ANNUAL REPORT FIG COMMISSION 8 – SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Introduction

Commission 8 is responsible spatial planning and development with a mission to unpack the linkages between sustainable development and resource utilization and with the following terms of reference.

2. Terms of Reference and work plan

- Regional and local planning structure
- Land use planning and implementation control
- Human settlement issues in spatial development
- Natural resources utilization and stewardship
- Strategy for environmentally sustainable development
- Public Private Partnerships
- Rural development and land governance
- Disaster risks management and resilience
- Inter-relationship between and amongst Commissions
- Working Group 8.1 Disaster recovery, risk management and resilience planning
- Working Group 8.2 Stewardship for water, land and forest as primary resources for development
- Working Group 8.3 Human settlement policies and implementation
- Working Group 8.4 Resilient Urban Development
- Working Group 8.5 Rural development and land governance

3. Co-operation with Other Commissions and organisations

During the year, Commission 8 collaborated particularly with Commission 7 in some of its activities during the working week in Sofia. Another significant milestone was its collaboration with the Chartered Institute for Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM). This relationship has occasioned the creation of a special sessions for FIG and CIWEM delegates for the Christchurch, New Zealand 2016 WW. The Commission will also participate and celebrate with the Dutch Kadaster for its 2016 programmes and the Commission is represented by Mr. Peter Laarrakker.

4. Annual Meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria

This was attended by several stakeholders including GLTN delegates. It focussed on building synergies between the Commission 8 and other partners with special focus on planning. Delegates offered suggestions for the implementation and realization of the work plans for the working groups.

5. Conclusion

During the year, the Commission's WG Chairs have been communicating and consistently developing strategies for the Christchurch congress. It is our hope that the WW 2016 will attract more delegates to the Commission's activities

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