

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH AND  
INNOVATION IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (CIB)  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)**

**1. BACKGROUND**

CIB and FIG both recognise that each is an international organisation with many complementary activities serving similar professional constituencies involving research and development into varied aspects relating to construction, environmental and land management issues.

FIG specialises in technical and professional areas such as geographic information systems, land use planning, infrastructure development, land and environmental management, property valuation, and construction economics and procurement.

CIB covers the technical, economic, environmental, organisational and other aspects of the built environment during all stages of its life cycle, addressing all steps in the process of basic and applied research, documentation and transfer of the research results, and the implementation and actual application of them.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide an effective framework for a continuing Liaison between the two Organisations, through a continuing programme of cooperation leading to a mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of the membership of both Organisations.

**3. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES**

In accordance with the background and purpose as described above, both Organisations agree to endeavour to intensify their cooperation for mutual benefit.

By way of implementation, the following steps will be taken, among others:

1. Regular contact should be established between the General Secretariat of both Organisations and their elected leaderships to introduce and maintain continuing liaison between the two organisations.
2. Each Organisation should inform the other of all Commissions, Task Groups working parties, sub groups, etc. that it has established and invite representation from the other on to each of these Groups where it is agreed that this would be appropriate and sensible.
3. Each Organisation should inform the other of its programme of proposed seminars, workshops, etc. to enable consideration as to whether joint participation would be of mutual benefit.
4. Each Organisation will discuss the provision of an agreed quantity of selected items of its published output to the other. The terms upon which it shall be provided will be the subject of mutual agreement.
5. Both Organisations may appoint representatives to participate as guests/observers in Commissions or Task Groups in the other Organisation.

6. Both organisations, on acceptance of the principles of this agreement by their duly authorized committees, will consider the establishment of joint Commissions or Task Groups to consider matters of specific and mutual interest to both Organisations. Such joint Commissions will have jointly appointed chairs/co-ordinators. A suggested topic for early consideration will be 'Sustainable development and its impact on land and the built environment'.

#### 4. FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

It is understood that neither Organisation can commit the other to any expenditure, save that from administering this agreement, without the specific written agreement of both Organisations.

#### 5. LEGAL STATUS

This Memorandum does not create a legal link between the two Organisations who will maintain their mutual independence.

CIB and FIG may propose changes in this Memorandum at any time. Any changes shall be subject to the agreement of both CIB and FIG.

Neither CIB nor FIG will make any agreements with Associations which may conflict or compete with this Memorandum of Understanding before giving advance notice and securing the agreement of the other Organisation.

#### 6. DURATION AND RENEWAL

In principle this Memorandum of Understanding will govern cooperation between FIG and CIB for a three year period, at the end of which an explicit evaluation of results achieved will take place and advice regarding continuation will be given to the governing Boards of Organisation.

SIGNED 7 January 1999

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CIB Vice President

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Date: .....

• On behalf of FIG

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