, 2018 **TBC**

Luxury and Retail Committee:

Members of the Luxury & Retail Committee gain valuable input and up-to-date information from industry insiders as well as enjoying an exclusive platform where they exchange trends and new practices.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 12, 2018 **China: Update on the Luxury market**
- ✦ Feb. 01, 2018 **Brands exchange**

Next meetings:

- ✦ May. 07, 2018 **Return of the Red Bull**
- ✦ Jun. 19, 2018 **Travel retail**

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Policy and Consultation Committee:

This committee aims at supporting the Chamber to prepare its paper submissions: the Policy and the Budget recommendations.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Feb. 13, 2018 **Preparation of the French Chamber recommendations**

Next meeting:

- ✦ May. 03, 2018 **French Chamber recommendations for the 2019 Policy and Budget addresses**

Small and Medium Enterprises Committee:

The Small & Medium Enterprises Steering Committee remains the place for large SMEs to meet and network. We believe that diversity creates dynamism and that experience-sharing benefits each and every SME leader. In that respect, we organize seminars and exchange sessions specifically targeted to members' needs.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Feb. 13, 2018 **SME Club networking cocktail**
- ✦ Mar. 27, 2018 **Growth financing**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 25, 2018 **Communication**
- ✦ May. 14, 2018 **TBC**
- ✦ Jun. 13, 2018 **The SME leader and risk taking**
- ✦ Jun. 26, 2018 **SME Club networking cocktail**

Sourcing Committee:

The committee continues to hold its successful monthly meetings, with many exchanges between the participants.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 26, 2018 **Integrity, physical and cyber security**
- ✦ Feb. 15, 2018 **PRC Supply and Distribution Relationships - Intellectual Property Considerations**
- ✦ Mar. 23, 2018 **The qualification of new suppliers and their audit**

Past event:

- ✦ Mar. 15, 2018 **Made in Asia VIII**

Next meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 20, 2018 **“Time-to-market, less and less samples, cost-efficiency: How digital disrupt the creative buying and product co-development”**
- ✦ May. 04, 2018 **Assessing your business in China 2.0**
- ✦ Jun. 08, 2018 **10th anniversary dinner on a junk**

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Women on Board Committee:

The WOB Committee of the French Chamber in Hong Kong has launched the 2nd edition of the **Mentoring Program for Young Women Professionals**. The Committee has also successfully organized the **2018 HeForShe symposium** in partnership with HKGCC and HKEX.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Jan. 10, 2018 **WAF session - Shifting mindsets and realities within a company**
- ✦ Jan. 30, 2018 **WOB Steering Committee Brainstorming**
- ✦ Mar. 28, 2018 **WAF session - Shifting mindsets and realities within a company (2nd part)**

Past events:

- ✦ Feb. 06, 2018 **WOB – Networking Cocktail**
- ✦ Mar. 06, 2018 **HeForShe symposium**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jun. 06, 2018 **WOB Steering Committee brainstorming session**

Next event:

- ✦ May. 09, 2018 **HeForShe Workshop - Danone**

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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 events:

- ✦ Jan. 16, 2018 **YP Cocktail at Djapa**
- ✦ Jan. 22, 2018 **YP Roundtable with XXII**
- ✦ Feb. 13, 2018 **67th Intercham YP Cocktail**
- ✦ Mar. 05, 2018 **YP Roundtable with Easy Bacchus**

Next event:

- ✦ Jun. 12, 2018 **YP Cocktail – Venue TBC**