Building the Capacity
The FIG Agenda and Achievements 2007-2010

FIG handover ceremony, FIG headquarters, Copenhagen, 26 November 2010.

The FIG Agenda

“Building the Capacity”
through
“Flying high
and
Keeping the feet on the ground”
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Flying High
- Global partnership with the UN-agencies incl. the World Bank in support of the global agenda such as the MDGs

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

FIG activities 2007-2010

- President
- Council
- Commisions
• **Focus on the Global Agenda**
  - Developing the recognition of the surveying profession at the UN agency level as the key professionals in dealing with the land issue in relation to global agenda (MDGs)

• **Focus on Projects with the UN Agencies**
  - Commitment to the UN-Habitat Global Land Tool Network. Projects on gender equity, informal development, and security of tenure in slums and customary tenure areas

• **Focus on Young Surveyors**
  - Establishing a Network for Young Surveyors to enhance activities and interactions between “experienced” and “younger” surveyors including surveying students.

• **Focus on regional development and cultural diversity**
  - Increasing the interaction with surveying organisations sharing common values with FIG such as CLGE, ASEAN Flag, Arab Union of Surveyors, FGF,… and Latin America

• **Focus on Africa**
  - Task Force 2009-2014 to enable the surveying the surveying profession in Sub-Sahara Africa to contribute to achieving the MDGs. Focus on peri-urban development, environmental resilience and involvement of young surveyors and women.

• **Focus on professional development**
  - Enhancing the interaction with the global surveying community through the annual and regional conferences. Focus on quality and introduction of peer review papers.

• **Focus on publications and communication**
  - Provision of guidance and documentation of new knowledge through the council, task forces and the commissions. All publications are available on-line at the FIG website.
FIG publications 2007–2010

Available on-line FIG.net

The Commissions

The heart and engine of FIG

• Highly successful work plans
• Annual meetings and workshops
• Allows in principle everyone to participate in the FIG activities
• National delegates ensure interaction with the wider FIG membership
• A powerful concept for professional development
• High level publications on key professional issues
• Providing the technical programme for the FIG conferences
The future belongs to our children

Sydney Declaration – General Policy Statement
Sydney Agenda for Action – Small Island Development States, Pacific Region.
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

From Cadastre to Land Governance

- Administering the
  - Holding of rights to
  - Economic aspects of
  - Control of land use and development

- Administering the people to land relationship
  - Land Policy
  - Land Management
  - Good Governance
  - Building the capacity to deal with this
From Local to Global

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

Yes!

Simply, no development will take place without having a spatial dimension.

And no development will happen without the footprint of the surveyor.

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
Final Remarks

Flying High
- Contributing to the global agenda
- Big challenges ahead such as climate change, disaster management etc.

Keeping the feet on the ground
- Driving professional development
- Focus on technology development
- Focus on explaining the relevance of the FIG activities to the wider membership

An exciting journey – a wonderful experience

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