

**Report to the 29th General Assembly
FIG Congress in Munich, October 2006**

FIG Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development

Draft Work Plan 2007-2010

1. Terms of Reference

- Strategy for environmental sustainable development
- Informal settlement issues in spatial development, planning and governance
- Mega cities growth
- Disaster management in a global village
- Renewable and recyclables

2. Mission Statement

The activities of Commission 8 in the years 2006-2010 will concentrate on all levels of physical planning which enables Environmental Sustainable Developments (ESD) to occur.

The importance of spatial planning in establishing the ‘ground rules’ at all levels including government, private sector and public/private partnership should not be underrated for the importance of the foundation for sustainable development and that of mankind.

The commission via extensive case studies, workshops, collaboration, consultation and cooperation will build a “fountain of knowledge” capable of enhancing and improving the quality of sustainable development.

3. General

Commission 8, Spatial Planning and Development has been working since Brighton Congress and has organised its work via Working Groups. This structure is essential to the effective and efficient operations of a Commission. However it requires substantial commitment by the chairs of the Working groups and members.

- The activities of Commission 8 focus on physical planning at all levels, undertake and learn from case studies, and enhance understanding and knowledge of spatial planning systems. The commission assists with the implementation of Agenda 21 (from the Rio Earth Summit) and the Global Plan of Action (from the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul) at the local and regional level. It pays particular attention to informal settlements and urbanisation problems in developing countries.
- The Commission will continue to look for solutions for implementation problems and will focus on inner cities and declined areas. It will focus on public/private partnership as a way to work on solutions for those problems and other tools that promote planned and sustainable land use and development, particularly in towns and cities (urban areas).

- Commission 8, Spatial Planning and Development, is a broad Commission with a far reaching remit, reflective of the holistic skills found within planning and development of the Built Environment. To achieve its goals, a selective approach needs to be adopted.
- Under the guidance of Chairman Simon Adcock and his 2006-2010 work plan, Commission 8 emphasises that we, as surveyors and built environment experts, have a leadership role in the collective responsibility for well-functioning cities. The Commission recognises the three pillars of 'sustainable development' ie. balancing the competing development demands associated with economic, social and environmental aspirations. Further, the integrating activities of FIG allow for the adoption of a holistic approach to problem solving in the built environment."

4. Envisaged New Commission Name

To reflect the growing importance of environmental issues, it is proposed that Commission 8 be renamed "Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development". Further collaboration including FIG administration will be undertaken.

5. Council Work Plan Under Review

Commission 8 needs to step up to the next level and build upon the strengths in order to implement FIG Council specific goals of:

- FIG best practice
- Database
- Regional conference
- Central administration

The spectrum and speed of change is enormous within the global village. However, the desire to find solutions confronting a range of communities, from informal settlements through to mega cities, requires enthusiasm, innovation, resources and underlying knowledge. Sharing this knowledge and building upon collaborations will enable solutions to be found.

6. Working Groups

Working Group 8.1 - Strategy for Environmental Sustainable Development

Policy Issues

This working group (WG) will be based upon the investigations etc of urban regeneration, however its focus will move towards sustainability in urban development/community lifestyles.

Chair

Seeking nominations.

Reports

Newsletter and/or CD each year with final group to present at the FIG Congress in Sydney 2010.

Beneficiaries

FIG members, governments, individual planners, developers.

Working Group 8.2 – Informal Settlements Issues in Spatial Development, Planning and Governance (Womanising)

Policy

To identifying the Commission's contribution to the Millennium Goals:

- Seek to investigate initiatives that deliver land for housing and associated financial mechanisms that enable upgrading through participatory approaches to planning and development.

Provisional Terms of reference:

- a. Build negotiation mechanisms with Traditional Leaders to enable the expansion of urban areas onto customary owned land by identify ways in which Customary ownership could be modernized to release land for formalised housing, (In collaboration with Commission 7).
- b. Explore rapid, new approaches to forward plan and upgrading initiatives that provide places for the poor by partnering with Sister organisations.
- c. Deliver environmental sustainable house plots by working with partnership forums to find ways to upgrade infrastructure achieving this by addressing both physical and financial mechanisms.

Chair

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Specific Project

Proposed to be in Africa.

Reports

Newsletter and/or CD each year with final group to present at the FIG Congress in Sydney 2010.

Beneficiaries

Africa, and the developing world by directing appropriate cooperation, collaboration and consultation.

Working Group 8.3 - "Mega Cities"

Policy

To study the impact and sustainability of mega cities, including the communities which inhabit them.

Chair

Ioana Manaolache – Romania (Nominated).

Reports

Newsletter and/or CD each year with final group to present at the FIG Congress in Sydney 2010.

Beneficiaries

To be determined by chair WG 8.3

Working Group 8.4 - Disaster Management in a Global Village

Policy

To be written by chair of WG 8.4

Chair

Seeking nominations.

Reports

Newsletter and/or CD each year with final group to present at the FIG Congress in Sydney 2010.

Beneficiaries

To be determined by chair WG 8.4

Working Group 8.5 - Renewables and Recyclables

Policy

To be written by chair of WG 8.5

Chair

Seeking nominations, possibly Irish delegate.

Reports

Newsletter and/or CD each year with final group to present at the FIG Congress in Sydney 2010.

Beneficiaries

To be determined by chair WG 8.5

Working Group 8.6 – Coastal Settlements and Climate Change

Policy

To be written by chair of WG 8.6

Chair

Isaac Boateng (Nominated).

Reports

Newsletter and/or CD each year with final group to present at the FIG Congress in Sydney 2010.

Beneficiaries

To be determined by chair WG 8.6

7. Cooperation with United Nations Agencies

Commission 8 will endeavour to strengthen the cooperation with the United Nations, and where possible, become involved with UN-Habitat and UNEP activities.

To this end I encouraged Diane to consider this special task and in turn represent Commission 8 in these important collaboration activities.

8. Administrator

Commission 8 intends to appoint an administrator in order to assist with increasing the profile of the Commission via extensive publication and involvement at FIG conferences. Nomination/application will be sought prior to FIG Congress 2006.

9. Cooperation with Other Commissions

Commission 8 intends to continue to build upon the excellent work undertaken by the current members of Commission 8 Office bearers. Particular Commissions of interest are 7, 9 and 10, however collaboration with any of the Commissions is desirable. The Chair Elect for Commission 8, Simon Adcock, has substantial connections to Commission 9 as a previous Vice Chair of Commission 9.

10. Calendar of Events

Commission 8 will aim to have a substantial program at all FIG regional conferences, working weeks and the world congress in Sydney. In addition, it is the intention to participate in events held in Africa during this period, for example UN-Habitat functions.

Vice Chairs will be encouraged to have papers presented from members of various WGs at each FIG function.

Simon Adcock

Chair Elect of Commission 8

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