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Commission no. 8	
Nominee	
Name	Dr. Kwabena Obeng ASIAMA
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Contact Address	P. O. Box 600, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana.
E-mail address	kwabena.asiama@gmail.com
Age	31
Degrees and educational background	Doctor of Philosophy in Land Administration at University of Twente (ITC). Master of Science in Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation for Land Administration at University of Twente (ITC) Bachelor of Science in Land Economy at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Employment history - current position - previous	2019 to Date – Lecturer/Research Fellow and Leader of Working Group on Land and Real Estate Management, Leibniz University Hannover. 2015 to 2019 – AiO/PhD Candidate, University of Twente 2012 to 2013 – Assistant Land Access Officer, Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd.
Positions of trust - current - previous	
Positions in FIG - current - previous	2020 to 2021 – Chair, FIG Young Surveyors Network 2019 to 2020 – Vice Chair, FIG Young Surveyors Network
Other activities in FIG	FIG Taskforce on Governance FIG Taskforce on FIG and the SDGs Commission 8 Working Group on Land Policy Instruments for Spatial Development Commission 9 Working Group on the development of the Manual and due diligence protocol for the 'Valuation of Unregistered Lands and informal property.



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	Member of the organising team of several FIG and FIG related events
Field of surveying discipline	Land and Real Estate Management, Land Policy, Land Use Planning, Land Governance, Rural Development.
Nominees Statement:	
Why I want to be a Commission Chair and what I would like to achieve	<p>“Every societal problem has a footprint on land”. This is to say, land underpins all human activities. The planning and development of land and its resources therefore play a very vital role in meeting the Global Challenges of our day.</p> <p>Within our profession, this brings the exchange and transfer of planning and land policy knowledge to the fore. Being the Chair of the Commission 8 on Spatial Planning and Development will enable me to bridge regional and national barriers to encourage the exchange of knowledge, especially those gained through scientific outputs and practical experiences. This will create an environment that encourages the responsible, sustainable, and innovative transfer of spatial planning tools and policy, with particular attention to the social, economic, and environmental peculiarities of the regions and countries.</p> <p>Being the premier international body representing the broad range of surveying, land management, and geo-spatial professionals and experts, FIG sits at the nexus of where scientific outputs meet practical experience. This provides a golden opportunity for networking and capacity building, two key factors needed in the exchange of knowledge as well as innovation towards sustainable development. As chair these strengths and opportunities will help to provide me with avenues for partnerships, especially with other commissions, for a holistic approach to reaching our goal.</p>
What I can offer to FIG in support of the aims and objectives of the Commission	My experience in FIG has provided me with a significant understanding of the federation through hands on experiences. My involvement in the work of Commissions 7, 8, and 9, taskforces and especially within the leadership of the Young Surveyors’ Network, as well as participation in several FIG and FIG-related events, have given me much




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	<p>experience in the way commissions can cooperate to meet their individual goals, as well as the collective goal.</p> <p>My professional and research experience in an interdisciplinary field of knowledge transfer and innovation in land management policy and instruments to meeting global challenges, places me in a unique position to contribute to the goals of the Commission.</p> <p>My personal experience of living on three continents, working in international teams has helped me to hone my intercultural skills that are particularly needed when participating and providing leadership to a group like commission 8 in a multicultural and international group such as FIG.</p>
My key skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong capacity to lead teams and collaborate with others to meet all set objectives, whilst ensuring smooth operations. • Culturally sensitive. • Interdisciplinary background • Communication skills • Coaching and facilitation
Any other general comments	<p>Notable Recognitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XYhT 40 under 40 Motivated and Accomplished Geospatial Professionals (2020) • Survey Review – FIG Award (2018) <p>Other Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Editorial Board of Survey Review (current) • Guest Editor, MDPI Land Special Issue on Land, Innovation, and Social Good.

Nominator	
Name of member Association	Ghana Institution of Surveyors
Name and title of contact person	Dr. John Kwaku Amaglo President
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Nominator's statement	
Why the association wants to nominate Nominee	Kwabena takes a keen interest in research activities in Ghana, applying his knowledge of land development, land use planning, and land management in the country. His involvement in the FIG Young Surveyors' Network and other FIG activities has done a lot to encourage young surveyors in our institution to become active. FIG will be getting an enthusiastic, dynamic and hardworking chair, who will definitely be a breath of fresh air into the federation. The institution therefore places forth his name for nomination.
Support the Association can offer the Nominee (financial and other)	
Any other comments	
Signed I hereby certify the above is true and correct	
Date	09/12/2020
Nominee	
Nominator	



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