

SYNOPSIS ON THE ACCRA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2010

INTRODUCTION

The Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS) is the recognized professional body that regulates the profession of Surveying and its practice in Ghana. It has three (3) areas of specialization and the professionals in the Institution are therefore admitted into these distinct but related disciplines namely:

- Valuation and Estate Surveying
- Quantity Surveying
- Land Surveying

In conformity with its constitutional mandate, the GhIS holds Annual General Meetings (AGMs) within the first quarter of each year, where apart from taking stock of its activities, relevant topical issues are discussed as part of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme for the year. These are geared towards enhancing professional competences of Members of the Institution.

This year, the GhIS in conjunction with the Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE) and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) will hold a joint International Conference for Surveyors and Allied Professionals in Accra from 22nd – 28th February 2010.

GhIS has planned this International Conference to include its activities for the 41st AGM and 5th Surveyors' Week.

THEME

The Theme for the Conference is, **"The Surveyor: Partner in National Development"**.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Venue for the Conference is Alisa Hotel, North Ridge, Accra and is approximately ten (10) kilometers away from the Kotoka International Airport.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The Fee (**excluding** residential accommodation) is as follows:

Early Bird Registration Before 31st Jan, 2010

US\$250

Normal after 31st Jan. 2010

US\$300

HOTELS

Conference rates have been negotiated with various hotels. The selected Hotels are:

Alias Hotel	US\$ 150 per night
Highgate Hotel	US\$ 125 per night
Coconut Grove	US\$ 130 per night

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The Activities planned will take place at the Conference Venue, unless otherwise stated, are as follows:

DATE	ACTIVITY
a) Mon. 15 th –Fri. 19 th	Media encounter - Surveyors from the Institution will carry out public education at selected Media Houses
b) Sat. 20 th Feb. 2010	Sponsored Walk This will start from the Accra Mall to Aviation Social Centre from 5:30am to 9:00 am. The Regional Branches are also planning for similar activity.
c) Sun. 21 st Feb. 2010	Courtesy call on selected Foundation Members
c) Mon. 22 nd Feb.2010	Press Conference to launch of the Surveyors' Week by the President of GhIS at Press Centre, Ridge
d) Tue. 23 rd Feb. 2010	Charity Donation - Departure from Survey and Mapping Division of the Lands Commission at 12:00 noon
e) Wed. 24 th 2010	Formal Opening of Conference Opening Ceremony and Paper Presentations at three (3) Sessions. Ghanaian Evening – Cocktail Reception at Coconut Groove Regency Hotel, Ridge at 6pm
f) Thur. Feb. 25 th	Paper Presentations Graduation Ceremony – Formal Admission of New Members into the Institution at 4pm, Awards to deserving Students, Recognition and award of Foundation Members

- g) Fri. 26th Feb. 2010
- Presidential Lecture by President GhIS
 41st AGM including election of Governing Council
 Members
 Open Forum
 Islamic Thanksgiving services at Burma Camp Mosque
 Social Program (Accra TOUR)
 CASLE and FIG Board Meetings
- h) Sat. Feb. 27th
- Dinner and Awards Night
 Presidential Ball (Induction of New Governing Council
 Members, Elevation of Fellows, Induction of New
 President etc at the Banquet Hall, State House at 7pm
- i) Sun. Feb. 28th
- Thanksgiving Church Service
 at Accra Ridge Church at 7:30am

OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS

These include:

February 26

- Courtesy call on the Ga Mantse, the Traditional Ruler in Accra
- Accra City Tour – Kwame Nkrumah Museum – drive through the commercial area and other places of significance.

PRESENTATIONS

These will take the form of general Presentations and Plenary Sessions (or break-out Sessions).

The general presentations will be done by:

- The President of CASLE,
- The President of FIG, and
- The President of GhIS.

At Plenary Sessions, the Presentations will be held at three different Venues and simultaneously.

The topical areas for Presentations are:

- Land Management and Administration
- Housing Market
- Property and Facility Management
- City Planning and Management
- Environmental Issues
- Cost Planning and Management

- Project Management
- Remote Sensing
- Capacity Building in Geometric Engineering
- Global Reference Network (GRN) - Techniques and Challenges
- Cadastral Surveying
- Hydrography, the Oil and Gas Industry and the Surveyor, and
- Other topics which flow from the Theme could be generated for Paper Presentations.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Local participants are expected to pay the Fees to the GhIS Secretariat at 3rd Floor, Palma House, Adabraka, Accra or directly into Account Number 210980, The Trust Bank, Trust Towers Branch, Accra or Account Number 1161130000348, Ghana Commercial Bank, Boundary Road, Accra.

Foreign Participants are to make payments directly to the Bank Details below

A/C Name	Ghana Institution of Surveyors
Bank	The Trust Bank, Trust Towers Branch, Accra, Ghana
USD A/C No	213318040
Euro A/C No	212/99/68
Swift Code	TRBLGHAC

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries are to be directed to:

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ACCRA CITY

Accra is the political and administrative capital of Ghana. It is said to be one of the neatest cities in West Africa. Accra is a coastal city with a population of approximately 3 million people. It is also noted for its peaceful and serene state. Basically the vegetation is a coastal savanna and enjoys adequate sunshine.

Basic infrastructural services like electricity, water and telephone are adequately provided. Over the past two decades, systematic but extensive provision of social infrastructural services, have enhanced the quality of Accra as a metropolis.

Conference participants will undoubtedly enjoy the traditional Ghanaian hospitality unsurpassed on the continent. Again participants will have the opportunity to explore the city and her tourism potentials.