







Positioning infrastructures Versus traditional Geodetic Datum

Enables description of position as latitude, longitude and height and underpins all geo-spatial data;

- Characteristics:
- Coverage initially local but has evolved to national and continental;
- Measurement initially ground based, labor intensive, now more efficient
- using GNSS; – Data management - initially very analogue but now a key part and often integrated in Spatial data Infrastructures (SDI)

Positioning infrastructures are the only truly global infrastructure underscoring capture and management of spatial data world wide

Source: Matt Higgins, Washington, 2009

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Limitations of Formal Cadastral Systems More than 70 per cent of the land in many developing countries are outside the formal systems of land registration and administration This relates especially to informal settlements and areas governed by customary tenure Traditional cadastral systems do not provide for security of tenure in these areas.













Spatially Enabled Government A spatially enabled government organises its business and processes around "place" based technologies, as distinct from using maps, visuals, and web-enablement. The technical core of Spatially Enabling Government Is the spatially enabled cadastre.



The role of FIG

FIG intend to play a strong role in building the capacity to design, build and manage Land Governance systems in response to Climate Change and in support of the Millennium Development Goals

"Building the capacity for taking the land policy agenda forward in a partnership with the UN agencies and the World Bank"

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Climate Change

No matter the inequity between the developed and developing world in terms of emissions and climate consequences, there is a need to develop relevant means of adaptation to climate change both in the rich and the poorer countries.

Sustainable Land Administration Systems should serve as a basis for climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as prevention and management of natural disasters.

- Incorporating climate change into current land policies
 Adopting standards for energy use, emissions, carbon stock potential,.....
 Identifying prone areas (sea level rise, drought, flooding, fires,...)
 Controlling access to and use of land in relation to climate change and disaster risks
 Controlling building standards and emissions in relation to climate change
 Improving resilience of existing ecosystems vulnerable to climate change

Rapid Urbanisation

1950 1975 2007 2025 2050

49.4%

916

2,382

4,584

57.2%

995

3,590

6,398

69.6%

1,071

5,327

3,294

Disaster risk prevention and management

- Humanitarian actors are often confronted with land issues when undertaking emergency shelter and protection activity.
 - The information on the people to land relationship is crucial in the immediate post disaster situation.
- Disaster risks must be identified as area zones in the land-use plans and the land information system with the relevant risk assessment and information attached.
- Measures for disaster risk prevention and management should be integrated in the land administration systems



Land and Natural Disasters Guidance for practitioners UN-Habitat/FAC



737

29.1%

427

1,518

37.3%

702

World Urban

Population (million)

Percentage

Source: UN, 2008 Close to 1 billion people, or 32 per cent of the world's current urban population, live in slums in inequitable and life-threatening conditions, and are directly affected by both environmental disasters and social crises, whose frequency and impacts have increased significantly during the last few decades. (UN-Habitat, 2009

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The role of the land professionals

Dealing with the land issue will require skills in the following areas:

- High level geodesy models to predict future change
- Modern surveying and mapping tools to support management and implementation
- Spatial data infrastructures to support decision making on the natural
- and built environment
- Secure tenure systems and sustainable systems for land valuation, land use management and land development
- Systems for transparency and good governance

Land governance is an interdisciplinary and cross-cutting area mixing technical, natural and social science







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Flying High

Global partnership with the UN-agencies incl. the World Bank in support of the global agenda such as the MDGs

Keeping the feet on the ground

Professional and institutional development at regional, national, and local level in support of the needs of our member associations and individual surveyors.



Key Message

The linkage between climate change adaptation and sustainable development should be self evident but is not well understood by the public in general.

Land Professionals are custodians of an enabling technology and should take a leading role in explaining this linkage to the wider public.

This should also ensure that the land management perspective attracts high-level political support and recognition.

