



Licensed Surveyors Association Of Ghana (LISAGH)

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Attn:
Louise Friis- Hansen, Director

Dear Louise,

On behalf of the Licensed Surveyors Association of Ghana (LISAGH), I am pleased to nominate Stephen Djaba as Vice President Candidate.

Stephen Djaba is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Geo-Tech Survey Limited, which is a corporate member of FIG, and the Managing Director of Geo-Tech Systems Limited. He has been very active in FIG for many years since 1994 and has tremendously contributed to both the Federation and the Surveying Profession. Through his hard work, Geo-Tech Surveys has become the first African Professional Company to be selected as the Regional Sponsor in the FIG Regional Sponsor category. Stephen Djaba, through Geo-Tech, has promoted Geospatial Information programs worldwide. He is also since 1994 been the country representative of ISPRS as an Ordinary Member and has been paying the annual subscription to date. Among other international bodies, he has played an important role in the International Society of Mine Surveyors (ISM), where he is serving as a Presidium Member.

Stephen Djaba has been an **active contributor to FIG activities for many years:**

- First of all, he was the first student from Ghana to present a technical paper at FIG Congress in Melbourne, Australia.
- **FIG Commission 1** (Professional Standards and Practice) since 1994, serving as Vice Chair since 1998 for several working groups.
- In 1998, he took an active part in leading the Ghanaian Team to participate XXI FIG Congress 1998 in Brighton, Britain. He also presented a technical paper.
- In 1999, he mobilized some members of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS) to attend the working week '99 at Sun City in South Africa.
- Working with Markku Villika became the first person to initiate and develop a website for Commission 1.
- Between 1998-2010, he served as an **active working group chair** for several years, contributing to serving under John Packer, Ken Allred, Yacoube, etc... Under the leadership of Ken served as the administrative secretary to the Commission working Groups.
- In 2001, he became Africa representative on the **Task Force** that established a set of ethical principles that fit the surveying profession for professional institutions.



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- In 2002, He participated in the XXII FIG Congress held in Washington D.C, USA, where he presented a paper and also came along with Ghanaian members who were there for the first time.
- He took an active part in organizing many participants from Ghana to attend the 2003 Working Week in Paris, France, and the 2004 Working Week in Athens, Greece. He presented a technical paper also.
- In 2004, he attended the 3rd FIG Regional Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia and presented a paper.
- In 2005, he led the Ghanaian team to participate in and promote the Accra Regional Conference in the Working Week 2005 in Cairo, Egypt. He worked to get a few other African countries to join FIG, and others renewed their membership
- In 2006, on behalf of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GHIS), he led Prof. Holger and his Wife during 4th FIG Regional Conference in Accra and created the opportunity to visit Asante King and lectured in two Universities.
- He also played a major role in the large number of Ghanaian members participating in the 2006 FIG Congress at Munich, Germany
- Stephen presented papers and attended the following Working Weeks in 2008 in Stockholm, 2012 in Rome, Italy, 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria, 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria, 2016 in Christchurch, New Zealand, 2017 in Helsinki, Finland, and 2019 in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- In 2006 - 2009, he was a member of the **FIG Task Force** led by Ken Allred tasked to work on the Internal Governance structure of FIG. He was also a member of the "Institutional and Organization Development chaired by Ian Greenway.
- As a result of his involvement with the above-mentioned FIG activities, he was nominated and served on the **Commission Structure task force** between 2015 and 2018, chaired by Mikael Lilje. Well coordinated and served selflessly to promote the work of the Task Force
- Stephen presented papers and attended the following FIG Congresses in 2014 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- In 2019, he participated in the **Geospatial World Forum 2019**, Amsterdam, Netherlands, where he presented a technical paper.
- In 2022, he became the first FIG Honorary Member for the Western Africa Region.

Young Surveyors Network. He joined FIG as a young Surveyor and was very **instrumental in the formation** of the YSN. And, supported and encouraged by campaigning, and won a lot of young Surveyors from Africa to join the YSN



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- **Promoting FIG:** He worked hard to bring many African country associations to join FIG. Including:
 - Selfless sponsored and promoted FIG activities in Ghana Universities, and because of his efforts, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and University of Mines and Technology were admitted as educational members of the FIG.
 - Again served and contributed very well to promote FIG Working Week 2024 in Accra, and was appointed the Co-Conference Director and LOC Coordinator
- Over the past 10 years, he has been a **peer reviewer** of many papers for FIG.
- **FIG Commission 5** has been active over the past 18 years to date
- Contribute industry knowledge with a focus on meeting the highest level of accuracy for positioning and measurement, and providing the tools, techniques, and procedures to educate and train surveying professionals everywhere, and
- In demonstrating this passion, he collaborated with Sokkia Singapore and Australia and computed **seven (7) transformation parameters** for Ghana in 1997, and these have been widely used by many institutions.
- Surv. Stephen Djaba played a vital role as an early technical enabler and platform for stakeholder engagement for the establishment of Ghana's unified CORS network that stands as a landmark achievement and offers a replicable framework for the other African Nations seeking to modernize geospatial infrastructure.
- **FIG task force committees:** He has served on many since 1995:
 - He was very instrumental in the formation of the Africa Reference Framework (AFREF) and served on the committee.
 - Currently, he is the vice-chair for the Africa Regional Network responsible for West Africa.
 - Participated in several UNECA activities in positioning in Africa
 - Currently, he is the Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force of the FIG
 - Stephen Djaba worked as the main pillar behind the AfricaGIS conference 2025 and UN-GGIM Africa XI 2025 Conference held recently in Accra

As a result of his active participation in FIG, Stephen is involved and influential at the global level, in numerous international activities that bring professional knowledge back for the benefit of all West African professionals.

- Above all, he singularly sponsored the **3rd FIG Regional Conference held in Accra in 2006** and led the organization of the conference as Coordinator, which was a great success.
 - He is also a member of the **FIG Working Week committee to be hosted in Accra** initially in 2021 and now 2024.
 - He has served as a resource person for various seminars and workshops focused on imparting knowledge on **modern trends in Survey and Mapping**.
 - Over the years, as an **industry leader**, he has developed an integrated approach to the execution of African assignments, right from fieldwork through data processing to production of design drawings using Computer Assisted Design Systems.
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- He was also a member of a team that took part in a **United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)** seminar in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where the main issue deliberated upon was how best the streets and houses in the various countries in Africa could be named and numbered respectively, to ensure smooth and efficient administration of the housing system in the continent.
- In 2009, he was elected as the first local expert of the **FAO/World Bank Working Party on Land Administration, Project (LAP II)**, and served in the position as Geomatics Expert. In that capacity, he contributed significantly to the preparation of the "LAP II Project Funding Documents on Land Administration", being recognised as a valuable reference for the development of the emerging land administration Project (LAP II).

Above all,

- Stephen has conceived and established the **Stephen Djaba Foundation (SDF)**, promoting greater understanding and improving community perceptions about the surveying profession, which is underlined by the foundation's vision to improve gender equality and maintain global peace and justice, in line with Goals No. 5 and 16 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, respectively. Another focus is to form a junior Surveyor career club at the Primary and Secondary Level to whip their interest and Future Career in the Survey profession.
- Stephen Djaba, with his Diversity and Inclusion Task Force in collaboration with the SDG Task Force of FIG, has initiated the formation of FIG Young Explorers called FIG Kids in Surveying. An initiative that will empower FIG if adopted to begin to establish FIG Kids Clubs in Primary and Secondary schools across the world

It is also important to highlight the significant contribution that Stephen has made in his professional career in Ghana:

- A **founding member of the Licensed Surveyors Association of Ghana (LISAG)** in 2005, and currently the Financial Secretary of LISAG.
 - He is a **fellow of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS)** and has served on several committees of the institution,
 - Stephen has also a **founding member of the ISPRS Ghana Chapter** since 1996, and his singular contributions have kept the chapter active to date.
 - His presence in the National Council of Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA) during the development of new curricula for primary and secondary schools in Ghana has greatly projected the Surveying Profession, by introducing Surveying and Mapping in the curriculum.
 - Owing to his immense depths of valuable experience, coupled with an extensive background in survey and land administration, he has an irrefutable testimony of initiating, organizing, and delivering expert consultancy and advisory services in survey and land administration.
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- His versatility, project management skills, and passion for efficiency make it possible for him to manage projects simultaneously without any difficulty.
- Working with bilateral donor agencies, such as Swedesurvey, the In-country partner, focusing on imparting knowledge on modern trends in surveying and Mapping, and to help streamline Land Management in Ghana. And numerous assignments serving as a resource person for seminars and workshops in collaboration with international and national experts.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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