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The Role of Land Professionals in the Arab States

Advancing Trust and Effective Land Governance

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It is all about People!



- **The 2030 Agenda:** united global policy to transform the social, economic and environmental **dimensions of humanity and our planet**

Twin objectives: we need to

- Ensure we maintain societal Trust
- Enables us to leads on effective Land governance
- Our role and our relevance, is.....

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Role: Serving People and Planet



Proposition:

We need to Leverage our Impact:
**The Strength of
Professional Networks**

Because

- Trust from society is earned
- Land Governance is evidence based

This requires a

- **Purposeful** intent to implement
'Global to Local'

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Overview



1. FIG Professional Network
2. Leveraging collective Knowledge
3. Regional Connections
4. Build Trust and Shape the Future

The Evidence.....

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1. Who and What: International Federation of Surveyors

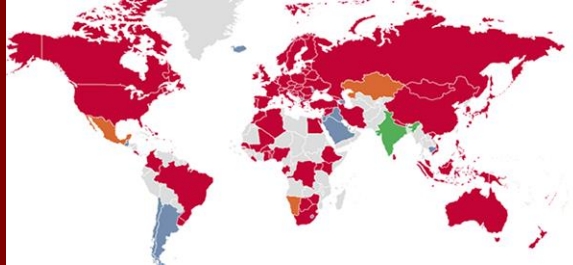
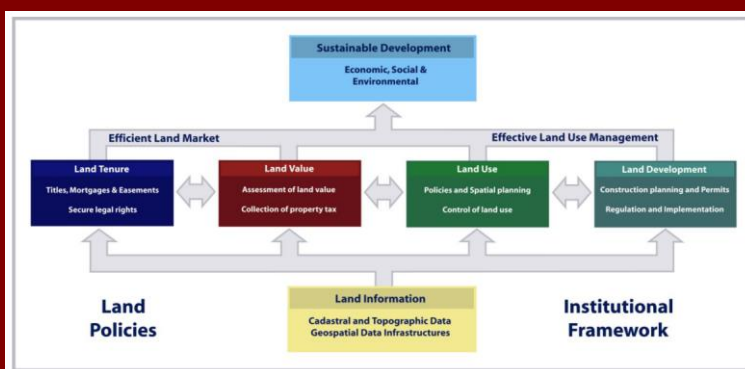


FIG:

- Members organisations, (110 + countries) incl **Morocco**; Lebanon, Algeria, Saudi Arabia & Jordon + Academic/ Corporate
- FIG Contribution: knowledge generation, outreach and capacity building
- **Professional, Institutional & Global Development**

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Land management (LM) activities reflect drivers of globalization and technology



Enemark et al

- Land governance: policies, processes and institutions key to achieve agenda 2030
- The Land management paradigm: LA functions (land tenure, value, use + development)

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How: Depth of experience; a network of people



Activity and outputs with Commissions:

1. Professional standards & practice
 2. Professional Education
 3. Spatial information management
 4. Hydrography
 5. Positioning and measurement
 6. Engineering surveys
 7. Land management & cadastre
 8. Spatial planning and economic development
 9. Valuation and real estate
 10. Construction economics
- and,

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How: Depth of experience



FIG Network: Engagement, Collaboration, Activity and outputs in our collective hands:.....

FIG Member engagement, led by

- Council & Task Forces
- Commissions
- Networks
- Permanent institutions

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The Future We want to shape



Graphic UN HABITAT

UN Habitat Sustainable and holistic development:

- People
- Partnership
- Peace
- Planet
- Prosperity

What does a Purposeful and relevant profession look like... how we operate

. Step up to remain relevant & demonstrate our resolve



Graphic UN HABITAT

FIG Vision:

- Serving Society, benefitting people and the planet

Theme:

- Tackling the Global Challenges (Trends and crisis)

- In our collective hands

The Evidence



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2. Leveraging & Working together



- i. **Connected:** the power of fellowship
- ii. **Communicate:** Generational diversity
- iii. **Collaborate & Create:** Action land tools
- iv. **Create and contribute:** International policy, and
- v. **Contribute** sister networks.....



(i) Connected

Professional working



- Annual activities, highly participatory
- Representation International



- Engaging our community.....
 - 2023 Orlando – Sustainability & Climate
 - 2024 Accra – Planet & Resources



• 2025 Brisbane – Geospatial/ People

- Collaboration, Innovation and Resilience: Championing a Digital Generation



And,

- 2026 Cape Town – a Congress

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(ii) Communication: Across the Generations



- **Younger generations: digital quick and promoted** new approaches in our outputs.

- **Recognising:** inter-generational understanding



- **Attracting young talent** our profession has to remain relevant and attractive to future generations.

- And, Forging new **partnerships**, e.g YILLA- Youth Initiative in Land

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(iii) Create best practice with the UN Family



GLTN



STDM Social Tenure Domain Model/ FFP Fit For Purpose LA/ GEC Gender Evaluation Criteria

- Innovation in land applications: policy and practice in context of SDG's UN Habitat Objectives
- Leading and innovating: STDM, FFP-LA, GEC, etc
- Professional and research projects; and
- Progressive **Members** disseminate and build upon. Eg Nepal, Nigeria, Netherlands

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.....Create and contribute



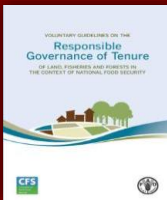
GLTN and World Bank

- Informal land markets and valuation of Unregistered Lands (FIG lead Member RICS)



UN GGIM

- Observer status, Working Groups (LA/ FELA), Geodesy, DM + Hydrography)
- Regional working (Africa, Asia Pacific & Americas)
- IHO Partner incl UN GGIM Subcommittees, on Land Management & on Geodesy
- UN FAO- Global VVGT's and now UNCCD



LA Land Administration/ FELA Framework of Effective LA/ DM Disaster Management/ IHO International Hydrographic Organisation

• And.....



(iv) Contribute with other networks

- FIG Mandate: - **Joint activities with sister organisations** and common policy-making to reduce poverty and facilitate sustainable development



Importantly,

Continental Regions

- e.g African Union (ARN)
- Professional e.g Arab Union of Surveyor, Commonwealth, Francophone, CLGEurope, ASEAN Flag etc

Cross professional working

- professional networks e.g lawyers, engineers, cartographers, photogrammetrists etc

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3. Connected – Regional Capacity Development Networks, RCDN



RCDN: Africa, Asia Pacific & Americas
Global to Regional to Local

Recognising

- Achieving considerable outputs
- SDGs/ Climate action: Our social responsibility



Supporting Regions:

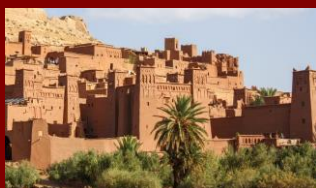
- **Diversity**; but similarities to enable effective dialogue
- **To local**; Member Associations and the Individual surveyor in their everyday task

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Land: it is all about People to Land Relationship



Regional issues, nuanced at the local level

- Rapid population growth and urbanisation, environmental degradation
- Climate change has disproportionate impact on vulnerable areas



- **Tenure security** - incorporate a sustainable land management regime for the long-term protection.
- Climate responsive land governance....

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Outreach to the MENA Region

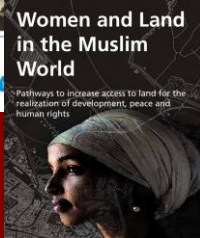
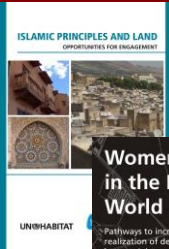


FIG driven by our people and our members purposeful Engagement:

- National Association ONGIT: *Morocco FIG Working Week 2011*
- GLTN
 - Co chair: FIG & Arab Union Land surveyors
 - Insightful research and publications

BUT

- **Mind the gap:** Work with Arab land professionals much more.....

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Arab Land Region



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4. It is all about People!



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What does relevance look like?

We.....

- Are relevant to society for **Their** benefit
- **Bridge the gap** between high level strategy/ policy and actions on the ground
- Are recognised as a profession that is **trusted**, with high ethics and standards (keep building our capacity)

And

- Lead and contribute to sustainable development

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Arab Regional resilience Inspiring & Improving

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Stronger together:

- **Engage** and bridge across the region to achieve dialogue
- **Effective** Land governance has more similarities in the region than differences
- **Ensure** multistakeholder dialogues among national governments and regional stakeholders to facilitate knowledge sharing and technology transfer

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Shaping the Future Our Professional Imperative



Our deliberations today (and ongoing) are:

1. **Crucial to imagine** and encourage our conversations that think **deep & implement widely**
2. Vital to **Improve our approaches** that are fit for the purpose, techno- smart and resilient
3. **Critical to Inspire** and to be innovative in our implementation approaches



Above all, Its our imperative

- To bridge: Policy - to Practice - to People
- To work: Global to local & leverage at the Regional level

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Global to Local Our Journey is far reaching!



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