

**The  Building the Capacity
Agenda and Achievements 2007-2010**



The  Agenda

“Building the Capacity”
through
**“Flying high
and
Keeping the feet on the ground”**



The FIG Agenda

Flying High

- Global partnership with the UN-agencies incl. the World Bank in support of the global agenda such as the MDGs

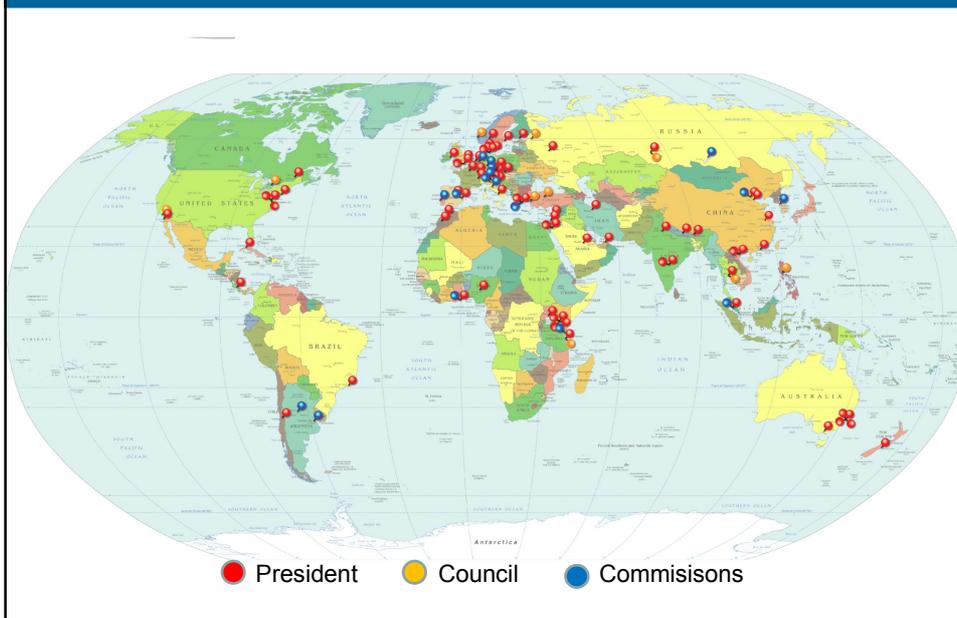


Keeping the feet on the ground

- Professional and institutional development at regional, national, and local level in support of the needs of our member associations and individual surveyors.



FIG activities 2007-2010



Key **FIG** Achievements...

- **Focus on the Global Agenda**

- Developing the recognition of the surveying profession at the UN agency level as the key professionals in dealing with the land issue in relation to global agenda (MDGs)

- **Focus on Projects with the UN Agencies**

- Commitment to the UN-Habitat Global Land Tool Network. Projects on gender equity, informal development, and security of tenure in slums and customary tenure areas

- **Focus on Young Surveyors**

- Establishing a Network for Young Surveyors to enhance activities and interactions between “experienced” and “younger” surveyors including surveying students.



- **Focus on regional development and cultural diversity**

- Increasing the interaction with surveying organisations sharing common values with FIG such as CLGE, ASEAN Flag, Arab Union of Surveyors, FGF,...and Latin America

...Key **FIG** Achievements

- **Focus on Africa**

- Task Force 2009-2014 to enable the surveying the surveying profession in Sub-Saharan Africa to contribute to achieving the MDGs. Focus on peri-urban development, environmental resilience and involvement of young surveyors and women.



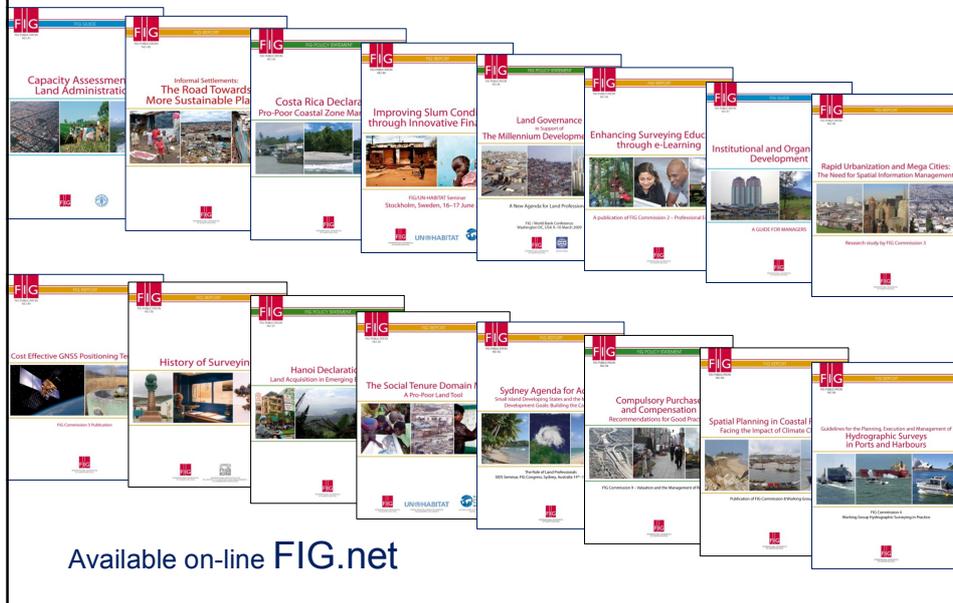
- **Focus on professional development**

- Enhancing the interaction with the global surveying community through the annual and regional conferences. Focus on quality and introduction of peer review papers.

- **Focus on publications and communication**

- Provision of guidance and documentation of new knowledge through the council, task forces and the commissions. All publications are available on-line at the FIG website.

FIG publications 2007– 2010



The Commissions

The heart and engine of FIG

- Highly successful work plans
- Annual meetings and workshops
- Allows in principle everyone to participate in the FIG activities
- National delegates ensure interaction with the wider FIG membership
- A powerful concept for professional development
- High level publications on key professional issues
- Providing the technical programme for the FIG conferences



FIG Conferences 2007-2009

- FIG Working Week, April 2007,
Hong Kong
- FIG Regional Conference, Nov. 2007
San José, Costa Rica
- FIG Working Week, June 2008,
Stockholm, Sweden
- FIG Working Week, May 2009
Eilat, Israel
- FIG Regional Conference, Oct. 2009
Hanoi, Vietnam



The XXIV FIG International Congress 2010

The biggest FIG Congress ever
100+ countries, 2000+ participants, 800+ papers, 150 sessions



Sydney Declaration – General Policy Statement
Sydney Agenda for Action – Small Island Development States, Pacific Region.

The big swing

- **From Measurement**

Surveyors will still be high level experts within measurement science, but due to technology development the role is changing into managing the measurements

- **To Management**

Surveyors will increasingly contribute to building sustainable societies as experts in managing land and properties

The Land Professionals

From Cadastre to Land Governance

Administering the

- Holding of rights to land
- Economic aspects of land
- Control of land use and development

Administering the people-land relationship

- Land Policy
 - Land Management
 - Good Governance
- and
- Building the capacity to deal with this



From Local to Global

Do Surveyors have a role to play in the global agenda?

Yes !

Simply, no development will take place without having a spatial dimension

And no development will happen without the footprint of the surveyor

It is all about:

People, human rights, engagement and dignity
Politics, land policies and good governance
Places, shelter, land rights, and natural resources
and **Power,** decentralisation and empowerment



Final Remarks

Flying High

- Contributing to the global agenda
- Big challenges ahead such as climate change, disaster management etc.



Keeping the feet on the ground

- Driving professional development
- Focus on technology development
- Focus on explaining the relevance of the FIG activities to the wider membership



An exciting journey – a wonderful experience

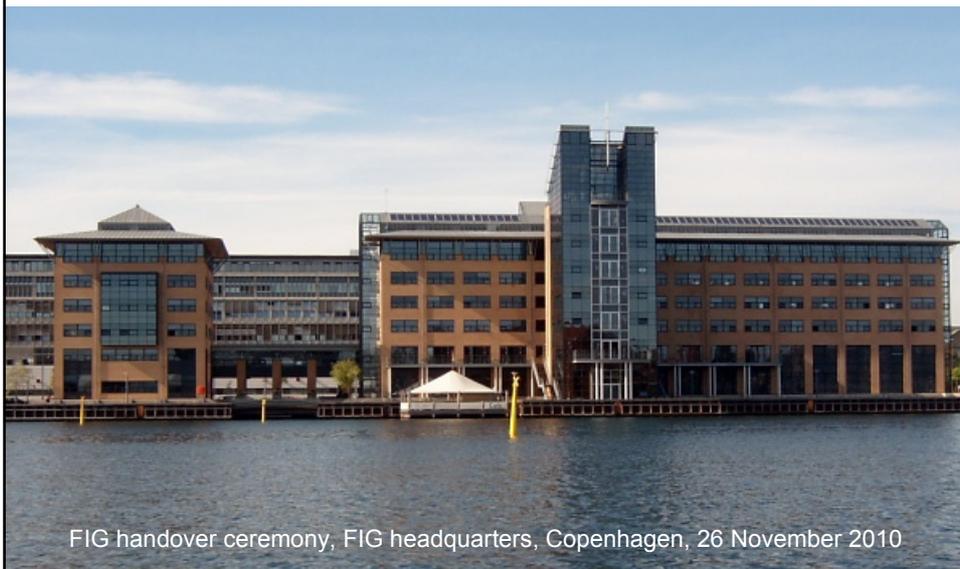


FIG handover ceremony, FIG headquarters, Copenhagen, 26 November 2010