

The FIG Profile and Cooperation with the World Bank

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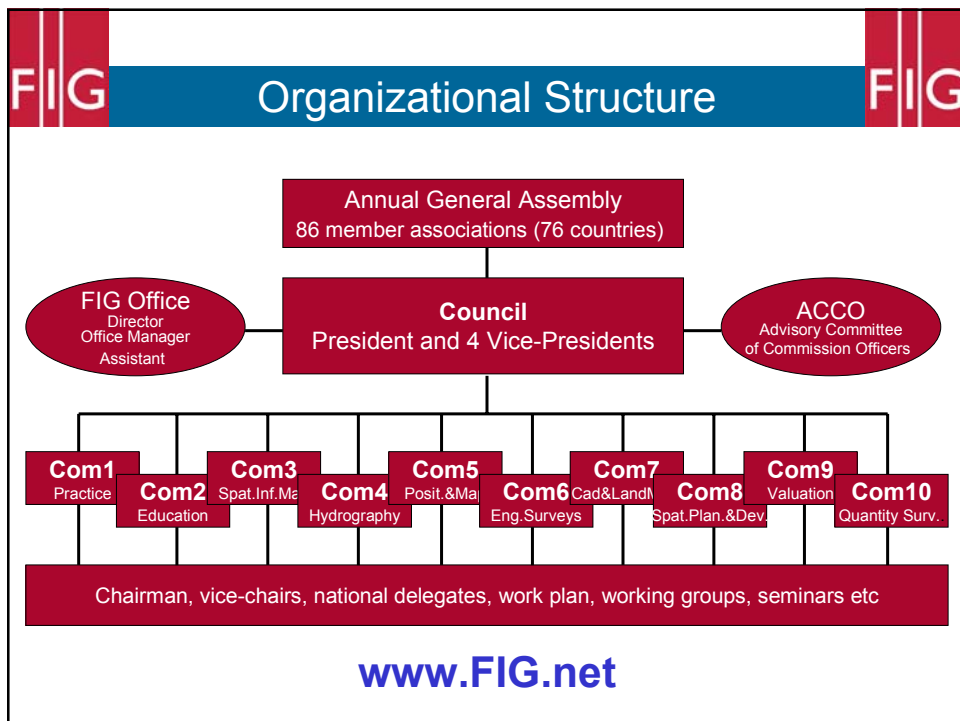
The Message



- FIG wants to establish an increased and more formalised cooperation with the World Bank.
- This relates to the global agenda for secure land tenure and legal empowerment of the poor.
- It also relates to policy-making towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.
- This calls for increased international co-operation. FIG is prepared to invest in such cooperative efforts.

The role of FIG

What is the role of **FIG** in this regard?



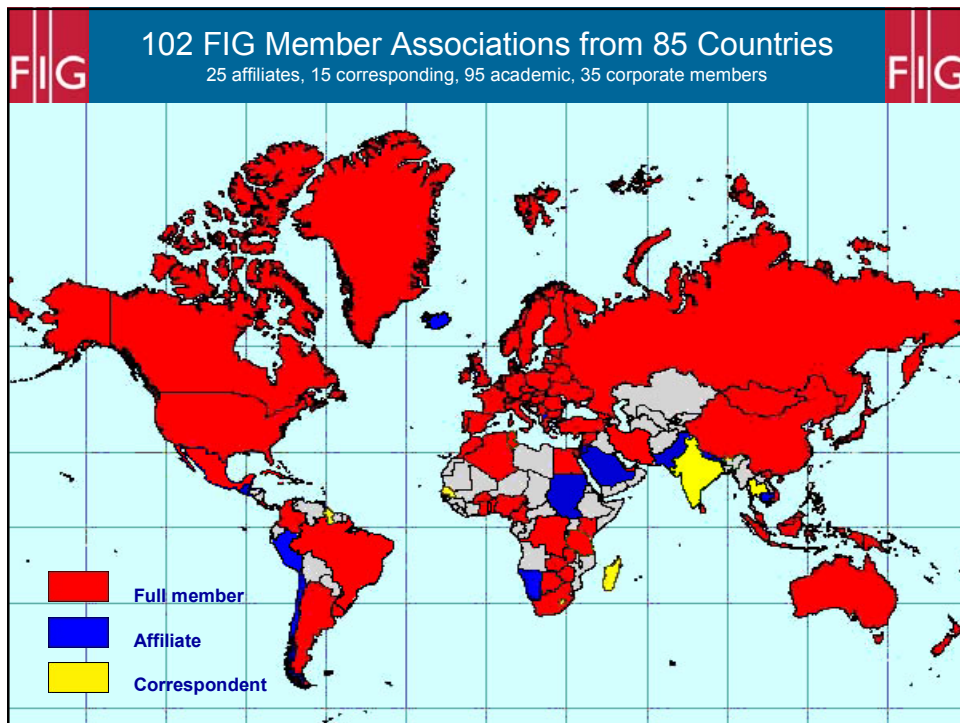
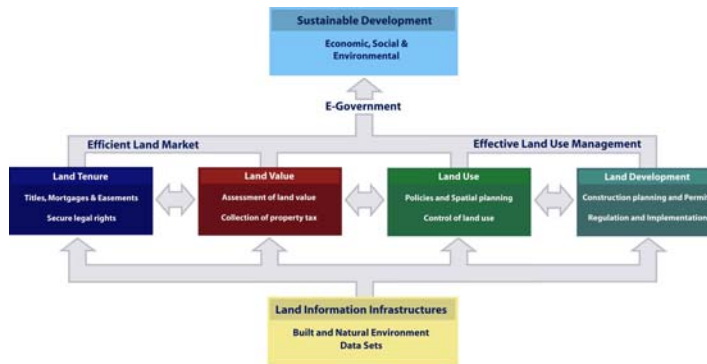


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FIG Key Professional Areas

- Surveying and Mapping
- Spatial Information Management
- Land Administration and Land Management



It is all about:

- **People**
Human rights, engagements and dignity
- **Politics**
Land policies and government
- **Places**
Shelter, land parcels and natural resources

Freedom for want; Freedom for fear; Freedom to live in dignity
(Kofi Annan, 2005)

FIG key areas of activity

- Professional Development
 - Global forum for professional discussions and interactions
 - Conferences, symposia, commission working groups,
- Institutional Development
 - Institutional support for educational and professional development at national and international level
- Global Development
 - Cooperation with international NGO's such as the UN agencies, World Bank, and sister organisations
 - Joint activities and common policy-making to reduce poverty and enforce sustainable development

Future co-operation

What kind of co-operation between
FIG and WB ?

The contribution of the Land Professionals
to the Global Agenda

The theme "Building the Capacity" relates to flying high and also keeping our feet on the ground. I suggest we give priority to the following key issues:



1. Promoting and Enhancing the Role of FIG

- Professional Development, - providing the international forum for development and innovation in all aspects of the surveying discipline.
- Capacity Building, - including a Task Force on Organizational and Institutional Development
- Global Development, - including increased cooperation with the UN agencies, and our sister organisations.
- Linking, - strengthening the links between the global agenda and the surveying grass roots

2. Continuing and Enhancing the Dialogue with the Member Associations

- Promoting the benefits of being a member
- Increasing the member base
- Ongoing development and implementation of the information and communication policy

3. Promoting FIG as a Truly Global Organisation

- Encouraging global representation in council and commission officers
- Encouraging global distribution of and representation at the FIG conferences, seminars etc.
- Interaction with regional organisations and activities and respecting cultural diversity

4. Responding to the Millennium Goals

- Task Force to develop a FIG Policy in cooperation with the UN agencies and especially the World Bank.
- High level FIG/WB conference in 2008 to promote the FIG global profile in this area

5. Revising the Conference Structure

- Even years: Major conference such as congress or major Working Week
- Odd years: Working Week and regional conferences in partnership with the UN organisations
- Council initiated expert symposia on topical issues e.g. linked to National events
- FIG Office to ensure administrative, organisational and financial sustainability

6. Empowering ACCO and the Commission Activities

- ACCO as a dynamic forum for policy making and professional development
- Enhancing the profile of the technical programme at the conferences
- Establishing an FIG virtual journal with peer reviewed papers
- Preparing a starting pack with guidelines for vice-chairs and the chairs elect
- Establishing task forces to deal with inter-commission activities and policy implementation



Key areas of co-operation

- The MDG Road map
 - FIG task Force to develop the FIG policy in cooperation with the UN agencies and especially the World Bank
- A FIG/WB Summit 2006
 - A summit to present that the FIG and WB policies and activities in achieving the MDGs work in parallel
 - Hosted at the WB Headquarters using the WB media coverage
- WB participation in FIG activities
 - More visibility of WB in the FIG activities
 - In-kind sponsoring and participation
 - Financial sponsoring of participation for relevant project countries.

Key areas of co-operation

- WB participation at FIG Regional Conferences
 - High profile sessions on WB projects within the region
- Capacity Building and Self-Assessment
 - FIG tool for self assessment of capacity needs in land administration systems to be tested in WB pilot projects
- FIG Foundation in support of Developing Countries
 - Institutional and financial support of un-represented developing countries for participation in FIG activities and for building knowledge and capacity

Bridging the Gap

We have already achieved a lot
But there is so much more to be done

Let's join our efforts

The future belongs to our children

