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## The Role of FIG in International Trends and Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem - FIG Task Force, Chair Abbas Rajabifard -

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## What is a FIG Task Force?

'The FIG Council may establish Task Forces to research and to advise on matters of an administrative or of a general policy nature. They will normally be of short duration and will be concluded on the presentation and acceptance of their reports by the Council and, where necessary, the General Assembly. Their composition, chairs, terms of reference and work plans shall be approved by the Council. The Task Force reports will normally be delivered to and accepted by the Council and the General Assembly.'

**Task  
Force**

## Background

- FIG continually reviews its role and function to maintain its international impact while providing services not only to its members but also its global partners.
- FIG examines its role, the functions and competencies of surveyors, to make sure they remain aligned with international trends and domain specific drivers of our industry.
- This is in the context of the UN Sustainability Agenda as well as international trends and emerging geospatial information ecosystem.
- The Task Force centred upon the involvement of FIG members in geospatial fields to re-position their international standing and assert the essential relevance of geospatial experts in international markets.

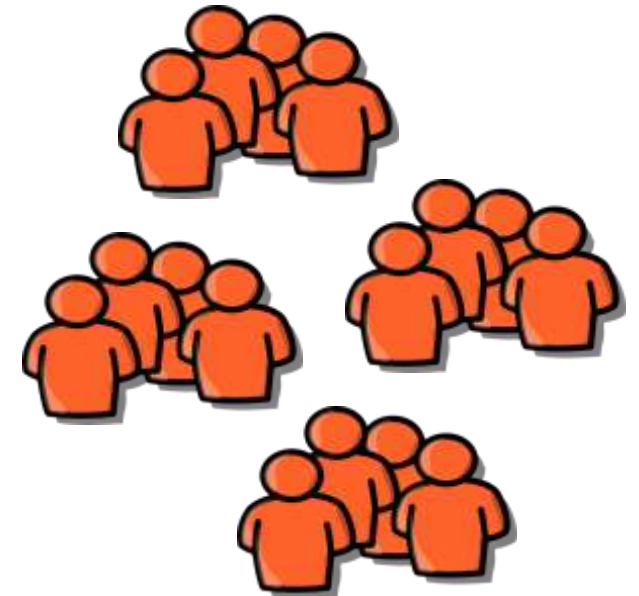
## Main Objectives

- to assess and improve the **impact** of FIG for its members and partners (existing and new partners),
- to assess and improve the **role** of FIG in international trends and future geospatial information ecosystem, as well as the role of members in global geospatial market, and
- to provide **recommendations** for FIG Council to adopt and implement the outcomes of the above objectives.



## Unified, collaborative, transparent and consultative approach with FIG members

- What are the strengths of FIG members?
- What do FIG members currently do?
- Why is it relevant?
- How to position FIG members in current international context?
- .....



## Deliverables

- **Assessment and analysis of FIG's current impact**  
*(Impact currently achieved, Investigation of trends and initiatives, Identification of priority areas),*
- **Assessment and review of international trends and future geospatial information ecosystem**  
*(FIG's current and potential partners and activities, Interrelations between FIG commissions, networks and international entities, Challenges and opportunities)*



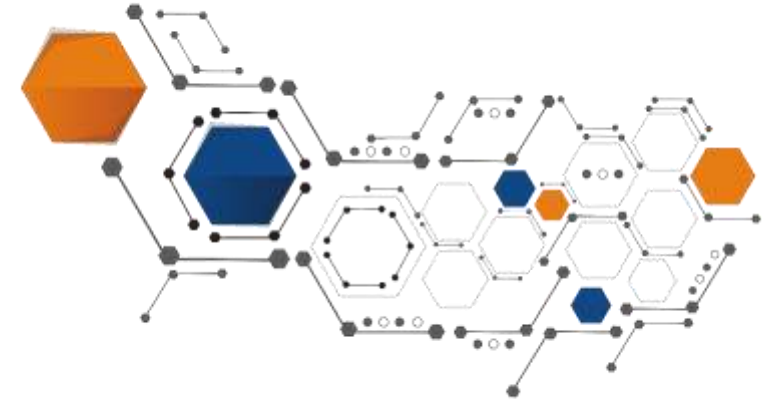
## Outcomes and Outputs

- Outcome is to reinforce and grow FIG's influence as a key and influential organisation within the global geospatial data ecosystem,
- Outputs could include a FIG booklet, series of reports/recommendations/contributions to the development of FIG profession (etc).



## Pathway and Implementation

- Work plan to list Task Force activities and milestones,
- SWOT analysis of FIG current strategy and operation,
- Trend analysis to ascertain FIG's readiness in this context,
- Mapping of interrelations between FIG commissions, networks, partners, international entities,
- Identification of challenges and opportunities, and of international players and authorities,
- Development and preparation of reports on findings, and recommendations to FIG council.





## Task Force Members

- Abbas Rajabifard, Australia (Chair),
- Hartmut Müller, Germany,
- Mikael Lilje, Sweden,
- Daniel Steudler, Switzerland,
- James Norris, United Kingdom,
- Kirsikka Riekkinen, Finland,
- Fredrik Zetterquist, Sweden,
- Adamu Bala, Nigeria,
- Others to be identified



## The Role of FIG in International Trends and Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem - FIG Task Force - Deliverables and Schedule

Activities	Aims	Expected Delivery
TOR Council Approval	TOR Approval	February 2023- <b>Done</b>
TF and TOR General Assembly Approval	FIG Week Orlando	May 2023
TF detailed Work Plan development with expected milestones and deliveries	Detailed Work Plan	July 2023
Assess 1: SWOT analysis of the FIG current strategy and operation, its activities with major partners and members	Evidence base for impact of FIG	Aug-Dec 2023
Mapping of interrelations between FIG commissions, networks, partners, and international entities		Oct-Dec 2023
Assess 2: Review of International geospatial trends and future ecosystem	To better understand potential future directions of development and to ascertain the readiness of FIG in this context	2023-2024
Identification of challenges and opportunities for FIG and main international players and authorities to interact		2024
Conduct a series of open seminars/panel discussions/workshops (virtual/f2f) to identify and capture relevant inputs for the operation and the communications of the TF	At least one activity per year, and in 2025 the activity would be to launch the outcomes of the TF	2023-2025
<b>Regular Reports on the TF findings, and recommendations to Council</b>		2023-2025
Final Publication- a Strategy Roadmap	For release at the FIG 2025 Working Week in Brisbane	June 2025