The Role of the Surveying Profession

In contribution to society

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Greetings from Denmark

43,000 sq km
5 mill inhabitants
One third lives in the capital area
Flat country
70% agriculture
10% urban
7000 km coastline

Greetings from the Home Base

Current Policies

Flying high
while still
keeping our feet on the ground

• Flying high
  - Global partnership with the UN-agencies incl. the World Bank
    in support of the global agenda such as achieving the MDGs

• Keeping our feet on the ground
  - Professional and institutional development at regional, national, and local level in support of the needs of our member associations
    and the individual surveyors.
Global Partnership with

- **FAO**, projects on capacity building, good governance, land economics, etc.…
- **UN-HABITAT**, partner in the GLTN network, projects on informal settlement, informal development, gendered land tools, etc.…
- **World Bank**, joint conference on Land Governance in support of the MDGs

Is the role of the Surveyors changing?

- **From Measurement**
  Surveyors will still be high level experts within measurement science, but due to technology development the role is changing into managing the measurements
- **To Management**
  Surveyors will increasingly contribute to building sustainable societies as experts in managing land and properties

The Land Professionals

Land Administration Systems…

Current Policies

Do Surveyors have a role to play in the global agenda?

No development will take place without having a spatial dimension
No development will happen without the footprint of the surveyor
World status of Land tenure and property Rights


Kibera, Nairobi, 250 ha, 1 mill+ people

People,
Politics,
Places, and Power,

What is the role of FIG in this regard?

It is all about:

People, human rights, engagement and dignity
Politics, land policies and good governance
Places, shelter, land rights, and natural resources
Power, decentralisation and empowerment

98 FIG Member Associations from 80 Countries
28 affiliates, 34 corporate, 15 correspondents, 80 academic members
The International Federation of Surveyors
Organizational Structure

Annual General Assembly
98 member associations (80 countries)

Council
President and 4 Vice-Presidents

FIG Office

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

The Role of FIG

- 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

The Role of the Surveying Associations

- Professional Skills
  - High level education and training
  - CPD opportunities and requirements.

- Professional Responsibilities
  - Toward the clients
  - Toward society
  - Strong professional organisations

- Professional and Ethical Codes of Conduct
  - Providing common values of honesty, integrity, responsibility
  - Standards for delivery of professional services
  - Indemnity insurance

The future belongs to our children

Thank you for your attention