



Regional Capacity Development Network

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Africa Regional Network 2015 Workshop: Nairobi, Kenya

**Challenges and Opportunities
in Facing the SDG's:**

**Generational Diversity and Technology in
the Land Professionals Sector**



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ARN next steps



- **Nairobi Workshop 2015 , Kenya**
Listened and received comments,
 - document to be finalised and
 - *Uploaded and accessible to all.*
 - YSN/Africa will formalise their Africa chapter and roll- out their Mentoring program
- **Workshop 2016, West Africa**
preparations with partners underway



Regional Proposal- Pacific Island Countries and Territories

- Progress with PICTs Region
- Council approved in principle & work plan finalised in May
- Early lead: Pacific Geospatial & Surveying Council (PGSC) outreach to UN GGIM/AP

Aims to enable:

- A framework to provide sustainable resource base to support geospatial and survey activities
- Consideration to broaden to other FIG disciplines
- A self reliant community that has a culture of learning, innovation, collaboration and gender equality activities

FIG SIDS Workshop and Declaration

- 34 participants including from PICs, Caribbean, Zanzibar.

Clear message

- Need for capacity building, knowledge sharing and partnerships.

FIG Christchurch Declaration:

Responding to Climate Change and Tenure Insecurity in Small Island Developing States: The Role of Land Professionals

We the participants of the FIG Small Island Developing States workshop held in Christchurch from April 30 to May 4, acknowledge the inherent diversity between SIDS countries in governance, rate of urbanisation, population density, geomorphology, exposure to natural hazards, and land tenure arrangements. We are also cognizant that SIDS share many common characteristics of small population, their dispersed nature and physical isolation from markets, high levels of exposure to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards, and severe limitations in capacity. We recall the SAMOA Pathway declared SIDS remains a special case for sustainable development in view of their unique and particular vulnerabilities.

We reaffirm the significance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the associated goals, targets and indicators in efforts to reduce poverty, protect human rights, promote gender equality, and protect natural resources.

We recall the 2010 FIG Sydney Agenda for Action, the 2013 FIG Suva Statement on Spatially Responsible Governance that, together with the 2015 United Nations Resolution on Global Geodetic Reference Frame, established a clear framework for developing capacity in land governance within Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and the roles and responsibilities for land professionals and practitioners.

We acknowledge the unprecedented global momentum to improve security of land and natural resources tenure and reaffirm the importance of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGGTs), the Continuum of Land Rights and the Global Land Tool Network's suite of pro-poor and gender-responsive land tools.

We, hereby issue this FIG Christchurch Declaration on Responding to Climate Change and Tenure Insecurity in Small Island Developing States: The Role of Land Professionals, and resolve to:

Address climate change, natural disaster and urbanisation challenges and vulnerabilities through:

- Advocating for the adoption in national policy and legal frameworks relevant international instruments, including the *Sendai Framework*, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)*, the *Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)*.
- Advocating for land policy and legal frameworks informed by the VGGTs that recognise, respect and safeguard all legal and legitimate tenure rights, provide access to justice to resolve land disputes, are pro-poor and gender-responsive, and provide for effective and participation by all.

Thank you for your attention

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