



Africa Regional Network Presidents of African Land Professional Associations - High Level Forum 2023

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Our Profession: Serving People and Planet



It is all about People!

- **The 2030 Agenda:** agreed and united global policy to transform the social, economic and environmental dimensions of humanity and our planet
- **In the Context of tackling considerable global trends and challenges**
 - The Professions' opportunity:
 - **Serving people, profession and planet**

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The Future to shape



UN Habitat Agenda 2030

Sustainable & holistic development:

- People
- Partnership
- Peace
- Planet
- Prosperity

What does a Purposeful and relevant Survey profession look like... global to regional to local how we operate

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Our Journey: Overview



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1. Who and What: International Federation of Surveyors

FIG:

- Member organisation 120+ countries (14 African)
- FIG Contribution: knowledge generation, outreach and capacity building
 - **Professional: Technical, Standards**
 - **Institutional: Build capacity**
 - **Global Development: Regional/ International**

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How: Depth of experience



Global Engagement, Collaboration, Activity and outputs in our collective hands:.....

FIG Members, led by

- Council & 4 Task Force
- 10 Commissions
- **Networks**
- Permanent institutions

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How: FIG Networks

Chair



Mr. Mohammed
Mamman Kabir,
mni, Nigeria



FIG
Young Surveyors
Network

- Regional Capacity Development (RCDNs):
 - Africa
 - Asia Pacific
 - Americas
- Young Surveyors Network
- Standards Network



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2. This Decade: Act on the Trends

The SDGs
were the crowning
global achievement of 2015 and 2030 is close;

but land & built environment **professionals deal in
global and local realities.**

Are we still relevant?

Yes, with Purposeful and Continuing intent; so.....

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How: The Future We want to shape

FIG work plan aims to deliver and Demonstrate our resolve

Vision:

- **Serving Society, benefitting people and the planet**

Theme:

- **Tackling the Global Challenges** (Trends and crisis)
- Continue to develop capacity and grow to ensure that as individuals and a federation we remain relevant and capable of benefiting people and the planet



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Tackling the Global Challenges



Purpose:

- **FIG** : To support international collaboration for the progress of surveying in all fields and applications
- **Member Associations:** to work collectively in a **Region** to develop the needed capacity of their members, a responsibility to engage and implement

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Regional Working: Not One Size Fits All



Member Associations Purpose:

- To work collectively in a Region to develop the needed capacity of their members
- Each region to come up with its own needs/ relevance and contribution

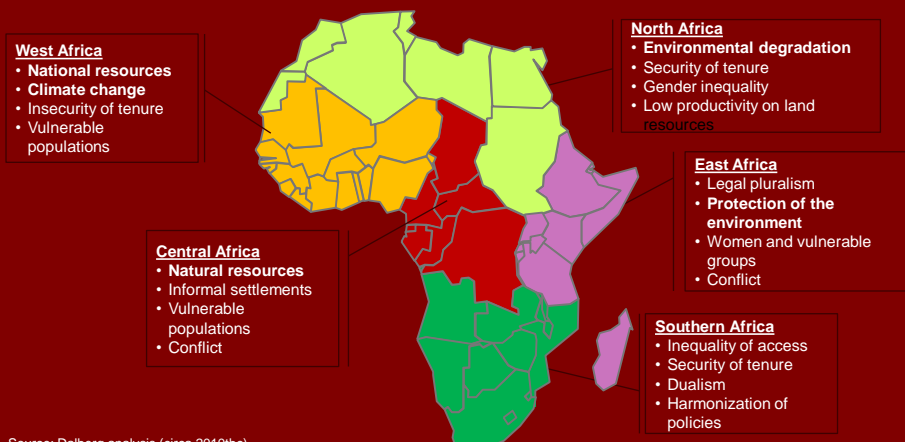
The Africa Region

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Land Issues: Complexity and diversity of land issues across the continent--continental prioritization of issues is problematic

Land governance priorities across regions



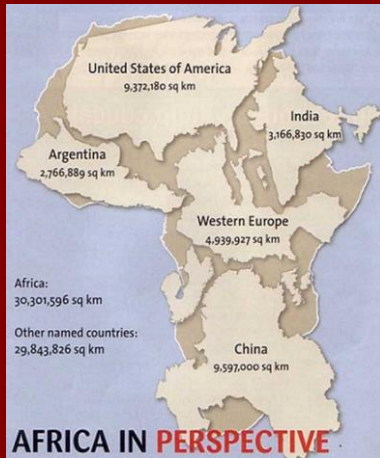
Source: Dalberg analysis (circa 2010tbc)

Though there are areas of commonality across the continent such as gender issues and tenure systems, the focus issues for land governance reform will vary by region, country, making a continental prioritization of limited utility

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You and Your Continent Shaping the Future



Challenges (2009 and beyond):

- **Land governance** –access & security
- **Climate-** drought and floods
- **Resources-** land grab & water
- **Health** – global pandemics & sanitation

**Africa is on the critical path
for the sustainability of the
planet**

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- Chapters: Emerging, Evolving
- and, Continuing Chapter

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3. Building FIG African Visibility



Over the years, here are some on **Continent:**

- African country member **Institutions and universities (incl FGF)**
- **West and East:** S Djaba, W Ayeni, and R Ssengendo
- **Northern and Southern:** North Morocco FIG WW, Director Generals (ZA, Nigeria)
- **Commission 8 Chairs** (ddd 2 terms!), and
- Succession planning: W Nabutola (Kenya), K Tenadu (Ghana), K Asiana (Ghana)
- Then
- A network on the African region (2009)

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3. Africa was a path maker FIG Regional Network



Africa RCDN Story in Chapters:

1. **Emergence** (ATF) and **Evolution**

(ARN), Diane A Dumashie, founder and chair (2009- 19).

2. **Stories** from African land professionals (African Members & Partners)

3. **Continuing Chapters**, Jenny Whittle (2019 ZA), Director FIG Foundation (2020+) ,And

4. **M.M Kabir, Current Chair:** 2021 - present

• Establishment of YS ARN

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Chapter i. An Emerging Network



- Africa Task Force Purpose
 - Social responsibility to contribute to the MDG's
 - Surveyors as Change Agents
- Task Force Focus(2009 – 2014)
 - Build capacity, to best contribute to meet global challenges

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Response to Change -What



What we did:

- Influential **Communication** to global donor organisations, governments
- Purposefully **Collaborating**
- Building **Connectivity** to ensure that skills are developed that will reach out to all stakeholder's community networks in Countries, Regions and globally

Build our **capacity with agility, & relevance to our Region**

Always connectivity between
FIG and Regional Network

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“Rapid Response to Change” -

Partnerships

How We can get better:

- Young Surveyors Network
- FGF – Federation of French Speaking Surveyors
- Commissions & Corporate Members

And

- Member associations....our bedrock for implementation and operationalisation
 - To be Agents of Change, Sustainability & Resilience



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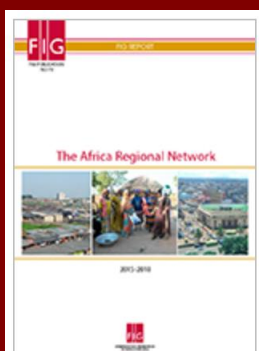


Evolution to the Africa RCD Network

“By 2030

Africa Land **Professionals** will

- **Provide** global thought leadership, and
- **Promote** professional leadership qualities,
 - Amongst its members within their Associations”



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Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow



To reach out across the generations Member Associations have to:

- Consolidate what has been achieved,
- Continue momentum, and
- Engage at all levels of societal institutions

**Partnerships,
People & Places**

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How- Themes

“Professionals will need to quickly re-think roles and responsibilities in the dynamic 21st Century landscape “

Robin McLaren January 2015

Global Trends:

- Futures, Youth and Diversity in an equitable economy (2015/16),
- Good Land Governance and alliance to FAO/VGGTs and AU Guidelines (2016/17) MDGs post 2015 (esp land indicators)
- Potentially Economics and Finance e.g Large Scale Land Based Investments (2017/18).

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Chapter ii

ARN: Mind the Gap



Stories from FIG African Land professionals:

- i. **Connected:** the power of partnerships
- ii. **Collaborate & Create:** Action tools
- iii. **Communicate:** Generational diversity
- iv. **Coordinate:** International policy, and
- v. **Contribute:** International policy
- vi. **Connected:** emerging & going forward.....

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Connected – Africa Regional Capacity Network



ARN:

- SDGs: Our social responsibility

Recognises:

- Flying High, the Big vision & global agenda, but
- Keep feet on the Ground

Supporting:

- Member Associations and the Individual surveyor in their every day task

[Sustainable Development Goals Report - United Nations Sustainable Development](#)

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Collaborate &



ISK- Mombasa, Kenya



ZA- Cape Town, South Africa



GhIS- Elmina, Ghana

- Workshops – Annual activities, highly participatory
- Representation from West, East and Southern Africa (12 Nations)
- Active comms, and
- Rewarding our community.....

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..... Create



- Create Tools in context of SDG's
- Outcome is action orientated
- Documented: Briefing, PPT, Ideas, Tool drafting, Proceedings, Review & Design, Engagement,
- and
- Progressive: Member Associations to disseminate and build upon

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Communication: Across the Generations

- **Younger generations:** digital **quick and promoted** new approaches in our outputs.
- **Recognising Four generations beginning to be reflected** the workplace, consequently
Greater inter-generational understanding
- **Attracting young talent** our profession has to remain relevant and attractive to future generations.



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Co ordinate: Voluntary guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure



- **VGGT;** International soft law, World community
 - Ivory Coast, **Abidjan 2016;** African Land Professionals Working to ensure good land governance, with
 - **Federation of French Geomatics Surveyors (FGF)** Promoting Anglophone & Francophone collaboration (challenges accepted)
- Supported by
- Dr W. Odame Larbi (**AU/ FAO**) and I Mwathane (**AU/LPI**)
 - **West Africa Young surveyors** in the Core team

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Contribute- Global Outreach

- **FIG Mandate:** Joint activities with sister organisations and common policy-making to reduce poverty and facilitate sustainable development

Importantly, society awareness of complexity of land and built environment impact on global agenda

- A significant **change in attitudes** toward land with the rise of human rights law and the proposals in the SDG's
- Examples in UN GGIM, FFP & NUA.....



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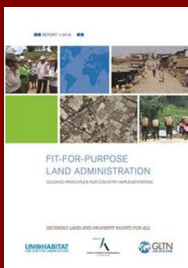


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Contribute.....



- UN GGIM: platform for effective strategies on how to build and strengthen national capacity on geospatial information, and
- Includes an expert group on land administration and management



- FFP: There is an urgent need to build systems to provide security of tenure & control of the use of land.
- When building such systems the focus should be on a "fit-for-purpose approach" that will meet the needs of society today and can be incrementally improved over time

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Chapter iii: What we've done well

In the immediate past

1. Young Surveyors
2. Global Outreach
3. Succession planning, and
4. Building on operationalisation
5. Looking forward

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What: Africa Young Surveyors

- Ownership FIG Agenda ARN/ YS (Regional and International)
- Regional meetings (West in numbers)
- Voluntary Surveyors Community Program (VCSP/GLTN)
- Stepping up and transitioning



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What: Professional global outreach



International collaboration with UN/GLTN, for example

Implementing Projects

- SURCON, **Fit for Purpose** (M.M. Kabir Nigeria)
- **Valuation of Unregistered lands**, K Asama (Ghana Chair C8) J Kavanagh (UK project lead & Vice Chair C9)
- **Urban Rural Land Linkages**, Chegbu
- YS program **VSCP** (D Egble, R Sharma) Map the world a better place
- And **Senior positions**: VP Commission Chair, YS Chair, Foundation Director, Engagement C

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What: Succession planning



Jennifer Whittle

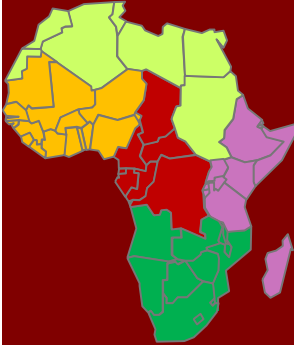
- Always active in ARN e.g University hosted ARN workshop
- Logo, Web page, Facebook, communications
- Mentoring initiative (ongoing)

Then

- Called by Council to be FIG Foundation Director.....

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Council appointed FIG current ARN Chair (2021)



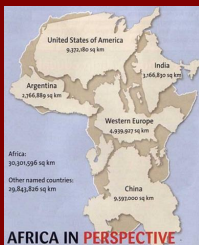
Mohamed Mamman Kabir

- Communications, social media/ vibrant **WhatsApp**
- Established Sub Regional Chairs
- Picking up on FIG Work plan Sustainability Vision to ensure relevance & Societal benefit
- Diversity Agenda
 - Women in surveying
 - Youth
- And, leadership to continue this chapter....

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Now: Continuing this chapter and beyond



Appreciate your Value Add, and Encourage you to continue.....

People: Consider the role that African professionals will play.

Planet: Climate action is underpinning everything we need to do now. To walk the path to climate equity we need adaptive and resilient action

Partnership: With FIG members, corporates and with AU (Agenda 2063).....

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4. Serving People and Planet 2030 and Beyond



Tackling the Global Challenges

- Call to Action: contribute with your engagement and collaboration
- We can strengthen our member engagement and work in partnership
- Working global to regional to local
- We do the very best we can over the coming decades

Above all,

FIG and ARN works with intent, in Partnership with our members

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FIG Working Weeks



Build on Sustainability

- 2023 Orlando – Climate
 - Protecting our world Conquering New Frontiers
- 2024 Accra – Planet & Resources
 - Building resilient environment (land & sea)
- 2025 Brisbane – Geospatial/ People
 - Collaboration, Innovation and Resilience: Championing a Digital Generation

And.....,

- Congress - 2026 Cape Town
 - Previous WW: Morocco, Nigeria

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Embrace the power of learning together



Conscious emphasis Through Professional Associations:

- **Leadership**
- **Build the capacity**
- **Guiding Principles-** Expand the Knowledge base at all levels, Think ahead, identify and use appropriate tools.

Above all, a shared vision;

“To shape the future you must first imagine

- **Wangari Muta Maathai** (1940- 2011)
protector of trees but also societal values.

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From Seeds Grow Trees



..... 15 years Ago,
We have travelled far;
We will continue
because...



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Our Journey is far reaching!



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Thank You

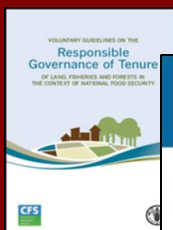
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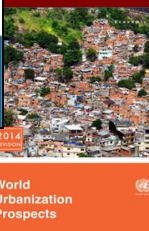
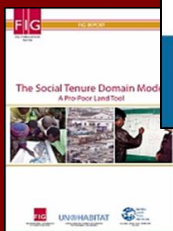
The Global Agenda

Promoting human rights and gender equity



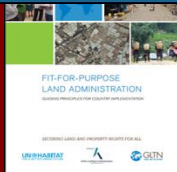
Applying responsible governance of tenure

Applying the social tenure domain model



Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Rapid urbanisation and slum upgrading



Building Fit-For-Purpose LA systems - fast, affordable and upgradeable.



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