

Dear Friends and Delegates of Commission 8,

We are happy to bring you this edition of the FIG Commission 8 newsletter. The news has been collated from our direct activities, as well as from delegates and friends of the Commission.

### COMMISSION 8 @ THE 2025 FIG WORKING WEEK IN BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA.



The 2025 Working Week in Brisbane Australia saw Commission 8 organising five technical sessions covering women's land rights and access to land, digital transformation, geospatial intelligence, land management and spatial governance, climate resilience, disaster risk management. Over fifty papers presented and discussed. The commission also had joint sessions together with other sessions.

Key Take Aways from our sessions:

- Innovation requires studying communities holistically, including both technical and social elements and impacts of land and geospatial tools.
- Digital Technologies can foster collaboration between various disciplines of surveying towards a more connected and resilient society.
- Integration of inclusive practices in spatial governance, paves the way for a more resilient and harmonious society, where everyone can thrive."

# **DR. NAA DEDEI TAGOE OF GHANA ELECTED CHAIR- ELECT OF COMMISSION 8**

We are pleased to announce that during the 2025 FIG Working Week in Brisbane, Australia, Dr. Naa Dedei Tagoe (Ghana), was elected Chair-elect of Commission 8. Naa Dedei is a senior lecturer and Vice Dean of the School of Railway and Infrastructure Development at the University of Mines and Technology (UMaT), Tarkwa, Ghana.



As Chair-Elect of FIG Commission 8, Naa brings a grounded and forward-thinking perspective to spatial planning—championing inclusive, fit-for-purpose, and technology-enabled solutions. She is committed to supporting spatial development strategies that are technically sound, socially just, and responsive to the realities of rapidly growing communities, especially across Africa.

Naa will also serve as vice-chair (Administration) of Commission 8.



# COMMISSION 8 @ THE WORLD BANK LAND CONFERENCE 2025



The FIG Commission WG 8.1 was represented at the World Bank Land Conference held in Washington DC on 4 to 6 May, 2025. The Working Group jointly hosted the session titled, “Securing Land for Climate Action in Africa: Ideas, Concepts and Experiences”, with the Global Land Alliance (GLA), the Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA), the Network for Excellence on Land Governance for Africa (NELGA), the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), GIZ, University of East London, and the Namibia University of Science and Technology. FIG was represented by the President, Diane Dumashie, WG8.1 Chair, Prof. Eugene Chigbu, and WG 8.1 Co-Chair, Dr. Jennilee Kohima. The session brought together science-policy knowledge, via a panel, to build continental, national, and local climate action in Africa. The session brought together academia, civil society, government institutions, professional organisations, and the private sector to contribute to the discourse.

## COMMISSION 8 ANNUAL MEETING IN ROMANIA

The FIG Commission 8 will join the Romanian Surveyors Union (RSU) for the 6<sup>th</sup> Romanian Surveyors’ Week (RSW) in Timișoara, Romania, on 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, on the ULST Campus.



The event will be held in partnership with the Faculty of Civil Engineering from Polytechnical University Timișoara (FCPUT) and the Faculty of Agriculture from University of Life Science "King Mihai I" from Timișoara (ULST), and in collaboration with FIG Commission 2, the National Agency for Cadastre and Land registration (ANCPI).

The Commission 8 Annual Meeting will be held during the week, under the theme, "Responsible Knowledge Transfer and Innovation in Land and Spatial Governance". The general theme of the International Conference, "Geospatial technologies for sustainable development of agriculture and built environment", will bring together specialists from geodesy, surveying, cadastre, professional education, special planning and administration, agriculture, GIS and other related fields.

## **COMMISSION 8 REGIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AT THE FIG BRAZIL JOINT CONFERENCE 2025**

Commission 8 will join the FIG Commission 7 and its Working Group 7. For the 13th International FIG Workshop on LADM & 3D Land Administration on 3-5 November 2025, hosted by the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC) in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil.

**FIG** **FIG JOINT LAND ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE**

The 13<sup>th</sup> International FIG Workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model & 3D Land Administration will take place in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil.  
It will be a joint event together with:

- FIG Commission 7 (Cadastre and Land Management);
- FIG Commission 8 (Spatial Planning and Development);
- UN Habitat Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM);
- FIG Workshop on the Land Administration Domain Model & 3D Land Administration.

**November, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Florianópolis, Brazil**  
**Join in!**

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For more information, registration and submission of papers, you may follow this link < <https://gdmc.nl/3DCadastres/workshop2025/>>

Important deadlines for the FIG Basil Joint Land Administration Conference are extended to the following:

Extended abstract (500-1000 words): **31 May 2025**

Reviewing: **15 July 2025**

Final version full paper: **30 September 2025**

Workshop: **3-5 November 2025**

Thank you for taking the time to peruse our newsletter - and please do take a moment now to email through anything you would like to include in the next iteration of our newsletter. We welcome any updates - from telling us about technical or thought leadership presentations you've been doing, papers you've been working on which are relevant to Commission 8, please do share photos and a paragraph or two with us at [figcommission8@fig.net](mailto:figcommission8@fig.net). Our hope is to build our Commission 8 community to be vibrant, alive and a force of nature to help us to achieve a stronger global impact.

**Kwabena Obeng Asiama** (Chair)

**Naa Dedei Tagoe** (Vice Chair - Admin/Chair-Elect)

**Charles Atakora** (Vice Chair)