



FIG Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium 18-20 September 2013, Suva Fiji

Joint Workshops; UN-GGIM-AP and FIG Commission 5

FIG Commission 5 (Position and Measurement) and the UN-GGIM-AP (United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management – Asia Pacific) are facilitating two workshops at the **FIG Pacific Small Islands Developing States Symposium** in Fiji - www.fig.net/fiji/. The two workshops are scheduled for Thursday 19 and Friday 20 September 2013 and the workshop will be following Reference Frame in Practice themes in two 90 minute sessions –

- The status of geodetic infrastructure amongst the Pacific Small Islands with a focus on the present of state of geodetic / survey infrastructure and development issues of each country in the region.
- Fundamental improvements that will enable countries to maintain geo-referenced (ITRF / APREF based) datasets and provision of basic geodetic or positioning infrastructure and services.

The two workshops will be convened by representatives from FIG Commission 5 and the UN-GGIM-AP. To make these workshops a success delegate input and contribution to these workshops will be important to the above discussions and future initiatives so we urge you to attend.

As time is limited, please come prepared to discuss the following topics and possible solutions that relate to you country -

- Existing geodetic infrastructure and what it consists of – horizontal and vertical survey control ground marks, GNSS base stations, tide gauges?
- What is your geodetic datum? Is it an ITRF or APREF based geodetic datum?
- Status of you surveying capacity, that is level of knowledge, resources, experience, equipment, software etc.?
- What land information datasets are linked to your geodetic datum?
- What geodetic or positioning services are you providing or would like to provide?
- What are your issues or impediments to developing geodetic or positioning infrastructure?
- How can these issues be solved and what do you need?

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