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Wealth No wealth

How do we bridge this gap ?

- People, Places, Politics and Power
- The call for Land Professionals

- Developed World needs
  - ❖ Capacity building
  - ❖ Cross border investment
  - ❖ From risk avoidance to risk management
- “The future is nearly here” (Dr Chun-ying Leung)

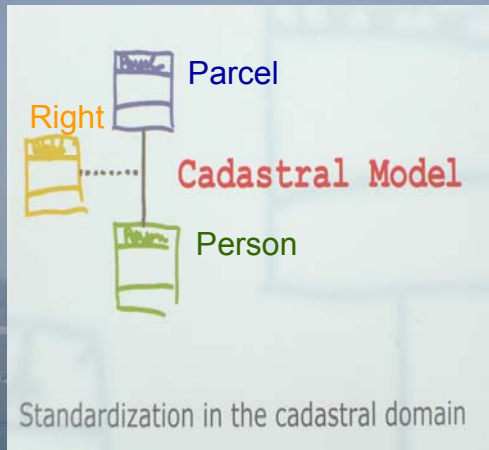
UN MDG's

- Pro-poor needs
  - ❖ Capacity building
  - ❖ Secure tenure and ability to invest
  - ❖ Acceptance of risk
- The future seems far away

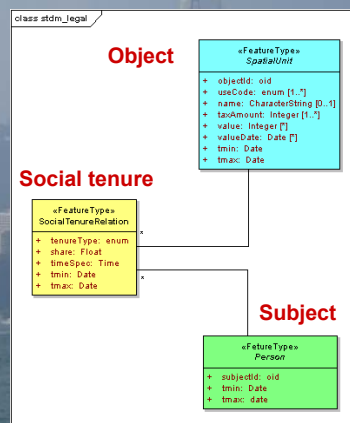
- People, Places, Politics and Power
- The Land Professionals as innovation agents for change

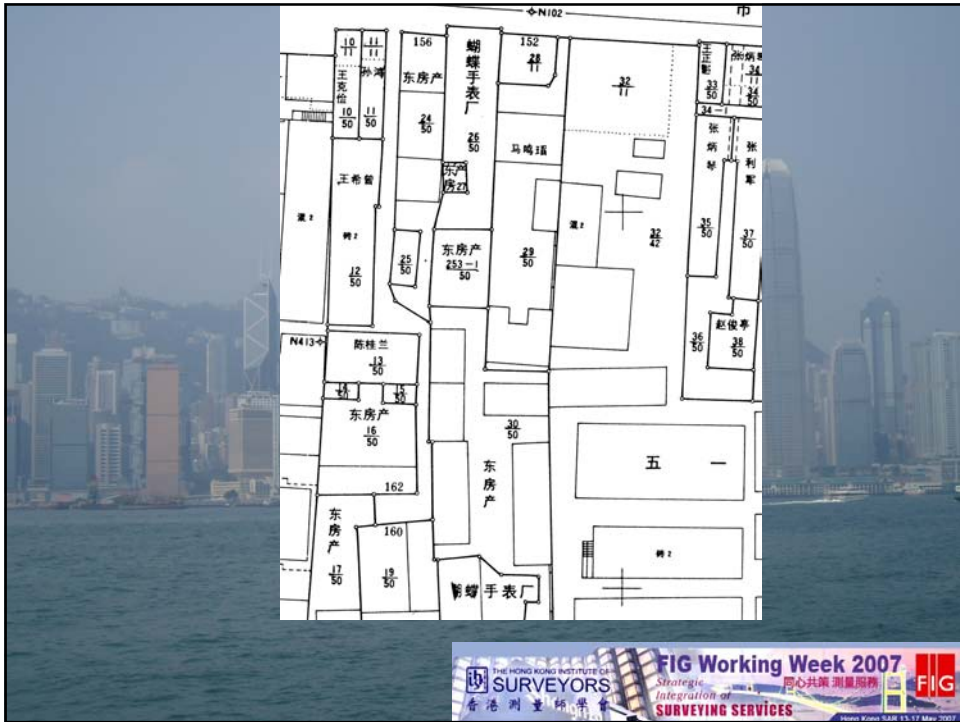


Is strongly committed to the MDGs and the UN-Habitat agenda on the GLTN

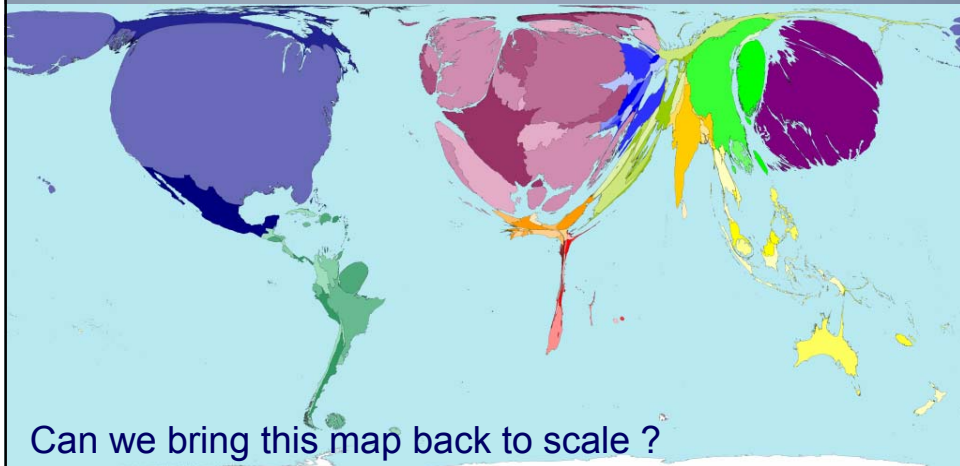


Bridging the social agenda





Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide wealth based on the Gross Domestic Product

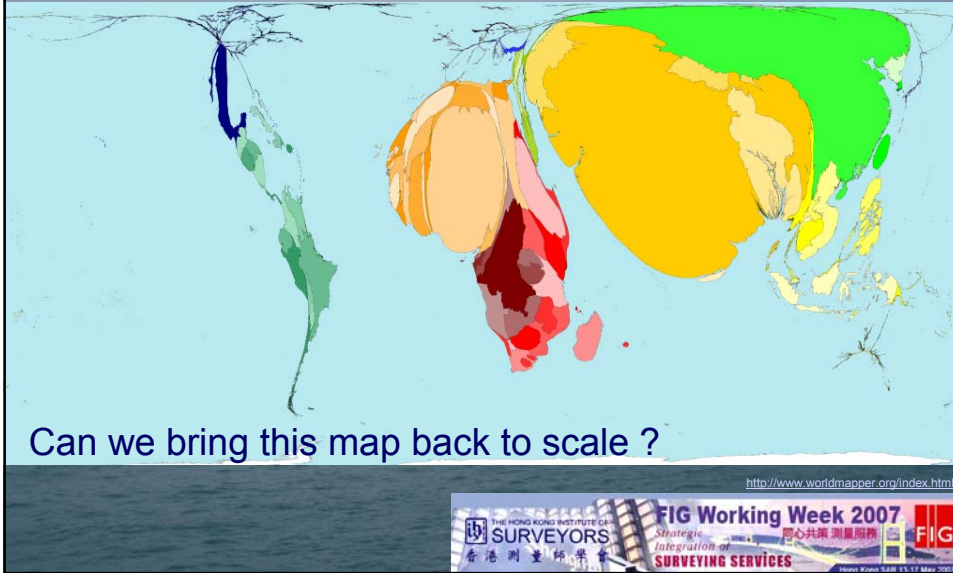


Can we bring this map back to scale ?

<http://www.worldmapper.org/index.html>



Territory size shows the proportion of all people living on less than one US\$ per day

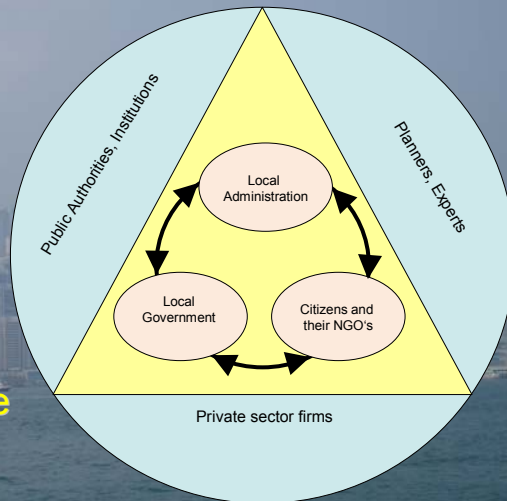


Spatial distribution of the world's mega cities 2015



# What is governance?

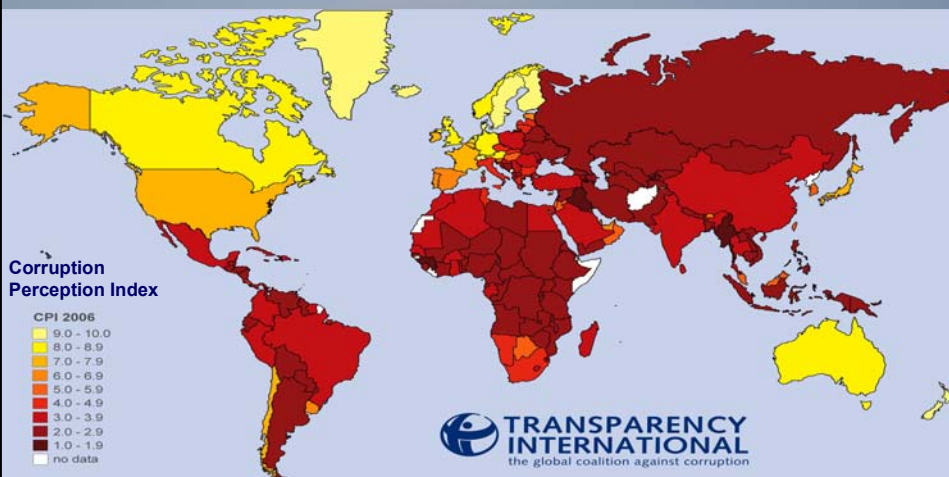
- ❖ A new paradigm of working and understanding
- ❖ Trust and partnership between the administration and the citizen



Source Prof. Dr.-Ing. Holger Magel



# International index of corruption



TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL  
the global coalition against corruption





- ## The building blocks
- The underlying infrastructure to many of the world problems is spatial data
  - FIG must empathise these fundamental building blocks
    - ❖ GPS infrastructure reference systems
    - ❖ Capacity building
    - ❖ Standards
    - ❖ SDI's
  - Fundamental building blocks are all preconditions to achieving the MGD's
  - They totally underpin them
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## Some Governance Myths

- Poor governance is only due to corruption
- Poor governance only happens in developing countries
- Donor pressure for improving governance works (supply-driven vs demand driven governance reform)
- Money can fix things
- Bureaucracy and the civil service is an unnecessary overhead
- What works in a developed country will work in developing country
- You cannot fight corruption and poverty at the same time
- Better pay for civil servants will eliminate corruption
- Donors don't know what is going on
- Governments don't know what is going on
- Ignorance is an excuse

Source Keith Bell



## Some Principles of Good Governance

- Efficiency - doing things right
- Effectiveness - doing the right things
- Transparency, consistency and predictability
- Integrity and accountability
- Separation of bureaucratic arm of government from political, judicial and military
- Civic engagement and public participation
- Equity, fairness and impartiality
- Legal security and rule of law

Source Keith Bell





## The changing role of the surveyors

From playing a key role as geodetic engineers in exploring and measuring land and seas of the world

*Today everybody can do precise measuring and advanced technology makes accurate maps*

To playing a new key role as managers of land and properties

*Towards eradicating poverty and achieving sustainability*

## The Land Professionals



## Land Professionals can influence society

- Globally to
  - ❖ Working towards MDG's
  - ❖ Political influence
- Nationally
  - ❖ National policy formulation
  - ❖ Generating good governance
- Locally
  - ❖ Partnerships facilitators
  - ❖ Project managers

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Keeping the feet on the ground



# Interaction with the Land Market

The Land market is focal in a Wealth Economy



Source: Dale / McLaren/ Mahoney

But not the key answer to poverty eradication



# Governance and capacity building for risk reduction

## Good Governance

- Participation
- Rule of law
- Transparency
- Responsiveness
- Consensus orientated
- Equity and inclusiveness
- Effectiveness and efficiency
- Accountability



## Capacity Building

- Training activities
- (Disaster) education programs
- Public information
- Technical assistance
- Improvement of organizational abilities
- Dissemination of knowledge
- Improvement of infrastructure

Source Prof. Dr.-Ing. Theo Kötter



## Surveyors are multi-talented Land Professionals

- There are a number of fundamental challenges facing the surveying profession
  - ❖ New technologies
  - ❖ New opportunities
  - ❖ Broader skill sets
  - ❖ Diversity of activities
- A surveying competency may lie in another profession in another jurisdiction!



## FIG - partnerships

- FIG as a UN Accredited NGO
  - ❖ FIG has a significant role to play
  - ❖ FIG is recognised as key partner by the UN Agencies and the World Bank
- Mutual Recognition of Qualification
  - ❖ ASEAN Agreement based upon FIG work



## In conclusion

Secure tenure is not enough:  
stability and good governance and  
building the capacity is essential for  
poverty reduction

Surveyors need to strategically  
integrate services to bring our skills  
and knowledge together



And .....

Interact with the Media and Politicians to get our message across



Thank you for coming

See you in  
Stockholm 2008

