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## FIG News

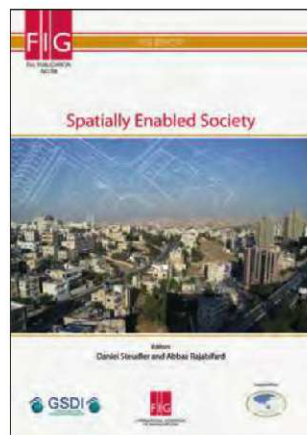
### 8<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference in Montevideo, November 2012

The 8<sup>th</sup> FIG Regional Conference will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from 26 to 29 November 2012. This event is being organised by FIG and the Asociación de Agrimensores del Uruguay (Surveyors Association of Uruguay), and its theme is "Surveying Towards Sustainable Development". The main focus will be on:

- importance and role of surveying and spatial information towards sustainable development
- technical and educational aspects of surveying and spatial information towards sustainable development
- technological and professional aspects of surveying and spatial information towards sustainable development

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### FIG Publication on Spatially Enabled Society



*The FIG Report 'Spatially Enabled Society'.*

The new FIG Publication No. 58 has been published by the FIG-Task

Force on Spatially Enabled Society in cooperation with the GSDI Association and with the support of Working Group 3 of the Permanent Committee for GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP). Edited by Daniel Steudler and Abbas Rajabifard, both of whom are well-known experts in this field, the publication suggests that the issue facing society is probably less about spatial data and more about "managing all information spatially". This is a new paradigm that still has to be explored, deliberated and understood in the context of a spatially enabled society, and this important FIG publication provides a valuable overview. To download the publication: [32](#).

### Africa Task Force: Regional Africa Workshop, 22-23 October 2012

The FIG Africa Task Force (ATF) will organise its next professional workshop in Elmina, Ghana, on 22-23 October 2012 and the event will be co-hosted by the Ghana Institution of Surveyors. The Task Force will consider and devise a new and creative 'Agenda for Action' to enable FIG members within Sub-Saharan Africa to advocate for change, and will present its findings at FIG Working Week in Abuja, Nigeria, in May 2013. This workshop will be of major importance for senior and middle managers in land and resource administration departments, tertiary educational organisations and land professional institutes. It will bring together decision-makers and practitioners from several African nations with specialists from the

various fields of expertise available among FIG members. The FIG ATF is an initiative aimed at supporting FIG African Member Associations and Academic members over the period 2010-2014. The key purpose is to enable the surveying profession in Sub-Saharan Africa to deal with social responsibility in terms of contributing to achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals. In this regard, the role of surveyors as change agents engaging with politicians is important. The Task Force will consider and present new and creative tools to revitalise and strengthen members' roles, with a focus on building the capacity of the surveying association in general, and individual surveyors in particular, to act as agents of positive change and encourage the development and growth process for the benefit of Africa and its people. Although the focus of this Task Force is on the African region, the results can of course be used as inspiration, and for implementation, in other regions such as Asia and Latin America.

For more information go to: [33](#).  
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