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FIG /FAO Special Session on Implementation of VGGT XXV FIG Congress, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Concept Note

Theme:

Professional Responsibility in Implementing the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT)

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Introduction

The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security promote secure tenure rights and equitable access to land, fisheries and forests as a means of eradicating hunger and poverty, supporting sustainable development and enhancing the environment. The Committee on World Food Security officially endorsed the Guidelines on 11 May 2012. Since then implementation has been encouraged by G20, Rio+ 20, United Nations General Assembly and Francophone Assembly of Parliamentarians (<http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/voluntary-guidelines/en/>). The 2014 FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur will include a Round Table session on **Valuation Standards and the Voluntary Guidelines** to look at the Voluntary Guidelines and their relationship with international valuation standards.

FIG and the VGGT

FIG embraces the Voluntary Guidelines and thus its membership has a responsibility to support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land Fisheries and Forests. Many states now are involved in processes and programs on how to implement the guidelines. Implementing the VGGT is part and parcel of the professional responsibility of the surveying profession. The manner and level of implementation may vary within the wider membership of FIG and perhaps there may be some concerns too over the profession's ability to implement the VGGT. However, embracing and implementing the VGGT is a professional responsibility given the recognition of the core importance of tenure and property issues globally in the context of economies, societies and cultures. Addressing these is thus a major area of interest and responsibility for FIG and FAO.

Outline program

This special session will be a dynamic and interactive session where the facilitator and the audience will engage and interact with invited panelist and one another on the implementation of the VGGT by FIG's global professional community.

The facilitator will introduce the topic and the manner the session will be conducted, the panelists will have an opening statement, will interact with the facilitator, with fellow panelist and the audience towards a highly interactive session around the focus, which is our professional responsibility to implement the VGGT. The session will close with each panelist having the final/closing statement before the facilitator wraps up the special session.

Proposed Members of the Panel (to be invited)

- Paul Munro-Faure, FAO
- Chryssy Potsiou, FIG
- James Kavanagh, RICS
- World Bank

Main resources

The guidelines

FAO (2012). Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security. Rome, FAO.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i2801e/i2801e.pdf>

Newsletter

Newsletter Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure Governance Initiatives

<http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/whats-new/march-2014-news-flash/en/>

You Tube

Responsible Governance of Tenure.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLqbi8xu3gw&feature=youtu.be>