

Porie Saikia-Eapen Presents at Colombia Congress On Infrastructure Policy



Porie Saikia-Eapen, Managing Director of **PRIA Global Inc.** of New York, Architect and Infrastructure subject matter expert was invited by Colombia Congress Commission Sexta which formulates and enforces Infrastructure and Transportation policies for the country of Colombia, to present to the Commission on innovative technology and project delivery.

The Congressional Commission Sexta held its public meeting on May 8th, 2013 at the National Capitol in Bogota Colombia where Ms. Saikia-Eapen led a team with four members from North America presenting to the Commission, Infrastructure and Transportation Ministries, the members of the Senate, representatives of the Governor's offices of various States/Departments of Colombia. Her team presented Transportation and Road Construction Technology for fast expansion of the currently minimal road network, Sustainable Waste Water Treatment Technology for currently untreated areas, Regional Transit Oriented Developmental Strategy and redefined Procurement and Delivery Processes for Capital Program creating a Safety and Quality imbibed construction culture.

The Congressional Commission Forum was chaired by its president Senator Eugenio Prieto Soto, and augmented by Colombia's Vice Minister of Transportation Javier Alberto Hernández López, President of Agency for National Infrastructure Dr. Luis Fernando Andrade Moreno, Executive President of the Colombian Chamber of Infrastructure Juan Martin Caicedo, Vice Minister of Transportation Javier Hernandez, Director of Aeronautical



Civil Dr. Santiago Castro Gomez, Director of National Police for Transit & Transportation Brigadier General Carlos Ramiro Mena Bravo & Director of INVIAS Dr. Jose Leonidas Narvaez Morales. In attendance were also the entrepreneurs and academics of the infrastructure sector.

The Congressional Policy on Transportation and Infrastructure is currently under review and revamp. By end of May, a revised policy inclusive of the advisement brought to the Congressional Commission Sexta will be up or adoption.

PRIA Global Inc. of New York also facilitated the South America Business Exchange Forum 2013 in Colombia on May 9th and 10th, defining a landmark opportunity and creating an inclusive forum for business opportunities in infrastructure & capital construction focused on the emerging economies of Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Panama, as the leadership of these emerging economies are looking to the global companies for expertise in technology, innovation, delivery excellence, intelligent systems and alternative concepts & ideas. The forum was concluded with much success and was well attended by some of the senior most decision makers of each country engaging in exclusive business opportunity conversations with the participating companies.