



Committees Newsletter

April – June 2018

The newsletter of the French Chamber committees:

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New Wise City Working Group in 2018/2019:

- ✦ In view of their **common topics of interest** (the Smart City and the relations with the Hong Kong administration), the **Green Business and the Infrastructure Committees** will be **merged to form the Wise City Working Group** in the coming financial year 2018/2019.
- ✦ If you are a member of the Green Business and/or the Infrastructure Committees, you will **automatically be enrolled** in the Wise City Working Group.
- ✦ **If you are interested in the Wise City Working Group, please feel free to join it through our website.**

Watches are created on a regular basis for most committees: check your committee webpage for more information on news, events, indexes, etc.

Business Advisor Group:

Do not hesitate to spread the word regarding the support offered by the BAG: Projects must be sent to committees@fccihk.com before being forwarded to the BAG.

Gentle reminder:

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

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

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 20, 2018 **TiForYou**
- ✦ May. 04, 2018 **Quicker**
- ✦ May. 18, 2018 **Coolhobo**
- ✦ May. 24, 2018 **HARi – CRM & DATA**
- ✦ Jun. 08, 2018 **AOYAMA**
- ✦ Jun. 15, 2018 **GreenSafety Technology**
- ✦ Jun. 22, 2018 **La French Cut**

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:

- ✦ Apr. 23, 2018 **Organisation of Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services** - Presentation by Alexandre Norre, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services
- ✦ Jun. 11, 2018 **SSC set up and optimization, learnings from BNP Paribas** - Presentation by Cécile Grimault, BNP Paribas

Past event:

- ✦ May. 17, 2018 **How to empower your e-commerce operation in China?** - Presentation by LI Li, VIP.com

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 meeting:

- ✦ May. 14, 2018 **The impact of foreign companies on China** - Presentation by Michael J. Enright, Enright, Scott & Associates

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 meeting:

- ✦ Jun. 11, 2018 **Sustainability - For a better world** - Presentation by Catherine Chiu, Crystal Group

Past event:

- ✦ Apr. 23, 2018 **Why ethics is a subject of growing importance** - Presentation by Emmanuel Lulin, L'ORÉAL

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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:

- ✦ Apr. 19, 2018 **Data privacy and the GDPR regulation** - Panel discussion by Justine LAPRUN, Sia Partners & Yvon LE RENARD, Clever Age Asia. Moderated by Jill WONG, Howse Williams Bowers
- ✦ Apr. 26, 2018 **IOT, collection and monetization of data and challenges related to it (Digital Innovation Club)** - Presentation by Yoann EL JAOUHARI, JCDecaux Cityscape, Hong Kong & Macau
- ✦ May. 29, 2018 **Beauty companies and Digital (Digital Innovation Club)** - Presentation by Aude AUGIAS
- ✦ Jun. 20, 2018 **Engaging the workforce in digital transformation' (Digital Innovation Club)** - Presentation by Eric Deltour, Mercer

Past event:

- ✦ May. 15, 2018 **How digital is transforming the insurance industry** - Panel discussion by Yannick EVEN, Swiss Reinsurance, Marie-Claire SLAMA, AIA Group & Mark WALES, Galileo Platforms. Moderated by Yvon LE RENARD, Clever Age Asia

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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:

- ✦ Apr. 18, 2018 **Opening/Managing bank accounts in Hong Kong**

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 meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 17, 2018 **Big Data in Banking Industry** - Presentation by Charles Gillet, Societe Generale
- ✦ May. 08, 2018 **Trade Platform in Blockchain & Big Data Technologies** - Presentation by Alan LEE, Risksis Technology Limited
- ✦ Jun. 05, 2018 **Digital and Innovation transformation at BNP Paribas** - Presentation by Philippe Maillard, and Jeffrey Ng, 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:

- ✦ Apr. 17, 2018 **Evolution of Wine in Food & Beverage Sector**
- Presentation by Debra MEIBURG, Meiburg Wine Media
- ✦ May. 08, 2018 **Experience sharing from a Hong Kong restaurant owner**
- Presentation by Laura OFFE & Alexis OFFE, Uma Nota
- ✦ Jun. 06, 2018 **Organic wines and their evolution in Hong Kong and Asia** -
Presentation by Cristobal HUNEEUS, La Cabane Group Ltd

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 meeting:

- ✦ May. 16, 2018 **Recommendations on 2018-19 programme and the new "Wise City" committee**

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 meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 26, 2018 **Chicago eye surgeon to expat ophthalmologist - personal sharing about the road for overseas doctors in Hong Kong**
- Presentation by Dr. Marcus MARCET, Specialist in Ophthalmology, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital
- ✦ Jun. 07, 2018 **Medical device administrative control system**
- Presentation by Ms. Jennifer MAK, Medical Device Control Office, Department of Health, Hong Kong government

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:

- ✦ May. 07, 2018 **Diversity (handicap, religion, LGBT, race, men/women)**
- Presentation by Hayden MAJAJAS, Bloomberg L.P.
- ✦ Jun. 04, 2018 **HR Organization and process assessment**
- Presentation by Didier CLOIX, Dragages Hong Kong Limited

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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:

- ✦ Jun. 07, 2018 **Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Cyber Attacks**
- Presentation by Henry NG, Thales

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 meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 19, 2018 **Data privacy and the GDPR regulation** - Panel discussion by Justine LAPRUN, Sia Partners & Yvon LE RENARD, Clever Age Asia. Moderated by Jill WONG, Howse Williams Bowers
- ✦ Jun. 21, 2018 **Company Ordinance – Latest Developments**
- Presentation by Gilles CARDONNEL, Howse Williams Bowers

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Logistics and Supply Chain Committee

This committee gathers members in charge of Supply chain and from logistics companies.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 24, 2018 **Upstream logistics in China for the retail sector**
- Presentation by Vincent BURTET, Gifi Asia
- ✦ Jun. 12, 2018 **Best practices in forecasting and demand planning**
- Presentation by Nicolas NESME, VISEO

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 meeting:

- ✦ May. 07, 2018 **Return of the Red Bull** - Presentation by Erwan RAMBOURG, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.

Policy and Consultation Committee

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

Past meeting:

- ✦ May. 03, 2018 **Preparation of the French Chamber recommendations for the Policy & Budget address**

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:

- ✦ Apr. 25, 2018 **Communication**
- Presentation by Nicola OLDFIELD, GHC Asia
- ✦ May. 14, 2018 **Human Resources – Part 2**
- Presentation by Alice BLOUD, Thank God It's Monday!
- ✦ Jun. 13, 2018 **Leader's Stress**
- Presentation by Igor DUC, NATIVE UNION

Past event:

- ✦ Jun. 14, 2018 **Selling a privately-owned company – A triple perspective on how to prepare for and execute a successful exit**
- Presentation by Jean-Baptiste DABADIE, Asiapack; Nicolas VANDERCHMITT, LPA-CGR and Erwan MEURZEC, Pickering Pacific

Sourcing Committee

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

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 20, 2018 **Time-to-market, less and less samples, cost-efficiency: How digital disrupt the creative buying and product co-development**
- Presentation by Bernard SORIANO, MUSHIN
- ✦ May. 04, 2018 **Assessing your business in China 2.0**
- Presentation by Florian BRAUNSTEINER, Fiducia
- ✦ Jun. 08, 2018 **Sourcing committee's 10th Anniversary Celebration**

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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:

- ✦ Jun. 05, 2018 **WOB Steering Committee Brainstorming**
- ✦ Jun. 21, 2018 **Mentoring celebration cocktail**

Past event:

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

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:

- ✦ Jun. 4, 2018 **YP Roundtable: How to innovate inside a big company**
- ✦ Jun. 12, 2018 **YP Cocktail at the Optimist**

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