

**BID PROPOSAL  
FOR THE HOSTING  
OF  
FIG WORKING WEEK IN 2013**



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## 1. THE PROPOSAL

This Bid Proposal is for the hosting of the **FIG** working Week 2013.

### 1.1 The Hosting Organization

The FIG Working Week 2013 is being proposed to be held in Nigeria and to be by the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, a member association of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). The theme of the conference will be linked to the **SURVEYORS ROLE IN ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**. The theme will also reflect how professionals in Nigeria have been working together in having a closely working relationship in ensuring good governance.

### 1.2 About the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors

#### *NIS SECRETARIAT*



The Nigerian Institution of Surveyors is a member association of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). It is the umbrella professional organization for all surveyors in Nigeria whether in private practice, government or academia. The Institution has set goals, which include representing general view of the Surveying profession in Nigeria as well as seeking the professional well being of its members. It has membership of about 2,000 comprising of Students, Associates members, Full

members and Fellows. It is one of the oldest organized Professional Bodies in Nigeria. It was established in 1934.

For more information: [www.surveyors.org.ng](http://www.surveyors.org.ng) AND [www.nigeriansurveyors.org](http://www.nigeriansurveyors.org)

### 1.3 The Hosting Country

The Republic of Nigeria is located in the western part of Africa Continent. It has a population of about 140 million people divided into 36 federating states comprising of many tribal groups. Nigeria is indeed a beautiful country. Nigeria offers a wide variety of tourist attractions such as ocean beaches ideal for swimming and other water sports, unique wildlife, vast tracts of unspoiled nature ranging from tropical forest, magnificent waterfalls, worm spring and hills. Climatic conditions in some parts are particularly conducive to holidaying. Nigeria has about eight international airports with **Abuja** and **Lagos** international Airport being the major hub for entrance. Nigeria is the biggest black nation in the world; as such she hosts several embassies in its capital **Abuja** where the conference is being proposed. Nigeria is an Oil & Gas producing nation.

#### 1.3.1 Climate and Local time

Nigeria is located within the Equatorial region, she enjoys a warm sub-tropical climate because of the high altitude and has 3 distinct seasons namely the cool and dry season (May – August); hot and dry season (August – November); warm and wet season (November – April). The climate varies; equatorial in south, tropical in center, arid in north. The time zone in Nigeria is GMT +1.

#### Area

- Total area: 923,770 sq km
- Land area: 910,770 sq km
- Comparative area: slightly more than twice the size of California

**1.3.2 International boundaries** It is bounded in the west by Republic of Benin with 773 km, in the East by Republic of Cameroon with 1,690 km, and in the North by Chad & Niger Republic with 87 km & 1,497 km respectively while coastline of about 853 km in the South bounding the Atlantic Ocean.

**1.3.3 Terrain:** The terrain comprises of southern lowlands, which merged into central hills and plateaus; with mountains in southeast, plains in north and mangrove swamp in the Niger Delta area.

**1.3.4 Currency**

The National currency is Naira (N)

**Exchange rate**

1 US\$ = Naira 120 (as of November 2008)

Nigeria has a liberalized exchange rate system with several registered Bureau de Change.

**2.0 WHY HOSTING FIG WORKING WEEK IN NIGERIA**

**Past FIG Working Weeks**

The Table 1 below shows the countries, which have hosted the past FIG Working Weeks and congresses.

S/No	Country	Year
1	Sun City, South Africa	1999
2	Prague, Czech Republic	2000
3	Seoul, Korea,	2001
4	Washington DC, USA	2002
5	Paris, France	2003
6	Athens, Greece	2004
7	Cairo, Egypt	2005
8	Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China	2007
9	Stockholm, Sweden	2008

From the table it can be seen that the FIG Working Week has never been held in Nigeria.

**Past FIG Regional Conferences**

The Table 2 below also shows the countries in Africa, which had hosted the past FIG Regional Conferences.

S/No	Country	Year
1	Nairobi, Kenya	2001
2	Marrakech, Morocco	2003
3	Accra, Ghana	2005

From the lists above, it can be seen that Nigeria a country with enormous population of Surveyors, a nation with rich culture and natural resources have not had the opportunity of hosting any of these events. It is on this note that Nigerian Institution of Surveyors is willing to partner with Government of Federal Republic of Nigeria to host the Working Week if provided the hosting right.

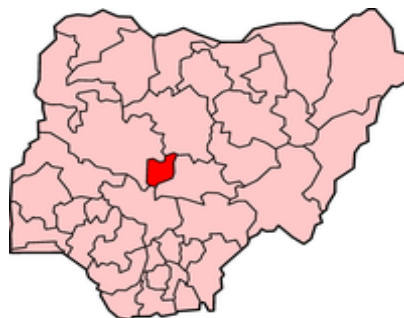
### 2.1 The Proposed City for the Conference - ABUJA

The proposed city of holding the conference is **Abuja** the Capital City of Nigeria, the fastest growing city in Africa and the Nigeria's 1st planned city. Abuja with an estimated population of 2.5 million is the capital city of Nigeria. The planned city is located in the center of what is now the Federal Capital Territory. **Abuja** officially became Nigeria's capital on 12 December 1991.

The crescent shape of the city reflects the infrastructural considerations and the topography of the site. Abuja is located at 9°10'N 7°10'E. Most countries moved their embassies to Abuja and maintain their former embassies as consulates in the commercial capital of Nigeria, Lagos. Abuja's feature is Aso Rock, a 400-metre monolith left by water erosion. The Presidential Complex, National Assembly complex, Supreme Court, hotels, museums, international conference center, good roads. "Aso" means "victorious" in the language of the (now displaced) Asokoro ("the people of victory"). Other sights include the Nigerian National Mosque and the National Ecumenical Centre cathedral. The city is served by the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, while Zuma Rock lies nearby.



Nigerian National Mosque



National Ecumenical Centre cathedral



ABUJA ZUMA ROCK



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

## **ABUJA IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR DISTRICTS NAMELY:**

### **2.1.1 Central District**

The city has been well planned and the Central District is located between the foot of Aso Rock and the Three Arms Zone to the southern base of the ring road. It is like the city's spinal cord, dividing it into the northern sector with Maitama and Wuse, and the southern sector with Garki and Asokoro. While each district has its own clearly demarcated commercial and residential areas, the Central District is the city's principal Business Zone, where practically all parastatals and multinational corporations have their offices located. An attractive area in the Central District is the region known as the Three Arms Zone, so called because it houses the administrative offices of the executive, legislative and judicial arms of the Federal Government. A few of the other sites worth seeing in the area are the Federal Secretariats alongside Shehu Shagari way, Aso Hill, the Abuja Plant Nursery, the Parade Square and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Brigade of Guards organizes a twenty-four hour watch at the spot and they have a colorful ceremonial change of guard. The National Mosque and National Ecumenical Church are located opposite each other on Independence Avenue.



CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

### **2.1.2 Garki District**

The Garki District is in the southwest corner of the city, having the Central District to the north and the Asokoro District to the east. There are some interesting buildings, which include the General Post Office, Abuja International Conference Center, Abuja Sofitel Hotel,

Agura Hotel, the Federal Secretariat Complex, Garki Shopping center, several bank buildings and other commercial offices. At present it is the principal business district of Abuja.

**2.1.3 Wuse District**

This is the northwestern part of the city, with the Maitama District to its north and the Central District to its south. The Wuse Markert is Abuja's principal market. The second most important Post Office in the city is located here. This district also houses the Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Ibro International hotel, and the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation.

**2.1.4 Maitama District**

Maitama District is to the north of the city, with the Wuse and Central Districts lying to its southwest and southeast respectively. This area is home to the top bracket sections of society and business, and has the reputation of being very exclusive. Interesting buildings include the Nicon Hilton Hotel, National Universities Commission, Soil Conservation Complex, National Electoral Commission, and European Economic Community (EEC) office. Maitama District is home to many European embassies in Nigeria.



**3.0 Finances**

The draft budget has been submitted to the FIG Council.

**3.1 Registration Fees**

Full registration fee and students’ registration fee are planned to include admission to the General Assemblies, all Technical Sessions, exhibition, Welcome Reception, coffee breaks and a copy of the full proceedings on CD-ROM. For the Technical and Social Tours and Farewell Banquet participants are to register and pay separately.

Accompanying persons’ registration includes Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception, and the authorization to join the technical tours. The social tours and the Farewell Banquet. These items are to be paid separately. The draft budget is based on following fees:

Conference Delegates	EUR 550
Accompanying persons	EUR 300
Students	EUR 100

### 3.2 FIG Foundation

In the registration fee a sum of 10-20 Euro per participant shall be included for the FIG foundation. A donation is expected from every FIG participant except for students.

### 4.0 PROPOSED VENUE FOR OPENING CEREMONY

We are proposing the opening ceremony will take place at the **Abuja International Conference Center**. Abuja International Conference Center is a magnificent edifice overlooking the Radio House lying in its own lovely garden filled with historic shady pine trees and well paved drive way. It is locate in the city center, close to Le Meridien Hotel adjacent to the ECOWAS PARLIAMENT. This Conference Center had hosted Commonwealth Head of States Africa Union Head of States and the visit President Bill Clinton etc.



International Conference Center

### 5.0 PROPOSED CONFERENCE HOTEL

The proposed venue for the working week is, **Transcorp Hilton Abuja**.





The Transcorp Hilton, Abuja is located in the centre of the business area features 670 rooms, set in beautiful landscaped gardens, easily accessible from all parts of Nigeria. The Transcorp Hilton offers all the services of an international business hotel equipped with all the ultra modern facilities.

### Access

From	Distance	Time	Via
Ministries/Embassies	3km	10min.	Taxi
Nnamdi Azikwe Airport	45KM	40min	Taxi
Lagos	900km	55min	Air



Night at Transcorp Hilton Hotel



Relaxation site at Transcorp Hilton Hotel

Hotel services include e.g.: recreational facilities, business centre, Club Lounge and 2 Executive floors, Conference/Meeting/Exhibition and Banqueting facilities, Medical Clinic and Dentist, Free Parking, Internet facilities, Simultaneous translation, Handy craft Village, Mini-zoo and Casino.



Catering facilities include;

- Zuma Grill Restaurant overlooking the beautiful fountain patio offers fine dining, international cuisine.
- Bukka Restaurant, is the main hotel restaurant combining traditional Nigerian and International Buffet cuisine
- The Oriental Restaurant offers specialty Chinese, Mongolian and Thai Cuisine.
- Fulani Pool Restaurant & Bar: offers Barbeque and a la carte.
- Lobby Bar: special cocktail with jazz and Piano music
- Capital Bar: Live band entertainment
- Pastry Corner: offers snacks and cakes
- Safari Nightclub



This Hilton Hotel with 670 rooms in 10 floors is located in the central business district of Abuja, approximately 26 miles from Abuja Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport. Local attractions include Aso Rock, approximately three miles away, and the National Children's Park and Zoo, located five miles from the property.

Guest rooms feature work desks, high-speed Internet access, air conditioning, TVs, minibars, weekday newspapers, telephones, and voicemail.

The hotel offer a large hexagonal swimming pool and children's wadding pool, 3 Floodlit tennis courts, 3 squash courts, Fitness centre with gymnasium, sauna and message and Volleyball and basketball courts

## 6.0 Other Hotel Accommodations for Participants

There are several hotels and bed & breakfast (BB) lodges in Abuja. All these hotels are online and reservations can be made via Internet. Names of just a few of the hotels are listed below:

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|----|-----------------------|-----|------------------------|
| 1) | Abuja Sheraton Hotels | 8)  | Valentia Hotel         |
| 2) | Le Meridien           | 9)  | Reiz Continental Hotel |
| 3) | Rock view Hotel       | 10) | Top View Hotel         |
| 4) | Agura Hotel           | 11) | Bolton White Hotel     |
| 5) | Bolingo Hotel         | 12) | Top Rank Hotel         |
| 6) | Nicon Luxury          | 13) | Chelsea Hotel          |
| 7) | Denis Hotel           |     |                        |



Sheraton Hotel, Abuja



National Stadium, Abuja



National Defence Headquarters

## **7.0 THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

### **7.1 Estimates on Registration**

Our estimation is based on the following facts:

- i) The number of delegates to the FIG Programme has been quite stable with delegates' representation from 45-60 countries.
- ii) The number of member association of FIG has also been increasing every year.
- iii) Records also shows that normally the delegates for the FIG Working Week are usually from more than 60 countries.

Therefore, based on the above and improved attendance at the FIG programme in the last couple of years, and the need to promote good governance through the international communities, we are estimating about 2,500 delegates including about 1,500 host membership association.

## **7.2 The Programme**

The programme will be carefully prepared to provide high profile technical sessions and in addition a superb entertainment components which will includes, social events, technical tours, gala dinner and an opening and closing ceremony which will display the Nigerian Cultural heritage

## **7.3 Meals**

Nigeria boasts of having variety of both local and international cuisines.

## **7.4 Languages**

The official Language for communication during the conference will be English Language.

## **7.6 Funding**

Funding of the Working Week will be shared by

- The Nigerian Institution of Surveyors.
- Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON).
- Office of Surveyor General of Federation (OSGOF).
- Ministry of Federal Capital Territory.
- Federal Ministry of Transport.
- Federal Ministry of Housing.
- Federal Ministry of Tourism.
- Oil & Gas Multinational Companies.
- Other Corporate Friends of the Institution.

## **8.0 SUPPORTS TO DELEGATES**

Abuja City has a well-coordinated municipal taxi services running regularly to and from the City Centre to all Districts.

We will organize transfer from the Airport to the hotels and conference venue.

The Local Organizing Committee will meet all registered participants at the Abuja International Airport upon arrival and will take them to their hotels.

During the conference participants will be provided with transport to and from their hotels to the Workshop venue.

## **9.0 CONCLUSION**

Nigeria has hosted many international events and conferences ranging from sports, economics, commerce, international relations and many more. Also, Nigeria has consistently been ranking second in the numbers of attendees in FIG Conferences, and has enough resource persons within Nigeria Institution of Surveyors to organize the hosting of the Working Week.