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## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS FIG 48th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Sunday 6 April 9:00 – 16:00 Mezzanine Room M3/M4 and  
Thursday 10 April 9:00-12:00, in Plaza Terrace Room  
at  
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC), Australia**

### MINUTES

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### FIG 48th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

for the meetings held on Sunday 6 April and Thursday 10 April 2025 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) in Brisbane, Australia.

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# FIG GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 1

## 6 APRIL 2025

### MINUTES

#### 1. OPENING PROCEEDINGS

President Diane A Dumashie opened the 48<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and welcomed all to Brisbane, Australia. She thanked all delegates and observers for travelling to Brisbane to attend this FIG General Assembly. President Dumashie mentioned that exciting and busy days were ahead of all participants at the Working Week.

A minute silence was held to commemorate deceased colleagues, and especially: Surv K.H. Osei-Asante, Ghana, Chair of Commission 10 Working Group 2 – Deceased June 2024, IvanKatzarsky - Honorary member, Bulgaria, deceased 22 November 2024 and Rob Mahoney – UK, active over many years in FIG, passed away 17 January 2025

FIG President thanked sister organisations for their presence hereunder ICEC and ISPRS.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

The General Assembly was open for all interested participants. All member associations were asked to appoint their official delegate in advance for voting purposes. These are registered in a special column in the roll call.

Vice President Michalis Kalogiannakis took the roll call for members attending in Brisbane, Australia. The roll call was done for member associations only.

**Appendix to item 2 & 23:** [Roll Call](#) including information on member associations that had registered for voting and members that were present on the two General Assembly days.

**Motion:** That member associations that are present at the first General Assembly day are recorded in the minutes.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

#### 3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

The General Assembly was asked to appoint two persons as tellers for the entire General Assembly.

FIG Council suggested to appoint per tradition two tellers from preceding, current or upcoming events:

- Samuel Larbi Darko, Co-Conference Director, FIG Working Week 2024
- Derek Clarke, Co-Conference Director FIG Congress 2026

The actual voting took place online through a secure voting system, SimplyVoting, who delivered certified reports for each voting.

The voting sheets were prepared by FIG Office and the two appointed tellers together with FIG Director had access to the SimplyVoting system.

The voting system allows the tellers to see who has cast a vote and when this has been done, but they cannot see any details on what each delegate has voted, nor can they see any results until the voting is finalised and a report has been created by SimplyVoting. Once the voting is over the overall result will be available through a certified report from SimplyVoting.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly appoints the two tellers:

- Samuel Larbi Darko, Co-Conference Director, FIG Working Week 2024
- Derek Clarke, Co-Conference Director FIG Congress 2026

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The General Assembly was announced through the newsletter and on FIG website, and the full Agenda for the General Assembly was published in March on the web site and sent by email to all members.

**Motion:** That the agenda for 2025 will be adopted

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The minutes from 2024 have been circulated previously.

**Appendix to item 5:**

The minutes of the General Assembly held in May 2024 are available on the FIG web site:

[https://fig.net/organisation/general\\_assembly/agendas\\_and\\_minutes/2024/minutes.asp](https://fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2024/minutes.asp)

**Motion:** That the minutes are adopted as recorded.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

#### 6. MEMBERSHIP

##### 6.1. Admittance of new Member Associations

FIG has received one new applications for membership since the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

##### 6.1.1. Society of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineers Azerbaijan

FIG Council has received an application from Society of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineers Azerbaijan. The association was established in 2022 but is still working on approval from Azerbaijan Republic. The association has 20 members.

**Appendix:** [Application](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly approves Society of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineers Azerbaijan as new member association of FIG.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## 6.2. Expulsion of member associations

The General Assembly has power to expel from the Federation any member association whose fees are in arrears and shall under normal circumstances expel any member association whose fees are three years in arrears. (Article 4.3 of the Statutes).

- Bahamas: Bahamas Association of Land Surveyors, MA-10006

The FIG office has sent information to the association informing that if their membership fees are still in arrears at the time of the General Assembly the General Assembly shall expel the above member association at its meeting on 6 April 2025 unless FIG Office receives payment from the associations.

After acceptance of one new member and after expulsion, the number of FIG member associations is 103 from 85 countries.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes that at this General Assembly there is one member to expel, unless FIG office will receive payments by the start of the General Assembly.

- Bahamas: Bahamas Association of Land Surveyors, MA-10006

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## 6.3. Suspended status 2025

In accordance with its administrative measures, FIG Council, has deferred to continue for 2025 the issuance of a membership subscription invoice to the following members and FIG Council deems their membership to be in suspension:

- Palestine: Licensed Surveyors Association in Palestine; effort to maintain contact
- Russia: Noncommercial partnership "Self-regulated organisation of activity of cadastral engineers" MA-10121 (Danish banks do not accept payment from Russia)
- Syria: the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects, OSEA as all efforts to maintain contact with them has not yielded results and will deem their membership in suspension giving due consideration to its internal situation.
- Ukraine: Ukrainian Society of Geodesy and Cartography MA-10088 has cleared its arrears for 2025, but would appreciate to return to suspended status in 2026 due to the ongoing conflict.

The situation with these associations will be reconsidered by Council again in 2026.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the members in suspension.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

## 6.4. Other membership issues

### 6.4.1. Affiliate members

There has been one application for affiliate membership since the General Assembly 2024.

- Zanzibar Commission for Lands – AF-20079

One affiliate member has been expelled:

- Azerbaijan: State Committee on Property Issues of the Republic of Azerbaijan AF-20069

One affiliate member has cancelled their membership:

- Iceland: Fasteignaskrá Íslands

After these changes the number of Affiliate members is 44 from 43 countries.

#### 6.4.2. Corporate members

FIG Council has admitted four applications for corporate membership:

- CHC Navigation for **Platinum Corporate membership of FIG Category A CM-30088**
- Meter platform & application Company, Saudi Arabia, Category D CM-30090
- Global GIS PVT LTD, Sri Lanka CM-30089
- Alisteshaar Geospatial Consultancy, Saudi Arabia, Corporate member category F CM-30087

The following member has been expelled due to lack of payment of membership fee:

- DR Congo: Africa Mining Services AMSLOG, Category F, Regional level, CM-30078

After these changes, the number of corporate members is now 28.

#### 6.4.3. Academic members

FIG Council has admitted two new Academic members since the General Assembly 2024:

- Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina – UFSC, Brazil, AC-40165
- University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland AC-40166

The payment structure of the Academic Members was changed in 2013 so that Academic Members would be invoiced every 4 years instead of every year. The four-year payment will reward the members with a 50% discount. Academic members were invoiced in 2014, 2018 and again in 2022.

The following Academic member has terminated its membership:

- Multinational: UNIGIS AC-40120

The number of Academic Members after these changes is 84 from 54 countries.

#### 6.4.4. Correspondents

The number of correspondent members are five. The current correspondents are coming from Maldives, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tonga and Venezuela.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the actions that the Council has taken with other membership matters.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY MEMBER

FIG office has received a letter from the Swedish Member Association, Swedish Professionals for the Built Environment with a proposal for nomination of Mr Mikael Lilje for Honorary member of FIG.

According to the Statutes paragraph 3.1.7 an individual who has materially assisted the development and promotion of the surveying profession at the international level can be appointed as an honorary member. Nomination for this appointment shall be made by a member association or the Council, which will consider it and submit it to a vote of the General Assembly.

The Council has considered the proposal and decided to propose to the General Assembly that it appoints Mr. Mikael Lilje as Honorary Member of the Federation for the outstanding services he has provided to the Federation over many years. Among other things Mr Mikael Lilje has served as Chair of FIG Commission 5 and two terms as Vice President of FIG.

**Appendix** to agenda item 7: The [nomination letter for Mr Mikael Lilje](#), Swedish Professionals for the Built Environment

**Motion:** That FIG General Assembly appoints Mr Mikael Lilje as Honorary Members of FIG.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

Mr Rob Sarib, Australia, motivated the nomination with stories and anecdotes from over the years which was received with large applause from the audience, and the nomination was approved. Mikael Lilje received the silver FIG pin by FIG President and gave words of thanks, elaborating on the beforementioned anecdotes. FIG thanks Mikael for his long-term commitment to FIG. It is the hope that Mikael will still remain as an active resource person in FIG.

## 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Diane A Dumashie has prepared the President's report on the activities of the Federation since the General Assembly in 2024 that was held in Accra, Ghana.

**Appendix** to item 8:

- Presidents report - [hand out of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the President's report 2025.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## 9. CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD BANK

FIG has continued to collaborate with the World Bank and various agencies and structures within the United Nations.

**Appendix** to agenda item 9-10: [Report on the FIG Cooperation with United Nations, World Bank and Professional Organisations](#).

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the report on the co-operation between FIG and the United Nations, its agencies and the World Bank and records its thanks to all those who have contributed to this co-operation

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## 10. LIAISON WITH INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

FIG continues work closely together with international professional organisations.

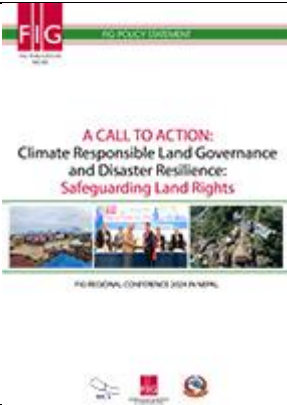


**Appendix** to agenda item 9-10: [Report on the FIG Cooperation with United Nations, World Bank and Professional Organisations.](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report on the liaison with other international associations.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

## 11. NEW PUBLICATIONS

Since the last General Assembly agenda in May 2024, FIG has published three new publications:

	<p>FIG Publication No 83: FIG POLICY STATEMENT <b>A CALL TO ACTION: Climate Responsible Land Governance and Disaster Resilience: Safeguarding Land Rights</b> FIG Regional Conference 2024 in Nepal Editors: Clarissa Augustinus, Ganesh Prasad Bhatta, Tina Baidar, Sanjeevan Shrestha Contributing Authors: Paula Dijkstra, Raja Ram Chhatkuli, Hellen Nyamweru-Ndungu Read the publication: <a href="https://www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub83/figpub83.asp">https://www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub83/figpub83.asp</a></p>
	<p>FIG Publication No 84: FIG GUIDE <b>The Land Administration Domain Model (LADM) - An Overview</b> Authors: Christiaan Lemmen, Peter van Oosterom, Abdullah Kara, Eftychia Kalogianni Read the publication: <a href="https://www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub84/figpub84.asp">https://www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub84/figpub84.asp</a>  Extended version: LADM in the Classroom: <a href="https://www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/LADM_extended/ladmpub_ext.asp">https://www.fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/LADM_extended/ladmpub_ext.asp</a></p>
	<p>FIG Publication No. 64 2nd Edition: FIG GUIDE <b>Reference Frames in Practice Manual</b> Commission 5 Working Group 5.2 Reference Frames 2nd Edition Editors: Ryan Keenan and Graeme Blick <a href="https://fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub64_2ed/figpub64_2ed.asp">https://fig.net/resources/publications/figpub/pub64_2ed/figpub64_2ed.asp</a></p>



#### FIG Position papers:

- Commission 9: [Viewpoint on Transparency in Real Estate Markets](#)
- Commissions 2 and 7: [Teaching Essentials for Responsible Land Administration: Considerations for future education and training](#)
- Commission 10: [Digital Transformation in Quantity Surveying: Paving the Way for Smart Cities and Professional Evolution](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the new publications.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

## 12. FIG ACCOUNTS FOR 2024 AND AUDITOR'S REPORT AND BUDGETS 2025-2028

The financial report was presented to the General Assembly by FIG Director Louise Friis-Hansen. This report includes the auditor's report from 2024, official accounts (income statement 2024) and balance sheet at 31 December 2024, an updated budget for 2025 and proposals for budgets 2026-2028.

#### Appendix to item 12:

- [Report on Financial Issues](#) (including 2024 accounts and budgets 2025-2028)
- [Handouts of presentation](#)

#### Annexes:

- **12A** Auditor's Report, Income Statement for 2023 and Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023.
- **12B** FIG Result 2024
- **12C** FIG Budgets 2025-2028
- **12D** List of member associations whose membership fees are in arrears for 2024 and earlier and that are not allowed to vote (roll call).

**Motion:** That the General Assembly

- adopts the audited accounts for 2024
- adopts the Finance Reports from 2024, and
- adopts budgets for 2025–2028

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. FIG General Assembly agreed to a new special reserve for activities during the anniversary year 2028.

## 13. SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2027

The General Assembly has to set levels of fees for member associations two years in advance of the year in which they become payable. Fees are payable in respect of each individual member up to a maximum of 5,500 members. Membership fees have been discussed as part of the finance report, **appendix to item 12**.

The 2024 General Assembly approved membership fees for 2026 as follows:

Year	Per capita fee	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
2026	€5.20 per member up to a maximum of 5,077 members Member associations from countries	20 members or €70 (whichever is greater)	5,500 members (€26,400)

	listed by the World Bank as low-income economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay €2.60 member up to a maximum of 5,077 members.		
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The World Bank lists of the low-income economies and the lower-middle-income economies are available at: <http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups>

FIG Council has discussed the fees in the light of the current inflation and the decrease in FIG subscription income. FIG Council proposes an incremental approach for increase of subscription fees instead of stepwise increases that have been done earlier. It must be noted that from 2020-2024 it was difficult to increase fees due to first the situation with the Covid19 pandemic that hit both FIG and national associations hard and then some years with high inflation and decrease in value of investments. In the years before the inflation was close to zero. With the current situation, it is fundamental for FIG to get a stable increase that will at least fit to the inflation rate.

Council proposes to **increase the fee with €0.10** from 5.20 to 5.30 for 2027. This is an increase of around 2%.

Council proposes that the maximum fee will not be affected, and will remain unchanged at €26.400, which corresponds to 5,000 national members.

Council proposes to increase the minimum fee to €80

Year	Per capita fee	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
2027	€5.30 per member up to a maximum of 5,000 members Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as low-income economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay €2.65 member up to a maximum of 5,000 members.	15 members or €80 (whichever is greater)	5,000 members (€26,400)

The fees for the other membership categories are a decision of council. These fees are decided for the following year. Council has decided on the same approach with an incremental increase towards Affiliate and Academic members.

**Academic members** are invoiced every 4 years. The current fee is €500 for the 4-year term. A General Assembly decision in 2013 changed the invoicing to every 4 years instead of every year and gave Academic member a 50% reduction in fee (reduced from €1,000 for 4 years to €500). Since then, this fee has not been adjusted. The next time AC members will be invoiced is in 2026 (the last time was in 2022).

**Academic Member Fee** will be increased from 2026 to **€600 for a 4-year term**.

**Affiliate member fee** will be **increased with €10 to 800 EUR from 2026**.

**Corporate members:** Currently there is a Working Group under Council focusing on corporate members. Due to its work council has decided to keep the fees of the corporate members for 2026 stable until after the recommendations from the Working Group.

It must be noted that in 2021 FIG Council granted a 20% reduction of fee to all members due to the difficulties during the Covid19 Pandemic.

#### Handouts of the presentation

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the membership fees suggested by FIG Council :

Year	Per capita fee	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
2027	€5.30 per member up to a maximum of 5,000 members Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as low-income economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay €2.65 member up to a maximum of 5,000 members.	15members or €80 (whichever is greater)	5,000 members (€26,400)

and that the General Assembly notes the comments and changes to the fees of the other membership categories.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. FIG Director Louise Friis-Hansen presented the proposal and the considerations behind the incremental increase and the proposed fees for 2027 for member associations to be increased with €0.10.

Other membership categories:

Affiliate member fee 2026: €800

Academic member fee 2026-2029: €600 (for a 4-year term)

#### 14. PROPOSED CHANGE OF FIG INTERNAL RULES – ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRS ELECTS

**Council propose to the General Assembly to change FIG Internal Rules in regard to the voting of Commission Chairs Elects.**

**See web version of Statutes at:**

[https://www.fig.net/organisation/general\\_assembly/statutes\\_and\\_internal\\_rules/index.asp](https://www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/statutes_and_internal_rules/index.asp)

**Proposal for change (marked with green):**

*11.8 The election of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the meeting which takes place ~~two years~~ **one year** prior to the General Assembly at which chairs are elected.*

The election of Commission Chairs has three consecutive times been postponed. Each for various reasons. FIG Council has discussed the possibility for a permanent change of when the chairs elects are being elected. The proposed change is that the Chairs elects will not be elected in year 2 of a term, but in year 3. There are advantages of the election in year 2 giving the chairs elects time to prepare, however the disadvantages of this early election are weighing heavily, especially three factors:

1. Election in year 2 requires the current chairs to already work seriously on their succession plan in their first year of being a chair, where they are still focused on their own working plans
2. It is getting more difficult to get long term commitments. An election in year 2 requires 6 years of commitment (and in principle 7 because nominations are due ½ year before the election) whereas an election in year 3 will give 5 years of commitment

3. In year 2 there is already election of two vice presidents. By electing Chairs elects in year 3 the elections will be spread out.

The election of this agenda item will take place by vote online as part of the voting sheet that will be sent to all registered representatives on Tuesday 8 April 2025. The voting will take place between Tuesday 8 April 13:00 Noon and Thursday 10 April 7:00 AM Australian Eastern Standard Time.

*Please note that when you have cast your vote it is final and cannot be undone.*

**Appendix to agenda item 14:** [Proposal to the General Assembly](#) with background information

**Motion:** That FIG General Assembly agrees to change the FIG Internal Rules with the following change (marked with green):

**11.8 The election of chair-elect shall be decided by a vote of the General Assembly at the meeting which takes place ~~two years~~ **one year** prior to the General Assembly at which chairs are elected.**

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The result is shown in agenda item 24. 67 out of 68 voters approved the change. One voter abstained.

## 15. FIG PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS

### 15.1. International Office of Cadastre and Land Records (Office International du Cadastre et du Régime Foncier) OICRF

Dr. Eva-Maria Merscher-Unger, Director of OICRF has prepared a written report on the OICRF activities.

**Appendix** to item 15.1: OICRF report (to be added)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the report and records its thanks to the Director and the members of OICRF for their past year's work and contributions.

**Decision:** With the absence of the director the report was not presented.

### 15.2. International Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement (IIHS&M), Permanent Institution of FIG

Mr Jan De Graeve has been Director of IIHS&M for now over 20 years. He has done a remarkable and substantial work for the Permanent Institution over the years including publications, historic marks and latest a 7 volume of the History of Surveying and Measurement covering three Millenniums ([Copies are still available by order](#)). He has announced that he will be stepping down from the post as director.

Council proposes to appoint Mr John Brock new Director IIHS&M. Mr John Brock has already been quite active in the Permanent Institution, and has now for several years organised History Symposia and sessions at the FIG Event. This year at the Working Week there will be a full day (3 sessions) on History of Surveying in the technical programme.

**Appendix** to item 15.2:

- IIHS&M report (to be added)

Mr Jean-Yves Pirlot gave a presentation on the merits of Jan De Graeve and his long-term and significant contributions to FIG and especially the International Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement

- [Presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the report and appoints Mr John Brock as the new Director of IIHS&M. The General Assembly records its thanks to the members of IIHS&M for their past year's work and sincere thanks to Mr Jan De Graeve for his long and outstanding work in IIHS&M.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The General Assembly applauded first and foremost Jan De Graeve, Belgium, for his remarkable impact and hereafter John Brock, Australia, for accepting the post as new Director of IIHS&M. FIG President Diane Dumashie handed over a certificate of appointment to John Brock.

## 16. FIG FOUNDATION

Mr. Bryn Fosburgh, President of the FIG Foundation, has prepared a written report on the FIG Foundation activities in 2024. In the absence of the president, Mr John Hohol made a brief report orally at the General Assembly.

**Appendix** to item 16:

- [Written report of the FIG Foundation activities 2024](#)
- [Financial result 2024](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the report of the President of the FIG Foundation and records its thanks to the President and members of the Board of Directors of the FIG Foundation for their past year's work.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## 17. FIG COMMISSIONS

The Commission Chairs have prepared a written update report for each commission which are attached to this agenda item.

At the General Assembly time has been reserved for the members to discuss the Commission activities with the Commission Chairs. This discussion was chaired by Vice President Winnie Shiu, Council representative to ACCO.

**Appendix** to item 17:

Commission reports 2025:

- Commission 1 | [Report](#) | [web site](#)
- Commission 2 | [Report](#) | [web site](#)
- Commission 3 | [Report](#) | [web site](#)
- Commission 4 | [Report](#) | [web site](#)
- Commission 5 | [Report](#) | [web site](#)
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- Commission 10 | [Report](#) | [web site](#)

All commissions have established LinkedIn pages under the main FIG Linked in page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/fig---international-federation-of-surveyors>). Members, delegates and interested are encouraged to follow the FIG main LinkedIn page as well as the commission pages (accessible from the main page)

- [Handouts of presentations](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the reports of the Commission Chairs and records its thanks to the chairs and other officers of the Commissions for their ongoing contributions.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## 18. FIG NETWORKS

### 18.1. Young Surveyors Network

FIG Young Surveyors is chaired by Shirley Tendai Capunza (Zimbabwe). FIG Young Surveyors have prepared a report to the General Assembly which will be presented at the General Assembly.

**Appendix** to item 18.1

- Young Surveyors report – [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** that the General Assembly adopts the report of FIG Young Surveyors, and thanks all the many active Young Surveyors.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

### 18.2. Standards Network

The Chair of the network, David Martin, has prepared a written report to the General Assembly of the activities 2024-25. The report will be presented at the General Assembly.

Appendix to item 18.2 – [Standards Network Report](#) | [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the report from the Network and records its thanks to the Chair of the Network and its members.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

### 18.3. FIG Regional Capacity Development Networks

After the establishment of the Americas network, there are now three Regional Capacity Development Networks.

The Chairs of:

- Asia/Pacific Network, Rob Sarib
- Americas Network, Dan Roman/Rosario Casanova
- Africa Network (ARN), Surv. Mohammed M Kabir

will present a short oral report to the General Assembly

### **Mentoring Programme**

The Africa Network (ARN) has during the past two years organised a mentoring programme. They have provided a report to FIG Council and the General Assembly with an evaluation of the programme together with recommendations. The chair of the mentoring Programme, Jennifer Whittal, will make a short presentation on their evaluation.

### **Appendix to item 18.3 –**

- [Africa Network Report](#) (Mohammed M Kabir)
- [Asia/Pacific Network report](#) (Rob Sarib) | [Handouts of presentation](#)
- [Americas Network report](#) (Dan Roman/Rosario Casanova) | [Handouts of presentation](#)
- [Mentoring project evaluation](#) | [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly adopts the reports from the networks and records its thanks to the Chairs of the Networks and their members.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

## **19. TASK FORCES**

### **19.1. TASK FORCE ON FIG AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (Agenda 2030)**

In 2019 FIG Council established a Task Force to focus on FIG and Agenda 2030 articulated by the Sustainable Development Goals. This Task Force has been chaired by Ms. Paula Dijkstra from the Netherlands. Due to the importance of the role of the Surveyors and the SDGs the Task Force continues during this term. In the technical programme there will be several sessions that include the role of Surveyors on the SDG's. After each plenary session there will be a special session with focus on SDGs and the Industry, Governments and Education, governments and academics/universities.

Task Force web site: <https://fig.net/organisation/tf/sdg/index.asp>

### **Appendix to item 19.1: [Update report for the Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals](#)**

- [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

### **19.2. TASK FORCE ON THE ROLE OF FIG IN INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND FUTURE GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION ECOSYSTEM**

This Task Force, established for the term 2023-2026, is looking into the role of FIG in international trends and future geospatial information ecosystem. This Task Force is chaired by Prof. Abbas Rajabifard, Australia. The task force has prepared a written report to Council for their consideration. The report was presented at the General Assembly by Kirsikka Riekkinen.

Task Force web site: [https://fig.net/organisation/tf/geospatial\\_information\\_ecosystem/](https://fig.net/organisation/tf/geospatial_information_ecosystem/)

- **Appendix** to agenda item 19.2: [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

### 19.3. TASK FORCE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE SURVEYING PROFESSION

This Task Force, established for the term 2023-2026, is an outward facing task force to encourage young people into the profession. This task force is led by Mr Stephen Djaba, Ghana. There were two special Task Force sessions in the technical programme of the Working Week. The task force invites newcomers and other interested to the Newcomers/Icebreaker session on Monday Morning. The report was presented by Stephen Djaba.

Task Force web site: [https://fig.net/organisation/tf/evolutionary\\_diversity/index.asp](https://fig.net/organisation/tf/evolutionary_diversity/index.asp)

**Appendix** to agenda item 19.3:

- [Update report](#)
- [Legacy report from FIG Working Week 2024](#)
- [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

### 19.4. TASK FORCE ON REIMAGINING THE CLIMATE ACTION AGENDA FOR THE GLOBAL SURVEYOR COMMUNITY THROUGH FIG

This Task Force, established for the term 2023-2026, is a FIG Climate Compass Task Force – the Surveying Profession's Global Response to Tackling the Climate Agenda. Chair of the Task Force is Ms. Clarissa Augustinus. At the Working Week there were two dedicated and innovative sessions organised by the Task Force, and the climate agenda will be included in several other sessions. The report was presented by David Elegbede.

Task Force web site: [https://fig.net/organisation/tf/climate\\_compass/index.asp](https://fig.net/organisation/tf/climate_compass/index.asp)

**Appendix** to agenda item 19.4:

- [Update report](#)
- [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

*All task forces have a LinkedIn page which delegates and others are encouraged to follow according to interests.*



## 20. ELECTION OF 10 COMMISSION CHAIRS ELECTS FOR 2025-26 – PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

According to the FIG Statutes and Internal Rules the General Assembly appoints Commission Chairs at its meeting two years prior to the Congress. In 2024, General Assembly agreed to postpone this election to 2025. Thus, the General Assembly shall appoint at this meeting Commission Chairs Elects for term of office 1.5.2025-31.12.2026. Under normal circumstances, the elected Commission Chair Elect will be elected as the Chair of the Commission at the FIG Congress 2026 for the term 2027-2030.

Member associations have made the following nomination for the open posts during the nomination period:

Commission 1	Mark Scanlon <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	ACS	Australia
Commission 2	Rosario Casanova <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	AAU	Uruguay
Commission 3 A	Vlado Cetl, <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	CGS	Croatia
Commission 3 B	Markus Schaffert <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	DVW	Germany
Commission 3 C	David Siriba <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	ISK	Kenya
Commission 4	Gordon Johnston <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	RICS	United Kingdom
Commission 5	Kevin Ahlgren <a href="#">Nomination</a>   video presentation	AAGS	United States
Commission 6	Peter Bauer <a href="#">Nomination</a>   video presentation	OVG	Austria
Commission 7	Kirsikka Riekkinen <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	MIL	Finland
Commission 8	Naa Dedei Tagoe <a href="#">Nomination</a>   video presentation	LiSAG	Ghana
Commission 9	Małgorzata Renigier-Biłozor <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	SGP	Poland
Commission 10	Celestina Nkechi Eke <a href="#">Nomination</a>   <a href="#">handouts of presentation</a>	NIQS	Nigeria

Each candidate had a maximum of five minutes to present themselves in this General Assembly session. Not all could be presented, and they had prepared a video presentation.

The appointment/election for Chairs Elects took place between Tuesday 8 April 12:00 Noon and Thursday 10 April 6:00 AM. Each election round was open for 20 hours. Only for Commission 3 there were more than one candidate and an actual election was taking place between the three candidates.

The election followed the Statutes and Internal Rules. There could be up to two rounds of voting. The online system from [www.simplyvoting.com](http://www.simplyvoting.com) was used.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly:

- elects the Chair Elect to Commission 3
- agree to appoint the chair elects to the other commissions

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The result is presented in agenda item 25.

## **21. ELECTION OF HOST AND DESTINATION FOR FIG WORKING WEEK 2029 – PRESENTATION OF BIDS**

The FIG Working Weeks are organised by FIG together with a local member association. FIG will together with the local member association have full responsibility of the arrangements and of the financial result. This offers FIG better opportunities in terms of organising events and generating revenue. Therefore, the Council has to ensure that all candidates are aware of the role of FIG and split of responsibilities for organising the Working Week. This General Assembly will decide on the host for the FIG Working Week 2029.

The FIG Council has received two bids to host the FIG Working Week 2029, and FIG Council thanks the national associations for their special engagement and contribution to FIG.

The Council has prepared a desktop summary on the bids. In the summary report the considerations, as laid out in the invitation documentation, are described for comparison:

- Rotation of the conferences (region);
- Country (hosting of earlier FIG events, experience);
- Member association (its activeness, commitment to FIG and the Working Week, execution ability for local association);
- Supporting organisations (local support to the Working Week, governmental support, financial support, general support);
- Host city (characteristics and interest from congress programme point of view, host city attractiveness, host city offerings);
- Venue (price/affordability, location of venue, internet availability suitability of rooms, size of venue, structure and layout of the venue, catering, value for money, hotels nearby facilities for exhibition);
- Accessibility (flight connections, several access possibilities, security, visa issues, air fare to destination);
- Safety and security (political stability, airport safety, city safety, political stability in the country - rating must be 3 or higher);
- Proposed dates (must meet FIG requirements, Following FIG statutes, practical dates, availability of venue, other conferences at the same time)
- Technical programme (coverage of all FIG Commissions, potential partners, originality, special ideas);
- Technical tours (coverage of all FIG Commissions, originality, ideas proposed);
- Social programme (attractiveness and variety, proposals for dinners, attractiveness of offered dinners, proposals for tours, is the programme following the overall FIG concept);
- Attendance (expectation of international, regional and local attendance, realistic number of international and national participants);
- Finances (estimate of surplus and financial risks, realistic fees proposed, fees in an acceptable price range, difference between international and national fees, realistic budget, estimated revenue);
- Sponsorship (estimate sponsorship and exhibition income, proposed income, how realistic is proposed income, local sponsor offerings, sponsor interest to conference);
- Why host (reason for hosting);

- Objectives and outcomes (thought through why conference should be held at destination, difference to other destinations, short term outcome, long term outcome);
- Suggested theme (thought of possible theme that fits to local/regional situation);
- Events organised in the past three years (how experienced is the host in organising events)
- Major events planned in the proposed city (many events might affect the price level):
- Initiatives for sustainable conference environment (is host city, venue and local host paying attention to environmental issues);
- New initiatives or activities (originality – but within the overall FIG concept)
- What legacy to leave locally from the Working Week (with host, hosting city, for the surveying community)

The summary report will not give a recommendation or a preference to any candidate but it will draw from the bids to highlight the information provided on each items listed above and summarise the pros and cons of each candidate to assist the member association in making their decision.

The General Assembly must note that, especially in these past years, the issue of security and financial viability has come to the fore. The purpose of the evaluation process is to maintain the continued viability, high standard and quality of the FIG Working Week.

The Council has considered the bids and has decided to present the submitted bids to the General Assembly for its decision:

a. Halifax, Canada – Canadian Institute of Geomatics CIG

- [Bidding Document](#)
- [Update on extra funding received](#)
- [Handouts of presentation](#)

Update on extra funding received

b. Kampala, Uganda – Institution of Surveyors of Uganda ISU

[Bidding Document](#) | [Handouts of presentation](#)

c. [Summary report](#)

The election between the two candidates took place online between Tuesday 8 April 12:00 and Wednesday 9 April 8:00 AEST in the same election form as for the 10 commission candidates.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the submission and the presentation, makes its careful consideration and decision for the online voting.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

[Voting description](#)

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## FIG PRESIDENT'S MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 2025 – 07:30 – 08:45, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

### 22. FIG PRESIDENT'S MEETING

The Presidents Meeting is convened by the FIG President and is reserved for Presidents or Heads of delegations of Member Associations (or their representatives).  
The meeting took place on Wednesday 9 APRIL 2025 at 07:30 – 08:45.

Appendix to agenda item 22:

- [Benefits of being member of FIG updated version](#)
- [Presentation handouts](#) by FIG President Diane Dumashie

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## FIG GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 2 10 APRIL 9:00 – 12:00 BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

### 23. ROLL CALL

Vice President Michalis Kalogiannakis took the roll call for members attending in person in Brisbane, Australia.

**Appendix to item 2& 23:** [Roll Call](#) including information on member associations registered for voting.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the members who are present in person on day 2 of the General Assembly.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted.

### 24. ELECTION OF CHANGE TO INTERNAL RULES ON ELECTION OF CHAIRS ELECTS

The General Assembly has been presented to the proposed change to the text in the FIG Internal Rules in the General Assembly day 1. Online election took place between Tuesday 8 April 13:00 and Wednesday 9 April 9:00.

The result of the voting was presented by FIG Council, as was as follows:

#### **Agenda item 14: Proposed change to FIG internal rules - election of Commission Chairs**

Option	Votes
Yes, I approve	67 (100.0%)
No, I do not approve	0 (0.0%)

#### **VOTER SUMMARY**

Total Voters	68
Abstain	1 (1.5%)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes and adopts the voting result.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The proposed change to FIG Internal rules that Commission Chairs Elects are elected one year prior to the year they are elected Chair (congress year) instead of two years prior was approved with 67 votes out of 68. One voter abstained.

## 25. ELECTION OF TEN COMMISSION CHAIRS ELECTS - RESULT

The General Assembly has been presented to the candidates for the ten Commissions on General Assembly day 1. Online election took place between Tuesday 8 April 13:00 and Thursday 10 April 7:00AM AEST.

The result of the voting was presented by FIG Council and was as follows:

### **Agenda item 20 A: Election of Commission Chairs Elects**

Commission 1: Mark Scanlon, ASC Australia	66
Commission 2: Rosario Casanova, AAU, Uruguay	67
Commission 4: Gordon Johnston, RICS, United Kingdom	65
Commission 5: Kevin Ahlgren, AAGS, United States	68
Commission 6: Peter Bauer, OVG, Austria	65
Commission 7: Kirsikka Riekkinen, MIL Finland	66
Commission 8: Naa Dedei Tagoe, LiSAG, Ghana	65
Commission 9: Małgorzata Renigier-Biłozor, SGP, Poland	64
Commission 10: Celestine Nkechi Eke, NIQS, Nigeria	65

First round election of Commission 3 Chair Elect:

### **Agenda Item 20 B: Election of Commission 3 Chair Elect**

Option	Votes
Markus Schaffert, DVW, Germany	36 (55.4%)
Vlado Cetl, CGS, Croatia	19 (29.2%)
David Siriba, ISK, Kenya	10 (15.4%)

### **VOTER SUMMARY**

Total Voters	68
Abstain	3 (4.4%)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes and adopts the voting result.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. For Commission 3 there was only one round of voting. Since Markus Schäffert obtained 55.4% of the votes which is more than 50% he was elected with no second round of voting. There were 68 voters of which 3 abstained.

FIG President handed out certificates of appointment to the elected chairs elects. She thanked all for their engagement, and gave a special thanks to Vlado Cetl and David Siriba and their nominating associations for their nominations.

## 26. ELECTION OF HOST AND DESTINATION FOR FIG WORKING WEEK 2029 – RESULT

The General Assembly has been presented to the two candidates on General Assembly day 1. Online election took place between Tuesday 8 April 12:00 and Wednesday 9 April 8:00AM AEST.

### Agenda item 21: Election of host and destination for FIG Working Week 2029

Option	Votes
Halifax, Canada - Canadian Institute of Geomatics CIG	44 (65.7%)
Kampala, Uganda - Institution of Surveyors of Uganda ISU	23 (34.3%)

#### VOTER SUMMARY

Total Voters	68
Abstain	1 (1.5%)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes and adopts the voting result.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The Canadian Institute of Geomatics with Halifax, Nova Scotia as destination received 44 votes equivalent to 65.7% of all votes and will be the host and destination for the FIG Working Week 2029. FIG President thanked both bidders for their good bids and for their willingness to take an active role in FIG.

Certified election result for all elections

## 27. MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

The Council will decide on membership issues, if any, considered in Brisbane and bring them to the General Assembly for decision or information as necessary.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes and adopts the updates.

**Decision:** There were no further updates.

## 28. REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATION & REGIONAL BODIES FORUM, AFFILIATE, ACADEMIC AND CORPORATE MEMBERS FORUM

During the Working Week there will be Member Association/Regional Bodies Forum, the Director General's/Affiliate Members Forum, Academic Members Forum, and Corporate Members Meeting. They

may report back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly.

**Reports:**

- [Director Generals Forum](#), reported by Stephen Jacoby, Queensland Government
- [Corporate Members Meeting](#), reported by Linda Foster, Esri

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report(s)

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. There were further oral reports from Member Association/Regional Bodies forum and the Academic Forum.

## 29. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS

FIG Commissions will have their annual meetings, administrative meetings and technical sessions during the Working Week. They may report back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly. Any other activities from the Working Week may be reported back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly.

- [Handouts of Commissions report](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report(s).

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

## 30. REPORTS FROM TASK FORCES

The task forces will be involved in various sessions and meetings and will have the opportunity to report back to the General Assembly on any issue that are of general interest to or may need endorsement of the General Assembly.

**Reports:**

- [Task Force on SDGs](#)
- [Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [Task Force on Climate Compass](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report(s).

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

## 31. REPORTS FROM NETWORKS, PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS, FIG FOUNDATION AND OTHER WORKING WEEK ACTIVITIES

Networks, Permanent Institutions and others will have meetings and technical sessions in Orlando. They may report back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly. Any other activities from the Working Week may be reported back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly.

**Reports:**

- [SIDS - Small Island Development Sessions/Seminar \(Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network\)](#)
- [Young Surveyors Network YSN](#)
- [FIG Foundation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report(s).

**Decision:** The motion was adopted

### 32. OTHER ISSUES

Any other issues that the members want to raise for discussion.

**Motion:** That the discussion will be recorded, and the Council will consider action that will be required.

**Decision:** There were no further issues raised.

### 33. REPORT OF THE FIG WORKING WEEK 2028 IN PARIS, FRANCE

The FIG Working Week 2028 will include the celebration of the 150 anniversary of FIG. Representatives from the Local Organising Committee from the two French member associations OGE and ATF will give a short presentation on the preparations of FIG Working Week 2028

- [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The Working Week will take place 24-28 June 2028.

### 34. REPORT ON THE FIG WORKING WEEK 2027 IN STAVANGER, NORWAY

Representatives from the Local Organising Committee from the Norwegian Member Association will give a short presentation on the preparations of FIG Working Week 2027.

- [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The Working Week will take place 23-27 May 2027.

### 35. REPORT ON THE FIG CONGRESS 2026 IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Representatives from the Local Organising Committee from South African Geomatics Institute (SAGI) will give a short presentation on preparations of FIG Congress 2026.

- [Handouts of presentation](#)

**Motion:** That the General Assembly records the report.

**Decision:** The motion was adopted. The local organisers are welcoming all 24-29 May 2026 in Cape Town, South Africa. Learn more at: [www.fig.net/fig2026](http://www.fig.net/fig2026)



### 36. CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

FIG President Diane Dumashie held a closing speech at the end of the General Assembly to a full room. She thanked all the participants, exhibitors and sponsor and other partners for coming to Brisbane, Australia for this Working Week. The reports at the second General Assembly as well as the Presidents closing speech underscored the productiveness and efficiency of the Working Week. She thanked all who had helped organising the event from FIG and from LOC, and thanked the local organisers for their successful work on the conference.

- [Handouts of closing speech](#)

After the closing speech the FIG Flag was handed over from GCA to SAGI, the local host and organiser from South Africa. The South African delegation invited all to Cape Town for the large Congress 2026 from 24-29 May 2026.

- Read the [General Assembly report](#)
- Read the [FIG Working Week 2025 Report](#)