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We, the participants of the **Fédération Internationale des Géomètres (FIG) Pacific Small Island Developing States Symposium** with the theme "Policies and Practices for Responsible Governance" held at the Novotel Lami Bay Conference Centre, Suva, Fiji on $18^{th} - 20^{th}$ September 2013, having met in the context to share knowledge, promote understanding and to enhance cooperation for the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forest, of geospatial infrastructure and information, hereby issue this

Suva Statement on Spatially Responsible Governance

Recognizing Small Island Developing States in the Pacific are unique in their situation and with particular vulnerabilities, remain a special case for sustainable development.



Engaging the Membership and Visits

- 2013 South East Asian Survey Congress, 18 20 June 2013, Manila, The Philippines.
- 2013 New Zealand Institute of Surveyors Conference, 28 31 August 2013,
 Dunedin, New Zealand. (The Conference was also in celebration of the 125th
 anniversary of NZIS as well as the 50th Anniversary of the National School of Surveying,
 University of Otago. With the theme "Celebrating the Past Redefining the Future")
- 2013 SSSI Victoria Spatial Summit, 12 13 September, Melbourne, Australia.
- 5th FIG International Land Administration Domain Model Workshop, 24 25
 September 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 19th InterGEO Trade Fair and Conference, 8 11 October 2013, Essen, Germany.
- 10th National Representative Assembly of the Chinese Society of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography (GSGPC), 10 – 12 October 2013, Beijing, PR China.
- 1st FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting, 17 & 18 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal



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- 2013 FGF General Assembly, FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting and International Symposium on "Land Policies and Land Governance", 21 – 25 October 2013, Yaounde, Cameroon.
- 6th National Geospatial Symposium, 17 18 March 2014, Putrajaya, Malaysia
- CLGE General Assembly held on 21-22, March 2014, Marbella, Spain.
- 1st FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting, 14 & 15 April 2014, San Diego, United States
- 10th Interexpo GeoSiberia, 16 18 April 2014, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation
- UNECE Working Party on Land Administration Spring 2014 Workshop and Meetings, 21 – 23 May 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University Land Surveying and Geo-Information
 Department 30th Anniversary Celebrations and Symposium, 29 May 2014, Hong Kong SAR.



Engaging the Membership and Visits

The FIG Office received a *visiting delegation from MAKLI*, Finland on 4 October 2013 and periodically, visitors from FIG member organisations.

FIG President visited *Geo-Information Netherlands (GIN), Dutch Kadaster, University of Twente/ITC* (14 & 15 November 2013), *Siberian State Academy of Geodesy,* Novosibirsk on 15 April 2014 and Hong Kong Polytechnic University/Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Information on 29 April 2014.













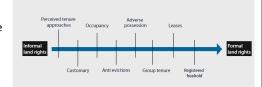




37th General Assembly

Continuum of Land Rights and Increasing Urban Tenure Security

There is the growing acceptance of the continuum of land rights and of alternative forms of tenure, all part of a fundamental paradigm shift in the global understanding and approaches to land.



Valuation of Unregistered Land and Properties (VaLURL)

The key objective of this new initiative is to research and then consider and develop approaches and alternatives to support the appraising or valuation of unregistered land and properties.













United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management

Third Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, 24 – 27 July, 2013, Cambridge, United Kingdom

"Critical issues relating to the integration of land and marine geospatial information"

FIG prepared and submitted a background document that was referred to when the Committee of
Experts considered this issue. (The background paper was jointly authored by FIG President, Mikael
Lilje (FIG Commission 5) and Jerry Mills (FIG Commission 4))

"Statement of Shared Principles for the Management of Geospatial Information"

The establishment of a working group was requested by the UN-GGIM at its third Session in its decision 3/108, "development of a shared statement of principles on the management of geospatial information". FIG is a member of the "Working Group on Development of a Statement of Shared Principles", the overall objective is to prepare a preliminary proposal for a set of shared principles on the management of geospatial information.







37th General Assembly

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The FAO Technical and Awareness Raising Workshop on the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance, 13 – 15 August 2013, Bangkok, Thailand

The Workshop is part of FAO's strategy to raise awareness on the Voluntary Guidelines and to discuss the implementation and use, particularly at the national and local levels. The regional focus of this Workshop is Asia.. FIG supported the Workshop and a presentation "The International Federation of Surveyors and the Voluntary Guidelines" was made on the first day of the Workshop. [Workshops in Bogota, Columbia, September 2013 and Sofia, Bulgaria where FIG had suggested our local membership there for FAO's consideration]







37th General Assembly

United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

The 10th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas was held from 19-23 August 2013, New York

The theme was "UN-GGIM and the Americas: Addressing global challenges through geospatial information". UNRCC-Americas provides a regional forum to address their common challenges and share experiences and expertise in the field of surveying and mapping, cartography, hydrography, remote sensing, land and geospatial information systems. FIG contributed with a presentation on Spatially Enabled Society and posed to the Conference a question, whether UN-GGIM and its regional structures will be the intergovernmental mechanism for the location and geography needed for "realizing the future we want for all"?

United Nations Office for Outer Space Affair (UNOOSA)

The eight meeting of the International Committee on GNSS (ICG-8), 10-14 November 2013, Dubai, UAE was attend by Mikael Lilje, Chair FIG Commission 5 who is also FIG's representative to UNOOSA and ICG. UNOOSA supported the IAG/ICG/FIG Technical Seminar on Reference Frame in Practice held in Manila, The Philippines in 2013.



United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

UNESCAP working with FAO, UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia Pacific (UNHABITAT-ROAP) with the support of the World Bank, GLTN and FIG is intending to embark on a regional land tenure initiative for Asia and the Pacific. It has to be appreciated that Asia and the Pacific as a region has geographical scope that stretches from Turkey in the west to the Pacific island

nation of Kiribati in the east, and from the Russian Federation in the north to New Zealand in the south, the region is home to 4.1 billion people, or two thirds of the world's population. The region is diverse on all counts, to say the least.







The European Parliament

The European Parliament organized a high-level conference on "Property Rights: The missing key to eradicating poverty", 9 April 2014, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium. FIG was invited to this high-level conference, to address on "Improving Land Governance in practice" and be part of the panel discussion. Honorary President Stig Enemark and Jean-Yves Pirlot, CLGE and UBGE President, presented FIG. Nirj Deva MEP, Vice President of the Development Committee and Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Development, jointly convened the conference.



The Missing Key to Eradicate Poverty

High Level Conference on Property Rights, European Parliament, 9 April 2014







- Global Spatial Data Infrastructure (GSDI) Association
- IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (IEEE-GRSS)
- International Association of Geodesy (IAG)
- International Cartographic Association (ICA)
- International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
- International Geographical Union (IGU)
- International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- International Map Industry Association (IMIA)
- International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
- International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM)

