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SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS) WORKSHOP

Serving Society for the benefit of people and planet; Facing the global challenges in Small Island Developing States: The Role of Land Professionals

29-30 MAY 2023 at Signia by Hilton in Orlando, Florida U.S.A.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face many distinct challenges on their ongoing path towards strong sustainable economic development and getting the most from their rich socio-cultural heritage. All governments face limited resources and staffing. This is especially true for SIDS where the available resources and land are more constrained. Global challenges can exacerbate these already difficult resource allocation decisions. Land management and administration for SIDS must be well organized and part of a broader regional effort in order to meet Societal Development Goals (SDGs), enhance resilience and disaster response. Professional national surveying societies greatly enhance these efforts in Land Management and form the fundamental membership of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG).

FIG has organized several regional forums on the role of land professionals in supporting SIDS in the Pacific, Asia, and Oceania. Participants, professionals, and member states have shared and received valuable knowledge that support the backbone of their social and economic systems. This year, our focus has shifted to the Caribbean where we hope to bring our expertise to the challenges of the region. Many NGO, governmental, and professional organizations are already engaged, and we hope to share our experience while also expanding the base of knowledge to be shared with all SIDS. We aim to ensure that FIG's efforts supplement and synergize with the currently ongoing work for the betterment of all interested parties and society at large.

UN-GGIM-Americas Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO) is a collaborative initiative that seeks to empower the countries and territories of the Caribbean. It seeks the greater use and sharing of geospatial and statistical information. This will in turn support improved decision making for sustainable national and regional development, improving the possibilities for the environment, the economy, and our evolving societies. In addition, a Joint Action Plan involving UN-GGIM-Americas, SIRGAS, PAIGH/IPGE, the OAS and others is already in place to positive effect. Our FIG Corporate Sponsors and the other Private Networks we coordinate with have a global reach and are likewise trying to develop improved capacity towards a sustainable future and for the betterment of all.



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These groups have missions that focus on regional scientific and national collaboration. In contrast, FIG's mission addresses the needs and capabilities of professional land surveyors of all kinds. These are a core component in the implementation, construction, and finance of everything that is ultimately developed. Professional societies throughout the world, the Americas and in particular, the Caribbean are invited to participate in this forum. We all have much to learn, to share and to collaborate on, and together we can meet the global challenges of both today and tomorrow.

There are many similarities across all Islands states. However, important regional differences of many kinds can play an important role in shaping which tools and methods are most appropriate for successful outcomes. These can become even more significant at the national level where environmental, societal, cultural, political, institutional, legal, resource, and economic factors are key to achieving best results. The key topics we propose to begin our focus upon will be:

- the specific context and vulnerabilities for SIDS and their top concerns
 - The specific challenges faced by SIDS in the land sector
 - Resilience in the face of climate change, sea level rise and natural disasters
 - Urbanization in small islands
 - Strategies for influencing government/ ministers
- Challenges for improved land governance.
- UN GGIM's IGIF, GGRF and other emerging frameworks
 - Country Action Plans and potential World Bank funding
 - Development of national infrastructure as a part of a regional plan
 - Integration of marine and terrestrial datasets into the Geodetic Reference Frame for the Americas
- Training opportunities from regional national partners, Private Sector and global NGO's



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Proposed Agenda

Day 1 – 29 May 2023 – Supporting Organizations and Top SIDS Concerns	
8.00 – 9.00	Welcome/Registration Breakfast
8.00 – 8.50	Registration
8.20 – 8.30	Welcome address, Amanda Allred , NSPS President
8.30 – 8.50	Welcome address: the Global Role of FIG, Diane Dumashie , FIG President
11.30 - 13.00	Session 1 – Introductions of Global and Regional Supporting Partners
11.30 – 11.45	FIG regional and sub-regional capacity development, Rob Sarib , FIG CDN
11.45 – 12.00	FIG and Pacific SIDS support, Andrick Lal , PGSC
12.15 – 12.15	UN-GGIM-Americas Regional Committee, John Nyberg , Vice-President
12.15 – 12.30	CARIGEO Initiative, Simone Lloyd , CARIGEO
12.30 – 12.40	Disaster Relief Support for the Caribbean, TBD St. Maarten , WG on Disasters
12.40 – 12.50	UN-GGIM-Americas Academic Network, Rosario Casanova , President
12.50 – 13.00	Geodetic Reference Frame for the Americas, Dana Caccamise II , SIRGAS US Rep.



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14.30 - 16.00	Session 2 – Top concerns of the Caribbean SIDS
14.30 – 14.45	UN-GGIM Americas Private Networks, Valerie Grant , Private Networks
14.45 – 15.00	GIS Support to the Caribbean, Timothy Fella , ESRI
15.00 – 15.15	U.N SDG's, Paula Dijkstra , Task Force on FIG and the SDGs
15.15 – 15.30	Summary of questionnaire responses, Steven Nystrom , FIG Commission 1
15.30 – 16.00	Short presentations expressing top five concerns (5-10 minutes each) Presentations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eric Allen, Jamaica Land Authority• Trevor L. Benn (Comm./CEO) Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission Discussion
16.30 – 18.00	Session 3 – Top concerns of the Caribbean SIDS
16.30 – 17.30	Short presentations expressing top five concerns (5-10 minutes each) continued Presentations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trich Loctor- Polius (President) St. Lucia Association of Surveyors• Charisse Griffith-Charles, University of the West Indies
17.30 – 18.00	Discussion



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Day 2 – 30 May 2023 – Top 5 SIDS Concerns, Declaration and Next Steps

8.00 – 9.00	Breakfast Discussion Follow-ups, discussion and any further presentations on Top Concerns
11.30 - 13.00	Session 4 – Summary Session and Development of Draft Declaration
11.30 – 11.45	Summary of Top Concerns and Draft Declaration, Steven Nystrom
11.45 – 12.30	Discussion led by Rob Sarib and Andrick Lal
12.30 – 12.50	Next Steps, Daniel Roman and James Kavanaugh
12.50 – 13.00	Closing remarks by Daniel Roman