

**Report to the 40th General Assembly
FIG Working Week 2017, Helsinki, Finland**

**FIG Regional Capacity Development Network (CDN)
Report of Activities 2016**

The Chair is pleased to present the report of the Regional Capacity Development Network. This report sets out the overall direction and covers the period 2016.

The FIG Capacity Development Network (CDN) aims to support FIG regional member associations and academic members. The network envisages regional approaches to working, and emerged in response to consideration by the FIG Council and approved by the General Assembly in Sofia, Bulgaria, in May 2015. The Network terms of reference and supporting material can be viewed at http://www.fig.net/organisation/networks/capacity_development/index.asp

The CDN operates as an umbrella framework that enables individual members to unify into their own Regional networks (RN) to meet their specific capacity building needs. Although the geographical regions are not prescriptive it is anticipated that regions identify their own out-reach.

Accordingly the focus is led by FIG Member Associations to understand and build the capacity of the surveying association and individual surveyors to act as agents of positive change and encourage the process of development and growth for the benefit of the Region and its people.

Each region best understands its needs, thus within the CDN framework the Regions act independently. Consequently to establish a RN an appropriate business case needs to be submitted and agreed at FIG Council. This business case outlines the overarching mandate for each region clearly stating "how to develop and build the capacity of land professionals to enable them to effectively embrace current global trends in their respective regions".

The Africa Regional Network (ARN) was the first to be established under this umbrella network, and an additional region has followed with the establishment in the Asia Pacific region of the **Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network** (AP CDN).

In 2016, FIG Council received and approved a business plan from the AP CDN, led by **Rob Sarib**. Outlined in this business plan, the aim is to help professionals to address the challenges associated with global geospatial trends, and accordingly is closely partnering with the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Asia Pacific (UN GGIM AP)

FIG Council will warmly welcome other regional initiatives from FIG members. All interested members should contact Vice president Dr D Dumashie during the FIG 2017 working week or on email at ddd@dumashie.co.uk.

Finally, the chair is pleased to receive annual reports from the Africa region and Asia Pacific region.

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