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FIG Short Term Task Force – Spatially Enabled Society

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Project Idea

The FIG General Assembly accepted the proposal for a short term Task Force (TF) at the Working Week in Eilat, Israel in May 2009.

Aim: is to explore the issue of "Spatially Enabled Societies" (SES) from a cadastral and surveyor's point of view. The purpose is to identify the role of the profession, how it can provide for a spatially enabled society and to make recommendations. The TF should attempt to take different regional perceptions on board and to reflect them. The context would have to take different economic and social situations into account, developed as well as developing countries.

Expected result: to develop a comprehensive FIG position paper on SES with 4-5 regional reflections.

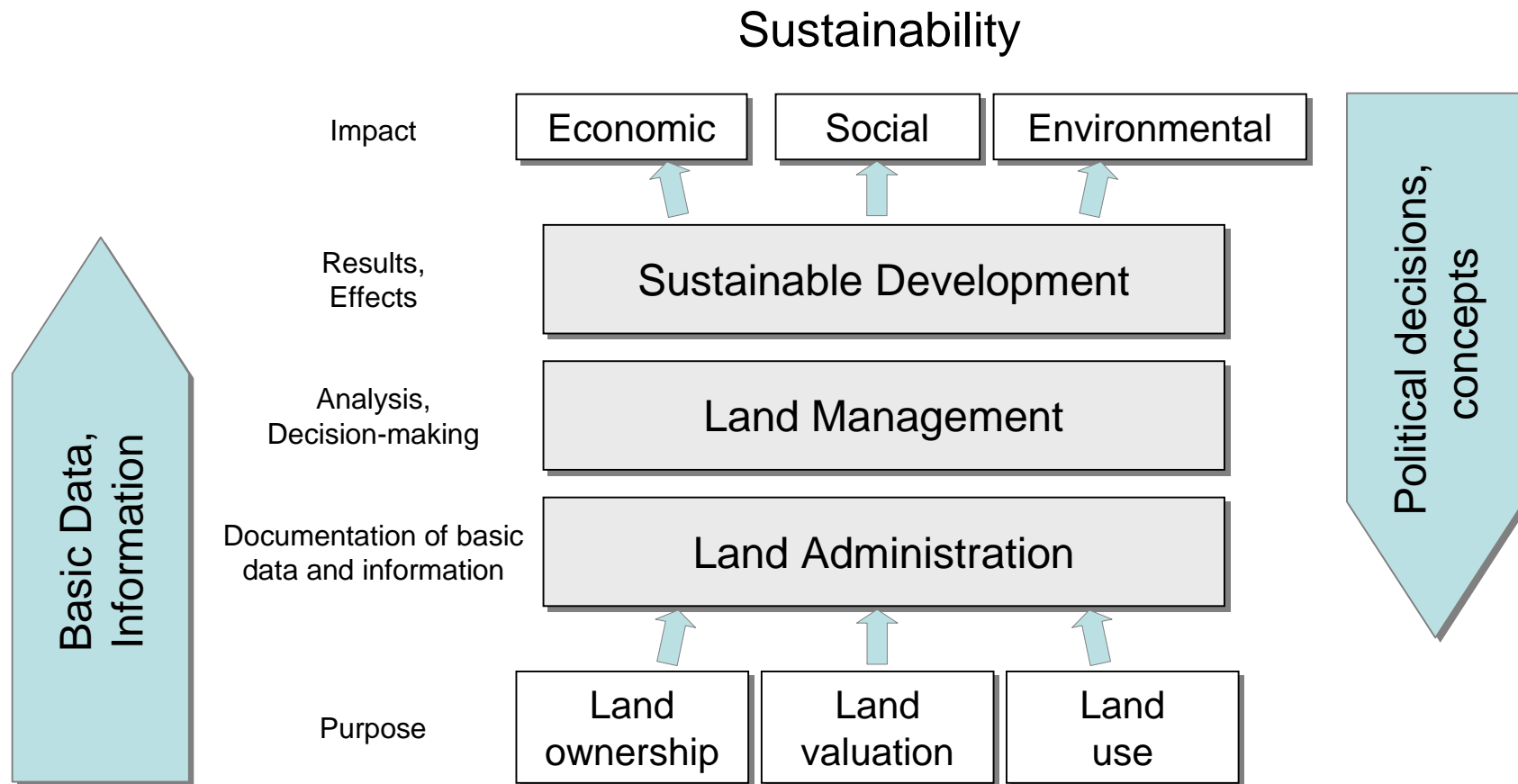


Scope

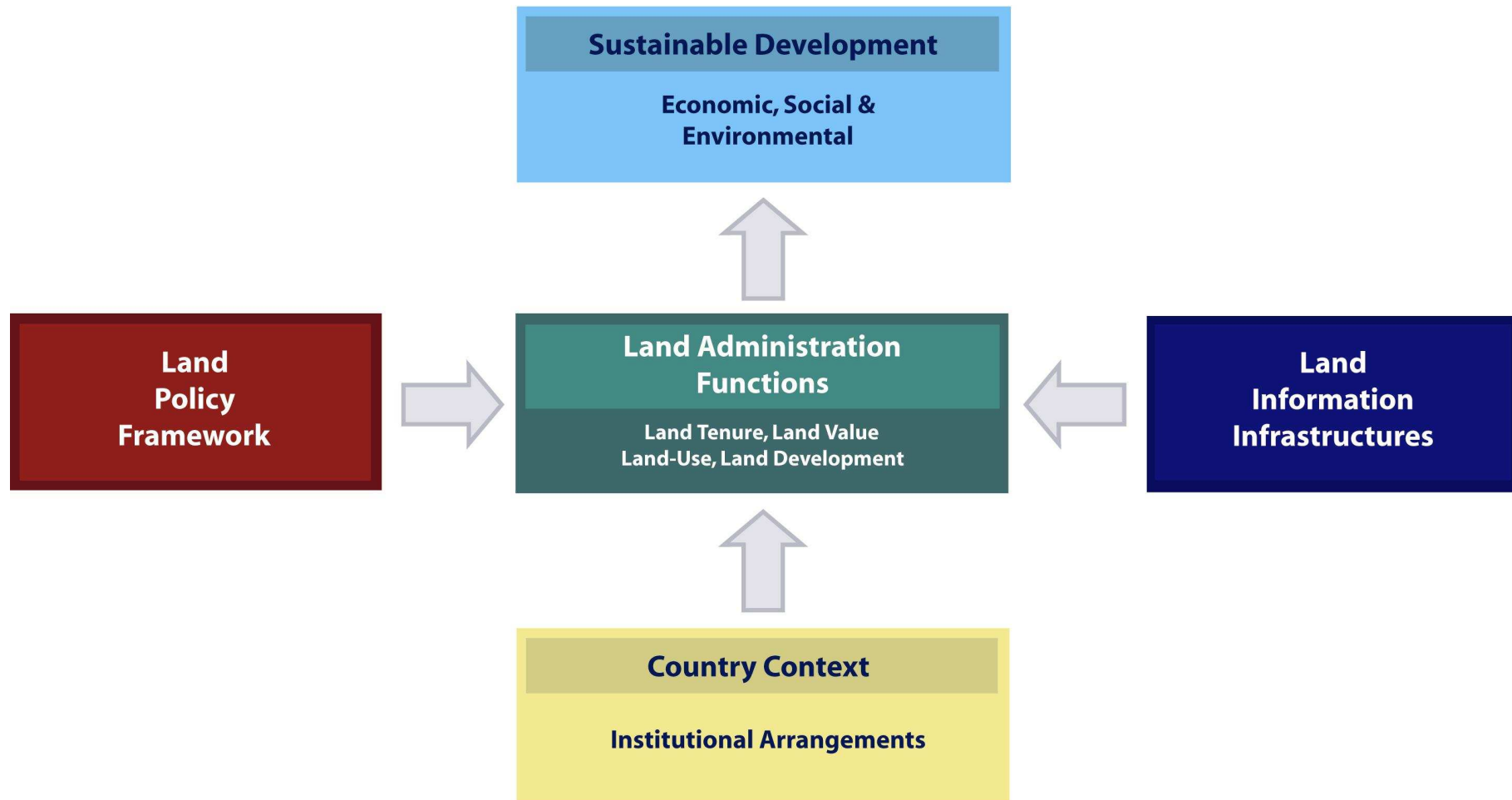
The 13th PCGIAP meeting in 2007 concluded that *“A spatially enabled government is one that has ready access to the spatial or geographic or location based information and associated technologies that it requires and is applying these productively to government decision making, including developing policy and supporting its own business processes”*.

In analogy, societies can be considered as spatially enabled *“where location and spatial information are regarded as common goods made available to citizens and businesses to encourage creativity and product development”* and so informed can participate in the decision-making and governance process.

Context in general



Understanding the Land Management Paradigm



Land Management includes all activities associated with the management of land and natural resources that are required to fulfill political objectives and achieve sustainable development.



Draft Structure

- 1 Introduction
- 2 What are the needs of society/government in relation to geoinformation?
- 3 What is on offer by technology? What can be offered by profession?
- 4 When is a society/government spatially enabled?
→ set of criteria and indicators
- 5 Role of FIG/Cadastral surveyors
- 6 Reflections from regional contributors (N. America, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Australia-Pacific)
- 7 Conclusions / Recommendations



Proposed Time Schedule

- cooperation with GSDI (on-going)
- establish contact with regional contributors and framework for cooperation (until end of 2009)
- paper for Sydney congress (April 2010)
- regional contributions (July-Sept. 2010)
- launch by the end of 2010 (Dec. 2010)