

Land Surveyors and Sustainable Development - The Agenda 21 of the French Order of Licensed Surveyors

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SUMMARY

The development of a strategic document type "Agenda 21" is one of the commitments enshrined in the Charter of the French licensed surveyors for sustainable development and spatial planning, signed on 17 September 2008 by the Order of Licensed Surveyors, and its supervisory ministry during the 39th Congress of the profession in Strasbourg. This is a unique step in France, since for the first time a profession shall define at national level an Agenda 21 development process, thereby qualified as professional Agenda 21. Thus, based upon the identification of all the activities of the licensed surveyor, the professional Agenda 21 will identify levers of progress, qualitative and quantitative progress indicators, which will contribute to the development of a plan of concrete actions involving the profession resolutely towards sustainable development. The Agenda 21 will be officially launched in June 21010 during OGE's 40th national Congress that will take place in Marseille. The political, social and economical stakes of this initiative are essential as it shall boost the economic growth through innovation, respond to the clients' and partners' demands, increase the knowhow of the profession and enshrine the profession into the culture of evaluation and reporting. This innovative and collective step shall symbolize the very starting point of a new model of development more respectful of both the mankind and his environment. Far from simply measuring the Earth, a land surveyor shall also protect it.

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