The FIG Profile and Cooperation with the World Bank

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The Message

• FIG wants to establish an increased and more formalised cooperation with the World Bank.

• This relates to the global agenda for secure land tenure and legal empowerment of the poor.

• It also relates to policy-making towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

• This calls for increased international co-operation. FIG is prepared to invest in such corporative efforts.
The role of FIG

What is the role of FIG in this regard?

Organizational Structure

Annual General Assembly
86 member associations (76 countries)

FIG Office
Director
Office Manager
Assistant

Council
President and 4 Vice-Presidents

ACCO
Advisory Committee of Commission Officers

Com1
Practice

Com2
Spatial Info.

Com3
Education

Com4
Hydrography

Com5
Post & Maps

Com6
Eng. Surveys

Com7
Cart & Land

Com8
Spa. Plan & Dev.

Com9
Valuation

Com10
Quantity Surv.

Chairman, vice-chairs, national delegates, work plan, working groups, seminars etc

www.FIG.net
102 FIG Member Associations from 85 Countries
25 affiliates, 15 corresponding, 95 academic, 35 corporate members

Full member
Affiliate
Correspondent

FIG Publications...

WWW.FIG.NET
FIG Key Professional Areas

- Surveying and Mapping
- Spatial Information Management
- Land Administration and Land Management

It is all about:

- **People**
  Human rights, engagements and dignity

- **Politics**
  Land policies and government

- **Places**
  Shelter, land parcels and natural resources

Freedom for want; Freedom for fear; Freedom to live in dignity

(Kofi Annan, 2005)
FIG key areas of activity

- Professional Development
  - Global forum for professional discussions and interactions
  - Conferences, symposia, commission working groups, …..
- Institutional Development
  - Institutional support for educational and professional development at national and international level
- Global Development
  - Cooperation with international NGO’s such as the UN agencies, World Bank, and sister organisations
  - Joint activities and common policy-making to reduce poverty and enforce sustainable development

Future co-operation

What kind of co-operation between FIG and WB?

The contribution of the Land Professionals to the Global Agenda
The theme “Building the Capacity” relates to flying high and also keeping our feet on the ground. I suggest we give priority to the following key issues:

1. Promoting and enhancing the role of FIG
   - Professional development, grounding the international forum for development and innovation in all aspects of the governing disciplines.
   - Capacity building, including a task force on organisational and institutional development.
   - Global development, including increased cooperation with the UN agencies and other similar organisations.
   - Sharing, strengthening the links between the global agenda and the varying grass roots.

2. Continuing and enhancing the Dialogue with the Member Associations
   - Maximising the benefits of being a member.
   - Creating development and implementation of the information and communication policy.

3. Promoting FIG as a Truly Global Organisation
   - Encouraging global representation in council and commission offices.
   - Encouraging global distribution of and representation at the FIG conferences, seminars, etc.
   - Interaction with regional organisations and activities and respecting cultural diversity.

4. Responding to the Millennium Goals
   - Task force to develop a FIG Policy in cooperation with the UN agencies and especially the World Bank.
   - High-level FIG/WB conference in 2003 to promote the FIG's global profile in this area.

5. Defining the Conference Structure
   - Even years: Major conference such as congress or major Working Week.
   - Odd years: Working Week and regional conferences in partnership with UN organisations.
   - Council/related expert symposium on topical issues e.g. linked to National events.
   - WB offers to ensure administration, organisational and financial sustainability.

6. Empowering FIG and the Commission Activities
   - Accreditation as a dynamic forum for policy making and professional development.
   - Encouraging the profile of the technical programme of the conferences.
   - Establishing an FIG virtual journal with peer-reviewed papers.
   - Preparing a starting pack with guidelines for chairpersons and the chair role.
   - Establishing task forces to deal with technical committee activities and policy implementation.

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Key areas of co-operation

- **The MDG Road map**
  - FIG task Force to develop the FIG policy in cooperation with the UN agencies and especially the World Bank

- **A FIG/WB Summit 2006**
  - A summit to present that the FIG and WB policies and activities in achieving the MDGs work in parallel
  - Hosted at the WB Headquarters using the WB media coverage

- **WB participation in FIG activities**
  - More visibility of WB in the FIG activities
  - In-kind sponsoring and participation
  - Financial sponsoring of participation for relevant project countries.
Key areas of co-operation

- WB participation at FIG Regional Conferences
  - High profile sessions on WB projects within the region
- Capacity Building and Self-Assessment
  - FIG tool for self assessment of capacity needs in land administration systems to be tested in WB pilot projects
- FIG Foundation in support of Developing Countries
  - Institutional and financial support of un-represented developing countries for participation in FIG activities and for building knowledge and capacity

Bridging the Gap

We have already achieved a lot

But there is so much more to be done

Let's join our efforts
The future belongs to our children