

**Report to the 35th General Assembly
FIG Working Week 2012 in Rome, Italy**

FIG Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development

Report of Activities 2011-2012

1. General

FIG Commission 8 Work Plan 2011-2014 embraces the work of previous Commission 8 work plans and seeks to meet the expectations of the FIG Council Work Plan and to meet the needs of other FIG Stakeholders.

In the period of 2011–2014 the focus of Commission 8 will be:

- On all parties involved in environmentally sustainable planning and implementation;
- To develop guidelines, methods, governances and good practice at the global level;
- To reflect holistic skills in planning and development of the built environment, including informal settlements wherever they are to be found;
- To emphasise that we, as surveyors and built environment experts have a leadership role in the collective responsibility for well-functioning mega cities; including integrated disaster risk management as a discipline
- The Commission recognises the three pillars of ESE, i.e. balancing the competing development demands associated with economic, social and environmental aspirations.
- Integrating activities of FIG for adoption of a holistic approach to problem solving in the built environment be it rural, peri-urban or urban;
- Focussing on surveyors' role in the implementation of plans and the interaction between planning and real estate economics. Analyze success stories like Sao Paulo's, Buenos Aires's, New York City's tackling of informal settlements and Norway's prevention of the same. Customize and domesticate these for areas where they are required

2. Activities in 2011

FIG Working Week, Marrakech, Morocco

Commission 8 was fully involved and participated in as many as 12 technical sessions with a total of 65 papers submitted, during the conference as follows

- TS01D – Bridging the Rural/Urban Divide – 5 papers submitted
- TS03B – Master Planning and Structural Development – 6 papers submitted
- TS03D – Public Private Partnerships in Planning and Land Development I – 5 papers
- TS03H – Development of Urban Infrastructures – 5 papers
- TS03J – Land Administration Issues in Africa with Commission 7 –
- TS04C – Spatial Information Management and Planning – 6 papers
- TS05A – Planning Policies and Environmental Improvement – 7 papers
- TS06A = Planning and Managing Urbanization I – 6 papers
- TS06D – Slums Issues, Spatial Development Planning and Governance – 6 papers

- TS07D – Planning and Managing Urbanization II – 4 papers
- TS08D – Regional and Local Structure Planning - 5 papers
- TS09D – PPP in Planning and Land Development II – 4 papers

As a result of the conference a Government in West Africa, with a population of 150 million people has expressed significant interest in adopting the technology and methodology of water treatment, presented by a participant from Italy. We feel proud that our knowledge and expertise is recognized and could be adopted in solving a real problem, in this a case a Millennium Development Goal challenge.

3. Working Groups and Organization

Working Group 8.1 – Planning Strategy for Urban Development and Regeneration

Chair: Frank Friesecke, Germany

The Working group is focussing on planning urban development and renewal and their economic and social impacts. It also works to recognise that in partnerships and urbanization process there is a role for surveyors in moving towards sustainability in urban development/community living for people and places.

In particular it aims to identify a planning framework, which enables public-private partnership (PPP) to deliver tools for urbanization and investigate key roles for surveyors within urban regeneration.

The Working group report on results of its work at the Working Week in Rome.

Working Group 8.2 – Informal Settlements Issues in Spatial Development Planning and Governance

Chair: Eugene Silayo, Tanzania

The Working group investigates sustainability within informal settlement in Africa. It aims to contribute to building the knowledge base from which the surveyors can provide expert advice for the built environment. Further it is planning to develop FIG-UN recommendation for best practices in governance issues for informal settlements.

The Working Group plans to organise a round table session at FIG Working Week 2012 and prepare final report and recommendation for significantly better practice to be ready for Abuja 2013. It also intends to organize an international conference on Human Settlements in 2013

Working Group 8.3 – Re-engineering of Mega Cities

Chair: Enrico Rispoli, Italy

The Working Group intends to provide opportunities for surveyors to play a key role in solving problems and implementing infrastructure in environmentally sustainable projects/developments in mega cities (large sprawling habitats with two distinct types being economically wealthy and dramatically poor). It will study the World City Report for identifying opportunities for surveyors to be contributors towards improving infrastructure and sustenance of the environment; To create methods of identifying causes of infrastructure damage within mega cities; Identify the planning framework and recommend changes which will enable; and Implementation of Environmentally Sustainable Development; as well as to develop a policy framework to enable sustainable cities.

Working Group 8.4 – Land Policies; Land Use Planning Control and Implementation

Chair: Ibrahim Mwathane, Kenya.

This Working Group is working to increase surveyors' contribution to formulation and implementation of land policies in the world in general and in Africa in particular; land use planning and better integrate surveyors' expertise in implementation of these policies, plans, implementation processes and agreements and real estate management. Further it works to increase surveyors' and planners' awareness on sustainable planning and implementation of plans based on modern knowledge, technical solutions, rules and legislation, traditions, equity and development and implementation processes in different countries.

After promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya in 2010 and the passing of the National Land Policy the previous year, Kenya is in the process of passing three laws to replace the more 25 outdated and potentially confusing laws related to land. These are the Land Bill, the National Land Commission Bill and the Registration of Land Bill. The ISK will develop a model that will be adopted for other countries facing similar land administration and land governance challenges.

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