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Engaging the Challenges, Enhancing the Relevance

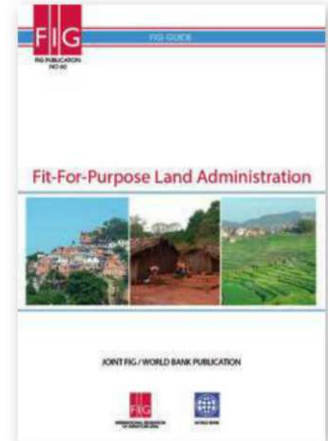
Keynotes during the FIG XXV Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 16-21 June 2014

Humanity faces a series of challenges including that of undernourishment, shelter and climate change. The profession must tackle these challenges with its sciences, technologies and practices. This will be the general focus of the first plenary session during the XXV FIG Congress to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 16-21 June 2014. One of the three keynote speakers during this session will be Mr Gregory Scott, GGIM advisor, Statistics Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United States, who will be introducing 'Global Geospatial Information Management for the "World We Want"'. Additionally, a prominent Malaysian Minister will address this issue from a Malaysian perspective.

The second plenary will focus on the profession, which can play a key role in the betterment of society, the environment and the economy and needs to attend to emerging issues and trends. Mr Paul Munro-Faure, deputy Director, Climate, Energy and Tenure Division, Natural Resources Management and Environment Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will present a keynote on 'Appraisal and Valuation Standards for the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forestry'. In this session there will be further keynotes on 'Towards Better Compatibility, Interoperability and Affordability with Multi-system GNSS for the Benefit of Humanity' and 'Fit-for-purpose Land Administration and Management: A

Joint World Bank and FIG Declaration'. This keynote is related to a new FIG publication on this issue.

During the third plenary session the keynote speakers will elaborate on: 'Place-based Information for National Development and Regional Collaboration'; 'Better Investor Confidence and Increased Property-market Stability with International Property Measurement Standards'; and 'Sustaining the Profession and Enhancing its Significance and Relevance'. The Post-2015 Development Agenda, the successor to the Millennium Development Goals, is on the horizon. In 2013, the United Nations' High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda submitted its report entitled 'The World We Want' with a vision for a new global partnership to eradicate poverty and transform economies through sustainable development. The session will consider how information management, the land and the seas will lead humanity towards the 'World We Want'. From this focus, keynotes will be given in the fourth plenary on 'Population Growth, Climate Variability and Environmental Vulnerabilities in Asia and the Pacific and the "World We Want"', and 'Charts, Marine Spatial Information Infrastructure and Blue Economy for the "World We Want"'. This latter keynote will be given by Mr Mustafa Iptes, director, International Hydrographic Organization. Additionally during the fourth plenary session, the source code of the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) will be launched during a keynote from UN Habitat: 'People to Land Relationships, Land Indicators and Land Tools for the



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'World We Want'" by Dr Clarissa Augustinus, Global Land Tool Network, UN-Habitat.

To supplement the themes of the plenary sessions there will be an extensive technical session programme with more than 600 papers/abstracts in over 150 sessions covering a broad range of subjects specially composed by the 10 FIG Commissions, Task Forces and Networks. There will furthermore be a number of sessions held together with various FIG partners and also other forums and seminars. ◀

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