Property rights, access to finance and poverty reduction – the FIG Challenge

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Global reduction of poverty and improvement of shelter for the poor

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The Challenge

- How can FIG and the surveying profession contribute to the goals of poverty reduction and improvement of shelter for the poor?
- How can FIG develop its international platform?
- How can surveyors contribute to solutions that work on the ground?
- How can we help empower the poor?

The Stockholm Seminar

- Improving Slum Conditions Through Innovative Financing
- FIG Working Week June 2008
- Cooperation between FIG and UN Habitat
- Brought surveyors and the financial sector together
- Logical step for Comm. 9
The Land Administration Chain

The Report

• Emphasizing incremental approaches that suit the poor
• Recognizing that collective approaches suit the poor are financially viable
• Recognizing processes that make land markets work for the poor
The Role of FIG and surveyors

• FIG has now become a well-respected partner in international policy discussions
• Has put what surveyors do into a much wider framework
• A voice that organisations and governments listen to
• Must continue on this path

The Role of FIG and surveyors

• This important role of surveyors not always properly reflected nationally
• The role of the surveyor in
  • Generating economic growth
  • Sustainable development
  • Safety and security
  • Dealing with climate change
The Way Forward

- The Land Administration Chain and its links show the interdependency
- Involves several Commissions
- Must grow together
- Find new ways working but building on the strengths of the organisation
- Comm. 9 and real estate economics is a logical connection!

The Way Forward

- Comm. 9 move into areas where it can make a difference
- What valuation can be used for, and how this can contribute to better functioning markets, economic development and better living conditions for the poor
- Coordinate activities on property rights, access to finance and poverty reduction
The Way Forward

- Work in both old and new ways
- Develop “special events”
- Invited sessions
- Member organisations “adopt” projects
- Convene consultations in select cities
- Conduct more detailed research
- Bring experiences together
- Encourage inclusion in curriculum
- Encourage mentor programmes

The Way Forward

- FIG has the tools and the possibility to meet the challenge