



Licensed Surveyors Association Of Ghana (LISAGH)

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Dear Rudolf,
Dear Louise,

On behalf of the Licensed Surveyors Association of Ghana (LISAGH), I am pleased to nominate Stephen Djaba as FIG Honorary Member

Stephen Djaba is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Geo-Tech Survey Limited and the Managing Director of Geo-Tech Systems Limited. He has been very active in FIG for many years since 1994 and has tremendously contributed to both the Federation and the Surveying Profession. Through his hard work Geo-Tech Surveys has become first African Professional Company as Regional Sponsor category of FIG. Stephen Djaba through Geo-Tech has promoted Geospatial Information programmes worldwide. He is also since 1994 been country representative of ISPRS as Ordinary Member and has been paying the annual subscription till date. Among other international body he has played important role is the International Society of Mine Surveyors (ISM) where is serving as Presidium Member.

Stephen Djaba has been an **active contributor to FIG activities for many years:**

- First of all he was first Student from Ghana to present Technical paper at FIG Congress in Melbourne, Australia.
- **FIG Commission 1** (Professional Standards and Practice) active since 1994, in particular serving as Vice Chair since 1998 for several working groups.
- In 1998 he took an active part in leading Ghanaian Team to participating XXI FIG Congress 1998 in Brighton, Britain. He also presented a technical paper.
- In 1999 he mobilize some members of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GHIS) to attend working work "99 at Sun City in South Africa.
- Working with Markku Villika become first person to initiate and develop website for commission 1.
- Between 1998-2010 he has been an **active working group chairs** for several years contribution serving under John Packer, Ken Allred, Yacoube, etc... Under the leadership of Ken served as the administrative secretary to the Commission working Groups.
- In 2001 he led in the **Task Force** that established a set of ethical principles that fits the surveying profession for reference by professional institutions,



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- In 2002, He participated in the XXII FIG Congress held in Washington D.C, USA, where he presented a paper and also came along with Ghanaian members who were there for the first time.
- He took active an active part in organizing many participants from Ghana to attend 2003 Working Week in Paris, France and 2004 Working Week in Athens, Greece. He presented technical paper also.
- In 2004, he attended the 3rd FIG Regional Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia and presented a paper.
- In 2005 he led the Ghanaian team to participate and promoted Accra Regional Conference in the Working Week 2005 in Cairo, Egypt. He worked to get other few African Country to join FIG and others renewed their membership
- In 2006 on behalf of Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GHIS), he led Prof. Holger and Wife during 4th FIG Regional Conference in Accra and created the opportunity to visit Asante King and lectured in two Universities.
- He also played major role in the large number of Ghanaian members to participate in the 2006 FIG Congress at Munich, Germany
- Stephen presented papers and attended the following Working Weeks in 2008 in Stockholm, 2012 in Rome, Italy, 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria, 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria, 2016 in Christchurch, New Zealand, 2017 in Helsinki, Finland and 2019 in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- In 2006 - 2009 he was member of the **FIG Task Force** lead by Ken Allred tasked to work on the Internal Governance structure of FIG. He was also a member of the "Institutional and Organization Development chaired by Ian Greenway.
- As a result of his involvement with the above mentioned FIG activities, he was nominated and served on the **Commission Structure task force**, between 2015 and 2018 chaired by Mikael Lilje.
- Stephen presented papers and attended the following FIG Congresses in 2014 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- In 2019 he participated in the **Geospatial World Forum 2019**, Amsterdam, Netherlands, where he presented technical paper.
- **Young Surveyors network** He joined FIG as a young Surveyor and was very **instrumental in the formation** of the YSN. And, supported and encouraged by campaigning and won a lot of young Surveyors from Africa to join the YSN



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- **Promoting FIG:** He worked hard to bring many African country associations to join FIG. Including:
 - Selfless sponsored and promoted FIG activities in Ghana Universities and because of his efforts saw Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and University of Mines and Technology admitted as educational members of the FIG.
- Over the past 10 years he has been a **peer reviewer** of many papers for FIG.
- **FIG Commission 5** active over the past 18 years to: date
- Contribute industry knowledge with a focus on meeting the highest level of accuracy for Positioning and Measurement and providing the tools, techniques and procedures to educate and train surveying professionals everywhere, And
- In demonstrating this passion, he collaborate with Sokkia Singapore and Australia and computed **seven (7) transformation parameters** for Ghana in 1996 and been widely used by many institutions.
- **FIG task force committees:** He has served on many since 1995:
 - He was very instrumental in the formation of Africa Reference Framework (AFREF) and served on the committee.
 - Currently, he is the vice chair for Africa Regional Network responsible for West Africa.
 - Participated in several UNECA activities in positioning in Africa

As a result of his active participation in FIG, Stephen is involved and influential at the global level, in numerous International activities that brings professional knowledge back for the benefit of all West African professionals:

- Above all, he singularly sponsored the **3rd FIG Regional Conference held in Accra in 2006** and led the organization of the conference as Coordinator which was great successful.
- He is also member of the **FIG Working Week committee to be hosted in Accra** initially in 2021 and now 2024.
- He has served as a resource person for various seminars and workshops focused on imparting knowledge on **modern trends in Survey and Mapping**.
- Over the years, as an **industry leader** he has developed an integrated approach to the execution of African assignments right from fieldwork through data processing to production of design drawings using Computer Assisted Design Systems.
- He was also a member of a team that took part in a **United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)** seminar in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where the main issue deliberated upon was how best the streets and houses in the various countries in Africa could be named and numbered respectively so as to ensure smooth and efficient administration of the housing system in the continent.
- In 2009 he was elected the first local expert of the **FAO/World Bank Working Party on Land Administration, Project (LAP II)** serving in that position as Geomatics Expert. In that capacity he contributed significantly to the preparation of the "LAP II Project Funding Documents on Land Administration", being recognised as a valuable reference for the development of the emerging land administration Project (LAP II).



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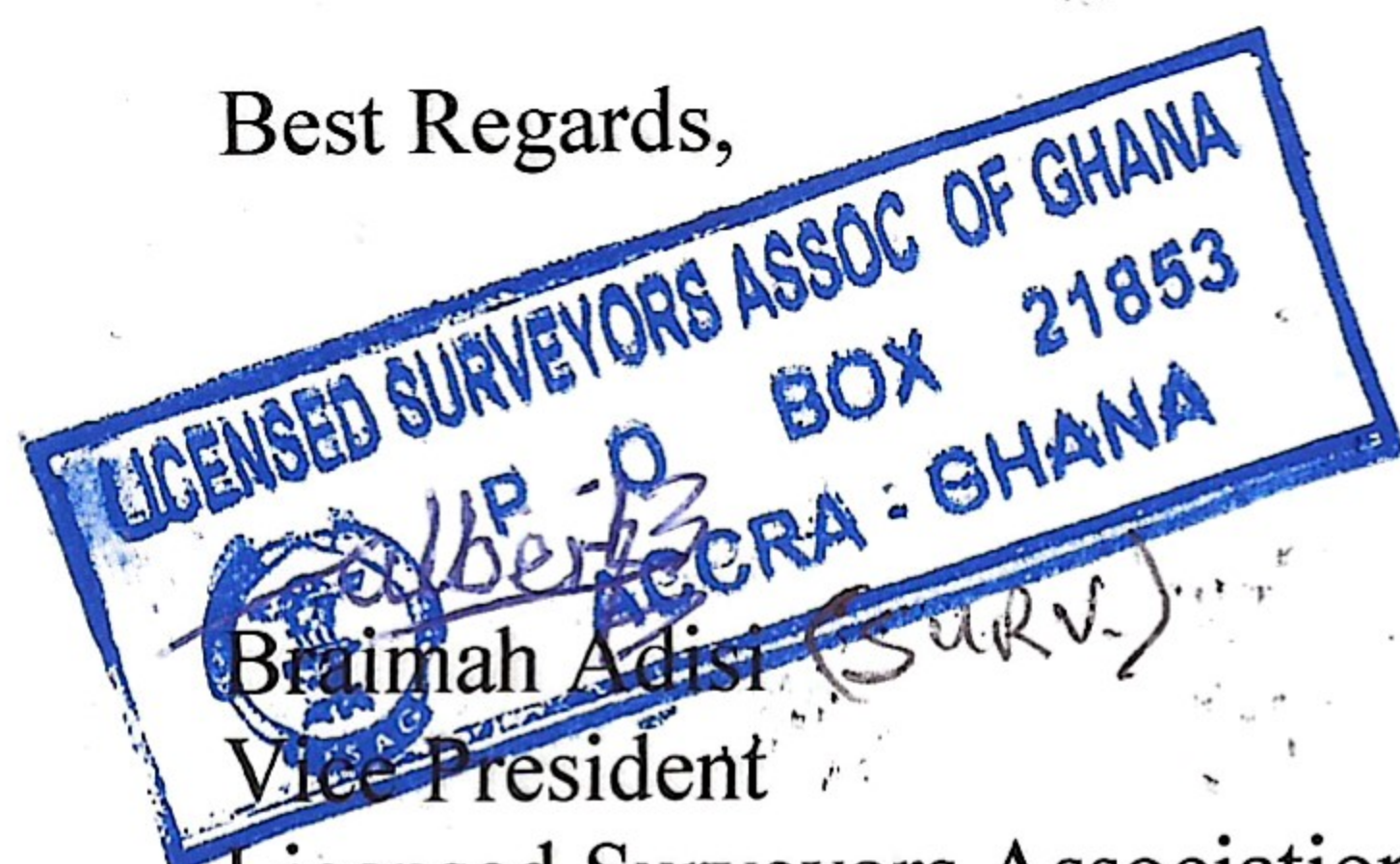
- Stephen has conceived and established the **Stephen Djaba Foundation (SDF)** promoting greater understanding and improving community perceptions about the surveying profession, which is underlined by the foundation's vision to improve gender equality and maintaining global peace and justice, in line with Goal No. 5 and 16 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals respectively." Another focus is to form junior Surveyor career club at Primary and Secondary Level to whip their interest and Future Career in Survey profession.

It is also important to highlight the significant contribution that Stephen has made in his professional career in Ghana:

- A **founding member of the Licensed Surveyors Association of Ghana (LISAG)** in 2005 and currently the Financial Secretary of LISAG.
- He is a **fellow of Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS)** and has served on several Committees of the institution,
- Stephen is also a **founding member of ISPRS Ghana Chapter** since 1996 and his singular contributions has keep the chapter active till date
- Owing to his immense depths of valuable experience coupled with an extensive background in survey and land administration, he has an irrefutable testimony of initiating, organizing and delivering expert consultancy and advisory services in survey and land administration.
- His versatility, project management skills, and the passion for efficiency make it possible for him to man projects simultaneously without any difficulty.
- Working with Bilateral donor agencies e.g. Swedesurvey, the In-country partner, focusing on imparting knowledge on modern trends in Survey and Mapping, and to help streamline Land Management in Ghana. And numerous assignments serving as a resource person for seminars and workshops in collaboration with international and national experts.

Thank you.

Best Regards,



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