Task Force on Property and Housing (2011-2014)

Background
In many countries surveyors are expected to identify land tools and good governance practices that will facilitate:
- secure access to land and property rights,
- secure mortgage rights,
- sustainable housing rights and property markets,
- energy efficiency and green/ecological housing, within an unpredictable economic and social environment.
Some common problems are:
- Significant decrease in access to financing,
- Migration, immigration and unemployment,
- Inner city decay, shrinking of towns/villages,
- Corruption and confusion in land and housing regulatory framework,
- Increasing housing demand and informal settlements
Objectives

- investigate challenges and major threats resulting from the current financial crisis
- Identify a new role for the surveyor
- Develop awareness, vision, strategies, institutional arrangements, tools

in order to:
- ensure access to a choice of housing types and tenures at a reasonable cost within inclusive and well-served neighborhoods,
- secure tenure, financial resources, but also secure mortgage rights,
- identify the linkage between ecological and affordable housing,
- enable conditions for affordable housing,
- ensure access to energy efficient housing,
- improve education, training and skills

Methodology

- Internet research, review of existing publications and other sources
- Interviews; questionnaire
- Organization of TSs at the FIG WWs / cooperation with Com 3,7,8,9,10
- Organization of a focused Workshop / cooperation with Com 3,7,8,9,10
- Expert group meetings; Case studies for specific regions

Cooperation with the WB and UN HABITAT

Output

FIG publication to be launched at the FIG Congress 2014

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