**International Treaties and Consultancy – and their effect on Land Management in developing Countries.**

**What is the role of FIG?**

3rd FIG Regional Conference in Jakarta Indonesia, October 3-7, 2004

Michael R. Keller
- Swiss Delegate to FIG Commission 1, Vice-President
- Survey Engineer, MBA HSG, Switzerland
- Consultant Development co-operation
- Owner IPG Keller AG, Engineering Planning Surveying
> www.ipg.ch

---

**Introduction**

- **Aims**
  - Development Aid
  - Donations
  - Technical and Organizational Support

- **Results**
  - Progress on Land Issues Resolving socio-economic Problems

- Circumstances are not favourable
- Not the right approach
- Unsatisfying organizational structures and lack of coordination

---

**Treaties**

- **GATS**
- **Treaty European Community**
- **ASEAN**
- **Others**

- Fundamental Freedoms in Economy
- Free Movement of Services
- Free Market Access
- Ban on Restrictions

Favours the entry of ever more participants into the market of development aid

---

**General Framework of Development Policy and Financing**

- **Financial Aid**
  - Financial measures
  - Finance Investments
  - Finance structural adjustments

- **Trade Aid**
  - Improve trade position of country
  - Commodity agreements

- **Technical, Personal Cooperation**
  - Increase the productive Capacity of people and institutes

- **Program Aid**
  - Package of Different individual Measures far-reaching Impacts

- **Project Aid**
  - Single Project local Impacts

---

**Land Management as a driving force for Development**

- Land Management creates positive development?
- Basic Conditions are decisive factors?
- Donors and Consultants lead the Project?
- Coordination is the key to success?

---

**Land Management creates positive development?**

Statement of the World Bank: “The recognition and enforcement of poor people’s land rights can enhance economic growth and reduce poverty

- Strong effects on the development fundamentals of any country
- All sectors related to property of land are positively influenced by introduction of well-organized and secure land policy
- (Land) Security is essential to investment, prosperity and peace
**Basic Conditions are decisive factors?**

Importance of land management puts a lot of pressure on newly industrializing and developing nations.
- Political will and the laws must be apt to the needs to establish land management systems
- The national understanding and public support and acceptance must be assured
- Donor organizations and countries must be aware of the goals
- Financial and management capacity must be secured
- Permanent monitoring of the basic conditions throughout the project

**Donors and Consultants lead the Project?**

- Power and interests of donors are far more taken into account than the needs of the developing country
- Donors and consultants do not take responsibility for failure
- Very strong influence of donor and counsellor to the outcome of the projects/policies
- Foresee the outcome and success to the highest possible extend

**Coordination is the key to success?**

- Different donors have different goals and interests in the same country
- Uncontrolled flitting away of projects can be avoided
- Coordination is the key to success

**ONE Goal**

Land Management is one the bases for economic, political and social development

**The Tasks of FIG (Objectives)**

The Objectives are in the Statutes

- Collaboration with UN ... implementation of policies affecting ... management of land ...
- Promote ... surveying ... in developing countries ...

Objectives of FIG are aimed on policies ... but is this the right way to reach the aims? FIG should adjust the objectives in order to achieve better and more sustainable results.

**The Tasks of FIG (Vision)**

- Active role in the policies of countries concerning land management issues
- Active part to achieve goals that will lead developing countries to land reforms
- Active role to develop sustainable cadastral systems
- Promote and advise for legal stability in land management issues
- Find ways for education and capacity building

This Vision corresponds to the Millennium Goals (Goals No 1, 7 and 8) of the United Nation that all 191 Member Nations have pledged to meet by 2015.
The Tasks of FIG (Implementation)

Implementation Plan:
- Information System
- Coordination Team
- Advisory Group with Project management tasks

Parallel to tasks:
- Public relation and Lobbying
  Reality and Risks

* Information System
- Collect and bundle land management issues in developing countries
- Connect the information with donor’s intentions
- Access and overview of all activities in each country
- Studies to find out the needs and urgency of each country

* Coordination Team
- Forming of a coordination team including national authorities and project managers
- Guidance of all interested parties towards an efficient project organization

Only the countries willing to fulfill the tasks and meet the basic conditions profit from the work and services of FIG. Others are excluded.

* Organization
- Establish a new commission within FIG to:
  - put in place
  - run
  - coordinate
  - control
  issues of land management in developing countries

Monitoring the projects in the countries
Monitoring (new) working and management tools in development aid and use them.

* Public Relation / Lobbying
- Focus on real needs of developing countries
- Try to improve relations with major donor organizations in order to get the lead for land management issues in developing countries

According to the statutes of FIG (2.1)

* Reality and Risks
- Is such a commitment of FIG possible?
- If FIG is serious about their statutes – only additional action leads to goal orientated solutions
- If the task proves to be too large – focus on model countries as a reference and pilot project
**Conclusion**

- Industrialized nations, WB, intern. Development banks have to open up development opportunities, especially where aid may support democratic processes.
- In countries where a strong desire for improvement is felt, socio-economic development is possible through land management.
- The coordination of development aid is necessary to achieve positive results.
- Empowerment and education are important keys to success – development aid must focus on them.

**Final Remark**

- FIG can play an active part for the development in countries where land management issues are of great importance.
- The objectives of FIG therefore have to be adapted.
- FIG is willing to take more direct responsibility for land management policies in their member countries.