



FIG Working Week 2024

19-24 May

Accra, Ghana

Your World, Our World:
Resilient Environment
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FIG MEMBER ASSOCIATION FORUM

Chair: Mr. Tony Wheeler, CEO Geospatial Council of Australia, Host of FIG 2025 Working Week
Brisbane Rapporteur: Ms. Dijkstra Paula, Chair TF on SDG, Netherlands





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About the Member Association Forum

FIG Member Association Presidents and representatives are invited to this Forum to discuss issues of relevance and importance to member associations, to network and to exchange.

Attendees can raise issues relevant to their association or discuss FIG matters and this meeting will be held prior to the Presidents meeting, so that if needed, messages can be brought to FIG President and council.

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Proposed Topics of the Member Association Forum

Suggested topics are related to council theme 'Tackling the global challenges' and the three key objectives of Planet, People, and Partnership and the more inward focusing objective governance and communication.

- Building professional capacity for our members to stay technically up to date, to ensure that surveyors fulfil their role for sustainable development
- Effective membership engagement to ensure everyone gets the benefits of being a member at national, regional and global level.
- Conducting modern, successful, innovative conferences

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Guiding Questions for Discussion

- Attraction of youth to Geospatial/Surveying Careers
 - What Programmes around the world are most effective?
 - E.g. A Class of Your Own (Design Engineer Construct)
- Does the current FIG Organisational Structure, I.E Commissions, Task Forces Etc reflect the current operation environment.
 - Is it consistent with the current industry and operating environment?
 - Are there gaps – e.g Earth Observation, Remote Sensing, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data
- How can FIG be more relevant to its member association individual members
 - How do we activate our memberships to support the FIG goals and objectives - Local Forums?

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Attraction of youth to Geospatial/Surveying Careers

What Programmes around the world are most effective? E.g. A Class of Your Own (Design Engineer Construct)

- Good examples from different countries
- Global programs seem to have impact (Global Surveyors Day, Get kids into Survey, Careers days, Class of Your Own etc)
- Entry level to education is an attention point and recognised across the globe
 - Reduction of fear
 - Review application procedures
 - Show the career paths – Clear and Consistent Professional Classifications
 - Short courses
- Social Media is important to get the word out, on the platform the youth is using. This requires time, effort and expertise (of others)

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Does the current FIG Organisational Structure, I.E Commissions, Task Forces Etc reflect the current operation environment.

- Member Associations recognise that FIG is an organisation of volunteers, it has strengths and weaknesses.
 - Are we inclusive enough?
- Communication / cooperation: the connections between Member Associations, FIG, commissions can be done better. Information delay / lack of feedback and responses.
 - Clarity of what commissions are working on / delivering – Greater visibility
- Definition of surveyors: is it valid and applicable still today?
- Ethics popped up as topic in different groups.
- Recommendation to think about how to respond as FIG to global dynamics (Task Forces could be used as example)
- There is a balance what we can do for FIG, what can FIG do for us?

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How can FIG be more relevant to its Member Association's individual members How do we activate our memberships to support the FIG goals and objectives - Local Forums?

- Greater interaction with Member Associations
- Member Associations have a responsibility to share FIG information and News among their members
- It would be helpful to communicate the benefits of FIG membership – a standard song sheet would assist so the message is consistent around the world.
- Greater interaction between Member Associations, FIG can be the broker/catalyst to do this
- Consider communications channels beyond email, E.g. WhatsApp groups, MS Teams, SLACK etc
- Make a TV Show or Netflix series on “A day in the life of a Surveyor”
- Work more closely with Sponsors to undertake capacity building
- Global Certification Standards led by FIG?
- Consider formation of 4-6 regional networks of FIG for more regular meetings and forums





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Recording of the discussion - Why

- Open & Transparent
- Participants can check what is recorded
- Participants feel heard and listened to
- Reduces tension
- Accessible for visual learners and readers
- Helps slow and fast thinkers
- Keeps the work visible for referring back to

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Recording the Discussion - How

- A dash (-) for each point
- Lowercase
- Readable from the distance
- Start as soon as someone starts speaking
- Don't worry about spelling
- Link points, *only* when participants ask you to, with a number in a circle next to each comment
- Label each sheet (session, page, recorder's initials)
- Label the question at the top of the paper
- End of session, fold and write details of the session on the outside.

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Open Discussion

- Feedback on changed voting arrangements for Commission Chairs
- Other items raised

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International Federation of Surveyors supports the Sustainable Development Goals

Thank you!

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