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## **FIG e-Newsletter March 2014**

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the FIG e-Newsletter, which brings you latest information about FIG and its activities. The information referred here is in full length available on the FIG web site. Thus the e-Newsletter is produced to inform you what has happened recently and what interesting things are going to take place in the near future. The FIG e-Newsletter is circulated monthly or bi-monthly by e-mail. The referred articles are in English and written in a way that you are able to extract them to your national newsletters or circulate to your members and networks.

### **Article of the Month**

Each month on the FIG web site we publish a paper called the Article of the Month. This is a high-level paper focusing on interesting topics to all surveyors. It can be picked up from a FIG conference or another event.

The Article of the Month in March 2014 is written by Alexander Kohli, Switzerland: **Adjusting Laws to meet the Requirements of Urban Expansion in a Sustainable Property System**. The paper of the month presents a concept for Sustainable Land Management to secure a long term successful development of informal urbanization. To create good conditions for improving the property and planning situation, a solid legal base has to be put in place before further land management activities are undertaken. The author asks for the initialization of an intermediate legal frame-work as an initial step to be applied to a special perimeter of action, the so-called 'temporary development zones' TDZ. This paper was presented at the **Annual World bank Conference on Land and Poverty**, in Washington DC, April 8-1, 2013. You can hear Dr. Alexander Kohli's presentation at the XXV International FIG Congress 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. [http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly\\_articles/march\\_2014/kohli.html](http://www.fig.net/pub/monthly_articles/march_2014/kohli.html)

### **FIG Congress 2014 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16-21 June 2014 offers a spectacular technical program**





### A Glimpse at the Program

The Congress will be officiated by the **Prime Minister of Malaysia YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun haji Abdul Razak** who will be speaking at the opening ceremony on Tuesday 17 June 2014 at 14:30 and which will be a festive start of the Congress. The Prime Minister of Malaysia will hereafter open the exhibition and the first plenary session will follow at 16:30.

The Plenary sessions will be covering the areas:

**Tuesday 17 June 16:30:** Humanity faces a series of challenges including that of undernourishment, shelter and climate change. These challenges are present and the Profession must engage these challenges with its sciences, technologies and practices.

**Wednesday 18 June 9:00:** The Profession has key roles towards the betterment of society, environment and economy and need to attend to emerging issues and trends.

**Thursday 19 June 9:00:** The Profession has key roles towards the betterment of society, environment and economy and must continue its march to the top, towards professional significance and relevance.

**Friday 20 June 9:00:** On the horizon is the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the successor to the Millennium Development Goals. In 2013, the United Nations convened High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda submitted it's report titled the "World We Want" with a vision for a New Global Partnership to eradicate poverty and transform economies through sustainable development. The session will consider how information management, the land and the seas will lead humanity towards the "World We Want".



### Registration is open

Do not miss one of the premier international events within the surveying field in 2014; the XXV FIG Congress 2014 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. [www.fig.net/fig2014/registration.htm](http://www.fig.net/fig2014/registration.htm)



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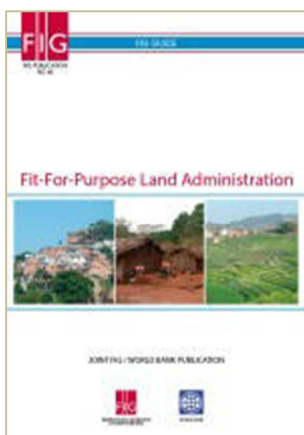
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## New Joint FIG/World Bank Publication - FIG Guide - Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration, publication no 60



This publication is the result of cooperation between the World Bank and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) over recent years to address the issue of building and sustaining land administration systems that are basically fit-for-purpose rather than blindly complying with top-end technological solutions and rigid regulations for accuracy. The cooperation started by the joint FIG / World Bank conference in 2009 addressing "Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals". The concept of "fit-for-purpose" emerged from various events indicating that land administration should be designed to meet the needs of people and their relationship to land, to support security of tenure for all and to sustainably manage land use and natural resources. The publication was launched at the World Bank Conference.

<http://www.fig.net/pub/figpub/pub60/figpub60.htm>

## Joint World Bank and FIG Spatial Innovation and Good Practices in Land Administration Forum, 28 March 2014, World Bank, Washington DC



Immediately after the 2014 World Bank Land and Poverty Conference (March 24 - 27) a one-day 'Spatial Innovation and Good Practices' forum will be jointly convened by the Bank and FIG on 28 March 2014. The Forum will be open to all registered participants to the Conference but prior notification of attendance will be requested. The Forum will cover a number of themes focusing on the contribution of spatial technologies and practices to support the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2014/wb\\_fig\\_forum\\_march.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/wb_fig_forum_march.htm)

## The Social Tenure Domain Model – Training of Trainers, 13-16 June 2014 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Young Surveyors/Professionals and youth can apply for participation in the Social Tenure Domain Model – Training of Trainers. The 3.5 days training will be organized as a joint activity by FIG, Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) and FIG Young Surveyors Network. The Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) is a concept and tool developed by the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), as facilitated by UN-Habitat, to support pro-poor land administration. Application deadline: **6 April 2014**.

[http://www.fig.net/ys/stdm\\_training\\_june\\_2014.pdf](http://www.fig.net/ys/stdm_training_june_2014.pdf)

## **FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting 14-15 April 2014 San Diego, California**



Be part of the FIG Young Surveyors 1st North American Network Meeting!

Following the success of the 1st FIG Young Surveyors European meeting, we are pleased to announce the 1st FIG Young Surveyors North American meeting! Join the meeting, see some of the plenary speakers and read more...

[http://www.fig.net/news/news\\_2014/ys\\_us\\_feb.htm](http://www.fig.net/news/news_2014/ys_us_feb.htm)

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Read more: [www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014\\_research\\_grants.htm](http://www.fig.net/figfoundation/2014_research_grants.htm)

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### **Forthcoming events**

#### **3-4 April, Prague, Czech Republic**

INGEO 2014 - 6th International Conference on Engineering Surveying

Announcement: [http://www.fig.net/events/2014/ingeo\\_announcement.pdf](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/ingeo_announcement.pdf)

#### **13-14 April, San Diego, California**

FIG Young Surveyors 1st North American Network Meeting, Organised by FIG-YS

Registration: <https://www.nsps.us.com>

#### **16-18 April, Novosibirsk, Russia**

Interexpo GEO-Siberia 2014 on "Advanced Geospatial and Surveying Technologies for Environmental Management and Sustainable Territorial Development" organized by Siberian State Academy of Geodesy and LLC

Web site : <http://www.expo-geo.ru>

#### **28-29 May, London, United Kingdom**

GEO Business 2014, geospatial Exhibition and Conference, organised by The Survey Association (TSA), Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) and the

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).  
Web site: <http://geobusinessshow.com/>



**16-21 June, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**  
XXV FIG Congress and General Assembly.  
Web site: [www.fig.net/fig2014](http://www.fig.net/fig2014)

**6-10 July, Norfolk Island, New Zealand**  
Charting and Mapping the Pacific Paradise of the Pitcairners conference. Organised by FIG Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement.  
Information sheet: [http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014\\_norfolk\\_conf\\_aus.jpg](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf_aus.jpg)  
Program: [http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014\\_norfolk\\_conf.jpg](http://www.fig.net/events/2014/2014_norfolk_conf.jpg)



**7-11 October Québec, Canada**  
FIG Commission 7 annual meeting and GeoConference 2014

**25-27 November 2014, Suva, Fiji Islands**  
Pacific GIS/RS User Conference, Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing in the Pacific, cosponsored by FIG

**26-28 November 2014, Vienna, Austria**  
11th International Symposium on Location-based Services, by Vienna University of Technology and International Cartographic Association (ICA)  
Web site: <http://www.lbs2014.org>

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