Coastal Areas and Land Administration - Building the Capacity

Opening Address

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Three Main Themes

• Coastal Zone Management
• Land Administration
• Capacity Building

Pristine Coastal Environments

• A range of interests connected to both land and sea
• A range of stakeholders
• A range of opportunities and risks

The Equity Triangle

For Access to, and Sustainable Use of, Coastal Resources

Economic Development/
Tourism

Social
Justice

Livelihood/
Fishing

Environmental Protection/
Conservation
The Marine Cadastre Concept

Developing a Costa Rica Declaration

- Developing the concept of Integrated and Pro Poor Coastal Zone Management
- Identifying the problems and issues related to CR and the Central American Region
- Analyzing these problems in the context of Pro Poor CZM
- Looking at recommendations and ways forward

Understanding the Land Management Paradigm

Land Management includes all activities associated with the management of land and natural resources that are required to fulfill political objectives and achieve sustainable development.

Interests in land

- You do not own land itself, but the right to use the land in conformity with community laws, practices and expectations

Rights:
- Tenure positions

Responsibilities:
- Cultural traditions and conditions

Restrictions:
- Land use options and control

Cooperation Agreement with the World Bank

- Mutual representation at conferences, forums and meetings
- Mutual representation in collaborative projects
- Joint publications
- Joint promotion
- Organizing a joint WB/FIG high profile conference November 2008 at the WB headquarters in Washington DC entitled “Land Administration in Support of the MDG’s”
The MDGs is a powerful concept towards development, security and human rights for all. The surveying profession plays a key role by providing:

- Geographic information in terms of mapping and databases on the natural and built environment
- Secure tenure systems
- Adequate systems for land valuation, land-use management and land development
- Systems for transparency and good governance

Building the Capacity

**Education**
Providing broadly based specialists
Land Professionals

**Research**
Developing the professional areas

**Professional practice**
Developing the profession

Building sound institutions
and supporting “the triple bottom line” in society

Building professional competence

- Establish broad educational programmes, research based and interacting with professional practice.
- This provides broadly based specialists as land professionals in the various fields of surveying.
- Professional competence is then established through practice and maintained through lifelong learning activities.
- Professional associations have a key role to play in terms of providing a “home base” for professional development including CPD and LLL opportunities and code of ethics.
- Land professionals do not only service clients but also society.

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