



**FIG Africa Task Force**  
**Workshop Manual 2009- 2014**

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## PREAMBLE

The FIG Africa Task Force was established at the FIG General Assembly in Eilat, 2009. Workshops have been organised across the African continent in the East, South and West to address the challenges that sub-Saharan African FIG Member Associations face in addressing their capacity issues.

The key purpose of the Task Force was to enable the surveying profession in Sub-Saharan Africa to deal with social responsibility in terms of contributing to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as articulated in the Terms of Reference ([www/fig/atf](http://www/fig/atf)). In this regard, the role of the surveyors as change agents engaging with the politicians and local communities is of key importance. This relates to the professional status of surveyors that, in turn, is based on the principles of social responsibility and justice.

The FIG Africa Task Force (ATF) workshop manual has, over a four year period of 2010-2014 been created from deliberations, roundtables and published outcomes of three workshops.

Each of the workshops emphasised the importance of good land governance and the role of the African Surveying Profession in contributing to meeting the key challenges of poverty alleviation, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

The Task force was led and organised by Dr Diane Dumashie, Chair of ATF, Director of Dumashie Ltd, UK. The organiser wishes to thank all who participated, contributed, supported and encouraged the work of this Task Force. Each year the Task Force invited an African member association to co-host the workshop event. In this regard, it is gratefully acknowledged the support given by the three hosts: Institution of Surveyors Kenya (ISK), University of Cape Town & South African Council of Professional and Technical Surveyors (PLATO) and Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GHIS).

## INTRODUCTION

The Task Force considered and presents in this workshop manual, new and creative tools to revitalise and strengthen members and their organisations within Sub-Saharan Africa. The focus has been to be on building the capacity of the surveying organisations and individual surveyors to act as agents of positive change and encourage the process of development and growth for the benefit of Africa and its people.

Within the framework of capacity development and professional ethics the task force looked at developing relevant tools in three key areas:

- **Peri-urban development** – to develop tools to plan for access rights to sanitation and water infrastructure in emerging informal settlements. Workshop in Mombasa, Kenya, 2010.
- **Recruitment and involvement of young surveyors and women** - concentrating on ways and means to breaking down entry barriers into the Land Profession, for young people and women. Workshop in Cape Town, South Africa, 2011

- **Environmental resilience** – to develop a response to local natural resource environmental degradation by integrating the principles of sustainable development into all stages of the building cycle process and by encouraging practices to stem the loss of environmental resources. Workshop in Elmina, Ghana, 2013.

Following this process the Africa Task Force (2009- 14) has concluded by providing a publication: **The Africa Task Force, FIG # 63**. The aim of the final publication is to present the objective and work design of the task force, identify the interlinking themes, summarise the contents and outcome of each workshop and, make recommendations for the way forward (see [www/fig/atf/reports](http://www.fig.atf/reports))

It is imperative that African Land Professional remain engaged in initiatives that will enable them to make a difference. For the first time, through the post 2015 development goals, targets specifically relating to land and societal development will be drafted; thus providing an excellent opportunity to optimise and continue the Task Force deliberations encapsulated in the Vision:

***By 2030 Africa land professionals will provide global thought leadership and promote professional leadership qualities amongst its members and within their Associations***

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