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AFRICA SPECIAL

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hello all! And welcome to 2013!

This year the FIG YSN really ramps up activities – it would be awesome to see a Young Surveyors activity happening in every region this year. Can we do it? We'll make a good start I know. At the moment we're planning for the FIG Working Week 2013, to be held in Abuja from May 6th – 10th. I know the young Nigerian surveyors are working hard to ensure this event has a truly Nigerian flavor! Applications are now open for African young surveyors to apply for funding from the FIG Foundation. Take a look at our Facebook page or our website at www.fig.net/ysn - and who knows, perhaps we'll see you there? Note that, as with all funding opportunities, funds are particularly tight – so we'll be looking for outstanding applicants, and those who are co-supported as representatives of their national associations will definitely have an edge.

The European Young Surveyors Network is also ramping up activities, so watch this space! If you are a European young surveyor, then make sure you are in touch with us via Facebook, as well as your National Association – ask them, do they have a nominated young surveyor representative to the FIG? If not, they should! And you may be the person to take on this role.

The same goes for young surveyors in the Americas – this newsletter edition reports back from two recent events, the FIG Regional Conference in Montevideo Uruguay, and the Trimble User Conference. WE'll be looking to build on the momentum from these two events, but would love to have your feedback and ideas on what we can do to best support and represent you.

And for young surveyors in Asia and Oceania ... well, the next two years represent your best opportunity yet to get involved! In 2013 we'll be present at the South East Asia Survey Congress in Manila in June, and we're looking to host a joint event with Commission 6 later in the year in China. And of course, 2014 is the big year, with the FIG Congress to be hosted by Kuala Lumpur. So now is the time to get involved! See you there?!

All the best!

Kate Fairlie, Chair FIG YSN

Professional
Development

Don't hesitate to get involved!

Everybody is welcome and we are always looking forward to broaden our Network!

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The 8th FIG Regional Conference was held in Montevideo, Uruguay from the 26th - 29th November. The overarching theme was "Surveying towards Sustainable Development" - to be understood in the broadest sense, to include sustainability of the profession as well as the environment, hence the Young Surveyors Network were a key part of proceedings.

Two dedicated sessions were held, hosted jointly by the FIG Young Surveyors Network and the UN-HABITAT Global Land Tools Network on "Youth Responsiveness in the Land Sector". These sessions addressed recent efforts by the GLTN to determine youth needs with relation to land access and land use - including an overview of a recent scoping study, available at

http://www.umb.no/statisk/clts/towards_a_youth_agenda_for_gltn.pdf

In short, there is no clear definition of 'youth' (in the FIG, we use under 35) and despite accounting for approximately 70% of the population of many developing countries, a recognition of youth as partners rather than beneficiaries is only slowly developing.

Youth contributions to the Social Tenure Domain Model were also presented (see our previous newsletter for more info on this model!). Participants also heard from the young Latin American surveyors about their experiences in this region - for a snapshot, see the profiles presented by the FIG Foundation Award winners - **Thobias Furlanetti** from Brazil, **Genique Kemp** from the Bahamas and **Melissa Robert** from Uruguay.

The next FIG Young Surveyor event will be at the 2013 Working Week in Abuja - see you there!

By Kate Fairlie



Happy Young Surveyors from Latin America



Chryssy Potsiou, Eva-Maria Unger, Fausto Savoldi, Kate Fairlie



Eva-Maria Unger, Melissa Robert, Thobias Furlanetti, John Hohol, Genique Kemp, Kate Fairlie

A full Report of the 8th FIG Regional Conference, including the speeches can be found on the FIG website.



Hello,
In a personal way, I think the FIG Regional Conference was a great event that let us know about different realities in the countries all around the world, enriching us and understanding that there is so many things to study and improve, besides watching the fantastic changes that new technologies are achieving. In my point of view as a student, it motivated us so much because it was an open door who let us go through our countries reality and being aware about our capacity to help improve other countries with different problematic as well as implement new ideas in our own country.

by Melissa Robert



The MEET HET founders left to right. Jonas Van Dosselaer, Jonas Van Hooreweghe, Bram Van Londersele

Franchising for surveyors

Did you ever want to set up your own company, but wondered where to start and whether you would succeed?

Three Belgian young surveyors created a structure allowing others to start their own surveying company in a controlled environment with minimal risk. MEET HET (Dutch for 'measure it') is a network of associated surveyors based on the same franchise system that big companies, such as McDonald's are applying. The group facilitates the start-up and growth of agencies by providing technical and economical know-how, IT services, marketing tools, education and rental service of specialized equipment. Within this structure, surveyors can develop their own speciality and rely on the network, which allows the group to offer a large variety of surveying and mapping services in a large geographical region. Young surveyors with an entrepreneurial mindset can become a MEET HET licensee to start their own office.

More information can be found on the website.
www.meet-het.be

by Bram Van Londersele

*A Big Thank You
to the
FIG Foundation
to give me
the possibility
to take part
in this event!!!*

Trimble Photo Competition 2012

Narelle Underwood submitted the photo for the Trimble Photo Competition, which was taking place at the first FIG YSN Conference in Rome. The photo shows her family enjoying the atmosphere at the Coliseum in Rome during the FIG Working Week.



Congratulation's Narelle!!!

Narelle Underwood receiving her Trimble Juno Prize from Scott Barling, a representative from Ultra Positioning, Trimble's local distributor in Sydney.



9th Japanese Young Cadastral Surveyor Conference

Held on 26th - 28th November 2012 in Sapporo, Japan

Greetings to all young surveyors of the world!

My name is Hyunkee Lee, Assistant manager at Korea Cadastral Surveyor Corporation. With the invitation from Mister Fujii, a member of FIG Young Surveyors Network, I have been able to attend the 9th Japanese Young Cadastral Surveyor Conference held in Sapporo, Japan. The conference was held at Bier Garten, located next to a historical beer museum, and 160 young cadastral surveyors from Japan have gathered to attend this event.

Before the main event, we have had a good time introducing each other with some beer. The event started at two o'clock, and we had a memorial of Mister Nakajima, former vice manager of the Japanese Young Surveyor Conference, who had passed away earlier this year. Following was a simple self introduction of the members. In my case, being the first foreign guest of the conference made me nervous, but I have managed to introduce myself successfully.

The next step was a report by Mister Fujii on the 1st FIG young surveyor conference, which was held in Rome. He was able to summarize and share the main points of the two-day agenda very smoothly. In addition there were some simple discussions about the attendance of the FIG Working Week, which is held every year.

After Mister Fujii's report was over, some time was allocated for me to present my research topic, "A Study of Precision Survey on Cultural Heritage by Using TLS (Terrestrial Laser Scanner) and the application plan for 3D contents" The main points of the presentation were the sequence of my projects and future application, and luckily, there was positive feedback and many questions were raised. It was a good experience to form a bond between Japanese surveyors with the topic of artifact restoration utilizing laser scanners. I was extremely pleased to be asked to attend the local Surveyor Conference held next year after the presentation.

One memorable event was the first 'Otokomae' nomination. It was to select the most handsome and gentle young cadastral surveyor. Mister Kazunari, who was nominated amongst the one hundred sixty surveyors, received a souvenir shirt and gifts.

In my personal opinion, this event is extremely helpful for Japanese young surveyors to build friendship and share latest information. **Thanks to meeting Mister Fujii at the first Young Surveyors Conference at Rome, I, a foreign surveyor, was able to attend this event.**

Hopefully, through FIG YSN, I wish for more interaction between surveyors around the world. I even imagine propelling a international project by understanding and sharing others' strengths by this interaction.

Lastly, I thank Mr. Fujii again for the invitation and will conclude my attendance report.

By HyunKee LEE



Photo Contest 2013

*How did you spend your **holidays in 2012?**
Did you work surveying or go somewhere on vacation?
Send **ONE** photo (of course the best one)
to: fig.youngsurveyors@gmail.com*

We are excited to see your pictures and of course the winner of the contest will also get a prize by ESRI!

FIG YSN representative on tour through the US

Trimble Dimension, Fresno State University, ESRI Redlands

Heyhey dear young surveyors all around the world here I want to tell you and let you also take part in the trip to the US as a FIG Young Surveyors Network representative.

This November the FIG Foundation gave me the opportunity to visit the United States and meet with two sponsors of FIG, Trimble and Esri. I took part in the Trimble Dimensions 2012 in Las Vegas, which took place from 5th - 7th November. Trimble invited me as a representative of the FIG Young Surveyors Network and in the name of our network I took that opportunity for saying thanks to Trimble and Esri for everything they have been doing - they are doing and - they hopefully will do in supporting the FIG Young Surveyors Network. Trimble and Esri are supporting our network from the scratch since we started as either in actively taking part in the conferences as some of you have seen in Rome, helping young entrepreneurs with advice getting contacts of distributors all around the world or helping with training or even just sponsoring caps, T-shirts or anything else for our funny picture competition.

Let me say some word about the Trimble Dimensions- it's massive, it's huge- everything you would expect from a conference in Las Vegas and the US. Except for the part that I have never seen daylight in the days I have been there (concept of a casino) it was really eye'opening and you could see that the company is not just an instrument /tool provider they are aware of the future and things which are happening in the world. Here you can find the link about Trimble Dimensions: www.trimbledimensions.com. I also got the chance to meet with Steve W. Berglund, the CEO and President of Trimble and I can tell you that there is not just Keith Hofgartner and John Whitehead, who we are normally meeting at our events, the Trimble family is huge and they are all interested in what we are doing and are keen to supporting us. I encourage all of you to take part in the next Student Paper competition organised by Trimble where you can win a trip to Las Vegas to attend Trimble Dimensions and a Trimble R8 GNSS System for your class. This year's winner was David Hyland from the Dublin Institute of Technology with the paper on "An Assessment of Ocean Tide Loading on Network RTK and Mitigation Methods in Ireland." Of course I got in touch with him and told him about our Network and he was keen to join so let's welcome David Hyland and I am sure that if you have any question on the process of the Student Paper or on the paper itself he will answer them.



The next stop of John Hohol, president of the FIG Foundation, and me was in Fresno. We met with Daniel Helmricks, who is our US representative and the editor of this newsletter, and all of us visited the university there and presented FIG and the FIG Young Surveyors Network in front of professors and students. They all have been impressed, I guess. At least nearly all of them came afterwards to the front talking with Daniel, John and I asking a lot of specific questions about FIG and the FIG Foundation. We also welcome Claudia Barrueto who will help Daniel to represent our Network in the US. There are still a lot of challenges they have to face but I am sure they will handle them. Good luck to them and I can say that we are all looking forward to reports about the US approaches within our network. After this successful event we made the way to Los Angeles and no it's not the city of Angels it's the city of Hollywood and Disneyland! But that was not the purpose!

Originally it was planned to meet with Jack Dangermond the Esri president in Redlands where the headquarters and campus is situated. Esri is a huge and really exciting company and I guess everybody knows it and is somehow familiar with their pioneering tools. Unfortunately we couldn't meet Jack Dangermond due to a spontaneous meeting in New Zealand. But nevertheless I could meet with Donny Sosa and his boss and I also got the opportunity to meet with the Disaster Management group of Esri who showed me some of their solutions and implementations. Their vision all in all is to make geoinformation available and understandable for everybody and they are doing a great job in that in my point of view. They are taking part in the future as we want to do that through our network. It's great that Esri is supporting us and hopefully will continue that because they can see the value in the Network. Telling my experiences here with Esri I would also like to point out the upcoming Esri User Conference 2013 from 8th - 12th July taking place in San Diego. Here is the link for more information: www.esri.com/events/user-conference/index.html

All in all it was an awesome once in a lifetime experience and I especially want to thank the FIG Foundation, which made this possible, and also especially Trimble and Esri for their great support for the FIG Young Surveyors Network. I was there representing the FIG Young Surveyors Network and **WE** want to say **THANKS!**

by Eva-Maria Unger

FIG YSN representative on tour through the US

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During the past semester, we here at California State University of Fresno had the privilege of receiving Daniel Helmricks, Eva-Maria Unger, and John Hohol from the FIG. Until recently, I was not familiar with the FIG. As many of you know, the United States has been quite absent from FIG. Therefore, I was very interested in discovering that these representatives from the FIG were willing to speak for students at my college. I am impressed with what FIG and the FIG Young Surveyors Network are achieving, bringing the professionals from around the world closer together.

What I found most intriguing was the Eva's presentation on FIG Young Surveyors Network. As many know the average age for a surveyor in the Western World is rather high, reaching 57 years old here in the United States. This has become a problem, as fewer and fewer young people are available to fill the gap. The Young Surveyors Network is helping this younger generation through international networking and contacts. It is helping generate comradeship among surveyors from many different countries across the globe.

In conclusion, I found the presentation extremely informative, alerting all of us here at Fresno State that there is a whole network of young surveyors from all over the world, bonding together to create an organization that reaches across countries and continents. This can create a unity among professionals that transcends governments and social structures, creating a group of people that can focus on bettering the world rather than focusing solely on their own immediate surroundings.

By Jesse Patten



Daniel Helmricks, Claudia Barruto, Eva-Maria Unger



FIG Working Week 2013

6–10 May, Abuja, Nigeria

“Environment for Sustainability”



Nicon Luxury Hotel seen from the front



Nicon Luxury Hotel pool area and hotel



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FIG Working Week 2013

6–10 May, Abuja, Nigeria

"Environment for Sustainability"

This year the FIG YSN really ramps up activities and I write this eagerly anticipating another inspiring Working Week – this time, Abuja Nigeria! I know the young Nigerian surveyors are working hard to ensure this event has a truly Nigerian flavour! In this 'Abuja' edition we'll highlight the YSN activities you can look forward to (or read about on facebook!).

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For those in Abuja, make sure to come and say hi during the conference, particularly during our afternoon joint YS-Commission sessions. Many thanks to ESRI and Trimble for continuing to actively support us – be sure to check out their trade booths and mention you're a young surveyor! See you in Abuja, or at an event near you!

All the best!

Kate Fairlie, Chair FIG YSN

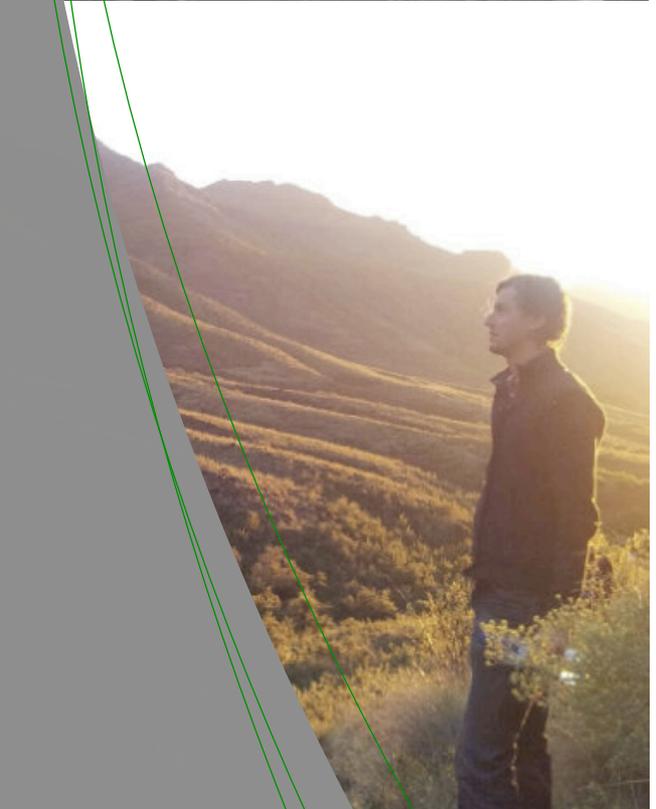
Has one of you ever visited Lesotho? Probably not. Lesotho is a tiny little country, totally enclosed by South Africa. It's unfortunately and unfairly very unknown. It's poor, development has never reached a serious turning point and all progress is slow. It's beautiful though: the mountainous landscape, the friendly people and, for a Dutchy, the amounts of sunshine make this country very attractive to Africa-explorers.

I'm following a two year traineeship at YSE Program powered by the Dutch Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency, in short Kadaster and based in the Netherlands. This means basically that I work 4 days a week for the Dutch Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency and that I join YSE Program one day a week for training and personal development. As part of this program I could work with Kadaster International at the Land Administration Reform Project in Lesotho. This project aims to regularize all urban land in Maseru, the capital city of Lesotho. I have joined this project for three months, and will be joining them again for another three months in 2013.

This experience was fantastic. In a country like Lesotho 'land' is suddenly a very exciting subject. Cadastral mapping, land ownership, registration and rights are new and unknown concepts. I am so curious if this regularization of land would lead to economic development, I hope it will. If the rights of land owners are covered it must result in some security and reliance in governance. And that, slowly but surely, should result in economic development on the long haul. I've studied Business Geography and to be in such a land reform project in Africa in my first professional year is incredible.

Africa is an amazing continent. And to work there for a few months is different than travelling through it. When you settle yourself there, you get to know the people and the culture. You hear the stories. You feel the African vibe. And you see the differences. The way of thinking, the way of living... it's almost 180 degrees the other way around. The people surprise you with their joy and white-teeth smiles, but also with poverty and their lack of opportunities to develop themselves. This is mostly caused by corruption and the dependency on the developed countries. But also on their poor entrepreneurial mindset, which seems to be numb somehow. The focus is 'today' and scarcely 'tomorrow'. It all makes Africa bittersweet. And in the end, you may leave Africa, but Africa never leaves you.

by Reinko de Vries



YOUNG SURVEYORS EXPERIENCES



"The sessions were of much value and the workshop broadened my perspective of the that we can do as professionals, and that there are quite a number of things we are doing wrong. First, the question of integrity, transparency and accountability seems to bring us down. The positions we are occupying in the society by virtue of our profession, instead of exploiting them to the advantage of the masses, we are abusing them for selfish use. Some of us have become systemized and corrupt, thereby resulting into the scenario where the professionals are engaged in the governance yet the environment is getting degraded, infrastructure is being ill managed and there is basically no order, a scenario which the Giraffes called the broken pot scenario. A broken pot can hold just a little water, but eventually it will run dry....that is how dire the situation is, and to me I could identify with it, since to some extent it applies to Kenya, my home country."

by Leah Njuguna

"As a young surveyor this meeting helped me understand the task that await me in the future on issues and events that affect the environment of our planet, also how to find the methods and tools to find solutions to these problems. All thanks to the FIG Foundation, which has provided my transportation costs for me to attend this meeting. The support of the foundation has allowed me to participate in this workshop on environmental reliance. What caught my attention, as a young surveyor is the organizing this meeting and especially the educational aspect was very remarkable, i.e. how the themes were presented, allowed everyone to give their opinion and contribution, but also understanding the purpose of the subject."

by Adama SARR



"On my attendance to the workshop I learned in general on how best Land Professionals may contribute towards the environmental sustainability by consider the effects of global warming and climate change in the coming 25 years. How we can have development projects in planning of infrastructures while protecting the environment? Specifically in my workshop group (Flamingo group) we used a matrix to demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages if *Land Professionals are engaged and Resources Protected (Described as Milk and Honey)*, *Land Professionals are engaged and Resources degraded (Described as Might is Right)*, *Land Professional are not engaged and Resource Protected (Described as Survival of the fittest)* and *If Land Professionals are not engaged and resource not protected (Described as Reign of Terror)*."

by Allan-Luther Matontu

A very good day to all of you and a warm welcome as we celebrate the gathering of the future land professionals, the Young Surveyors Network.

It is an exceptional event to me and more especially the Nigerian Young Surveyors Network. About a year ago in Rome I was in the company of some Nigerian Young Surveyors and we said to ourselves- "Nigerian YS would match or surpass the achievements of the Italian Young Surveyors". This year, Nigeria is hosting the FIG working week; unfortunately we are missing the Young Surveyors Conference preceding the working week as we had in Rome- we never renege on our determination for you to feel the impact of the Nigerian Young Surveyors on the working week's activities itself.

Nigeria, being the most populous Black Country, makes it well equipped with highest numbers of professional from which our noble profession proudly stands out, hence the Young Surveyors. Nigerian Young Surveyors are in their thousands, drawn from different with different cultures but with the goal of standing out as professional and more importantly this moment making you feel at home while you are thousands of Kilometers away from home.

This gathering gives us opportunity to share professional knowledge and expertise, but we have done our best to also make it a medium to unwind. Let me borrow the word of Kenny Chan (Hong Kong YSG); "we are always told to turn our challenges into opportunities, but are we well-prepared to be the change makers before such critical moments come?" , I want to assure you that your visit to Nigeria would afford you that opportunity to be the change agent you always want to be!

On a lighter mode, the YSN Nigeria are well equipped to give you the best; those beautiful ladies and the charming young men whose smile you received from the moment you alight from your flight are not Nollywood stars, they are proudly Young Surveyors. You can be sure of enjoying their hospitality throughout your stay in the land of plenty.

Finally, we have all known of several challenges across the world albeit Nigeria is facing its own share of some challenges, but fear not as everything has been put in place for your well being throughout your stay.

It is our promise that you will want to stay longer than you have bargained for, perhaps you will want to come again. Thank you all for being here. To all those people who could not join us here today, we miss you.

Thank you.

by ARO-LAMBO, Yusuf. A



Technical Program Framework for FIG 2013
Abuja, Nigeria 6-10 May 2013
21 March 2013

Time	Saturday 4 May 2013	Sunday 5 May 2013	Time	Monday 6 May 2013	Time	Tuesday 7 May 2013	Wednesday 8 May 2013	Thursday 9 May 2013	Friday 10 May 2013	Saturday 11 May 2013
09:00-17:00		ACCO Meeting	08:00-17:30	Registration						
09:00-17:00	Joint UN-Habitat GLTN and FIG Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) Training of Trainers Workshop for Young Surveyors /Professionals	Joint UN-Habitat GLTN and FIG Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) Training of Trainers Workshop for Young Surveyors /Professionals	09:00-17:00	Joint UN-Habitat GLTN and FIG Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) Training of Trainers Workshop for Young Surveyors /Professionals	08:00-09:00	Registration	Registration Commission Annual Meetings	Registration Commission Annual Meetings	President's Meeting (08:30-10:00)	
			09:00-15:00	General Assembly 12:00-13:00 Lunch	09:00-10:30	Opening Ceremony	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums GLTN/FIG Commission 7 Session on PiLAR Member Association's Presidents/HoD Forum Roundtable on Surveyors and Grassroots	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums GLTN and FIG Commission 9 Session on Valuation & Property Taxation Corporate Members' Meeting French Speaking Session		
					10:30-11:00	Coffee Break + Opening of the Exhibition	Coffee Break	Coffee Break		
					11:00-13:00	Plenary Session I: Governance and Approaches	Plenary Session 2: Technologies and Systems	Plenary Session 3: Professional and Capacity Development	10:30 – 12:00 General Assembly	

									12:00-13:00 Lunch
					13:00-14:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
									13:00-15:00 General Assembly and Closing
		13:00-18:00 Registration		13:00-18:00 Registration	14:30-16:00	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums Joint GLTN/FIG Surveyors General Roundtable/DG Forum Academic Members Forum ATF Roundtable	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums Joint GLTN/FIG Surveyors General Roundtable /DG Forum Task Force on Surveyors and Climate Change Task Force on Property and Housing	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums FIG/WB on Land Administration and Reform in SSA GLTN/FIG Africa LPI Capacity Development Special Event	15:00-16:00 Farewell reception (Malaysia)
					16:00-16:30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break. Close of Exhibition	
				16:00 – 19:00 Welcome Reception	16:30-18:00	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums Joint GLTN/FIG Surveyors General Roundtable/DG Forum French Speaking Session YSN (Workshop/ Discussion on Crowd sourcing)	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums Joint GLTN/FIG Surveyors General Roundtable/DG Forum French Speaking Session YSN (Single-session version of the workshop that was held in Rome)	Parallel Technical Sessions and Forums FIG/WB on Land Administration and Reform in SSA YSN (Building on the STDM workshop that will precede the WW)	
17:00-19:00		Council Meeting			18:00-19:00		Reception for participants of GLTN/FIG	16:00-19:00 NIS AGM	

							Roundtable, Presidents Forum and main sponsors	17:00-19:00 Council Meeting		
20:00		NIS dinner with invited guests			20:00	19:30-23:00 Nigerian/Foundation Evening	Commission Dinners /Free	20:00-23:30 Gala Dinner		