



## News Brief | December 2023

Dear FIG C7 delegates and friends,

It's time to wrap-up 2023! Here's the final news brief for the year. Even though many things are winding down, C7 has still been busy over the last few weeks. Here, we'll cover some of those activities, and also look forward to 2024. Don't forget to visit the C7 webpage for more updates:

<https://www.fig.net/organisation/comm/7/>.

### 1. What did we do in 2023?

We've been keeping you updated all year, but here is a brief recap of our 2023 highlights:

- Welcomed new **C7 Chair** (Rohan, Australia), **Vice Chair** (Kirsikka, Finland), and **Officers** in **January**
- Attended the **FIG 2023-26 kick-off workshop** in Copenhagen, Denmark in **February**
- Co-organised international workshop in **Nepal on Integrated and (de)Centralised Land Management and Administration** in **March**
- Collaborated with UNGGIM Expert Group on Land Administration and Management (EG-LAM) and UNGGIM-AP at events in Singapore (**March**) and **Indonesia (November)**, specifically focusing on supporting the UN endorsed Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA)
- Had WG7.5 lead on advocacy towards women's access to land by attending the **67<sup>th</sup> UN Commission on the Status of Women 67 (March)** and the **Conference on Land Policy in Africa (November)**
- Finalised our co-created **2023-26 Workplan**, including 8 Working Groups, and had it approved in **May**, with agreement to reach out and work closely with **UNGGIM, UN-ECE WPLA, UN-Habitat, World Bank, FAO, and Stand-for-her-Land**, amongst many others
- Had a big **FIG Working Week in Orlando** in **May**, with over 100 C7 papers
- Conducted the awesome **FIG 2023 C7/C2 Annual Meeting** in Deventer, Netherlands in October with +100 participants and almost 50 papers
- Co-organised the **11th International Workshop on LADM & 3D Land Administration** in Sweden in **October**
- Kicked-off or contributed to many academic **Special Issues** in the domain of Land Administration
- Renewed all our communications, with an **updated website**, regular **news briefs**, new C7 FIG **LinkedIn** pages, social media groups (**WhatsApp**), and added 10 new verses to our C7 song ;)

### 2. What will we do in 2024?

The short answer is lots! Keep an eye on these news briefs, our LinkedIn pages, or join our WhatsApp community to stay up-to-date. Key highlights will include:

- **FIG Working Week 2024**, Ghana, May (see below)
- **FIG C7 Annual Meeting 2024**, Malaysia, September (see below)

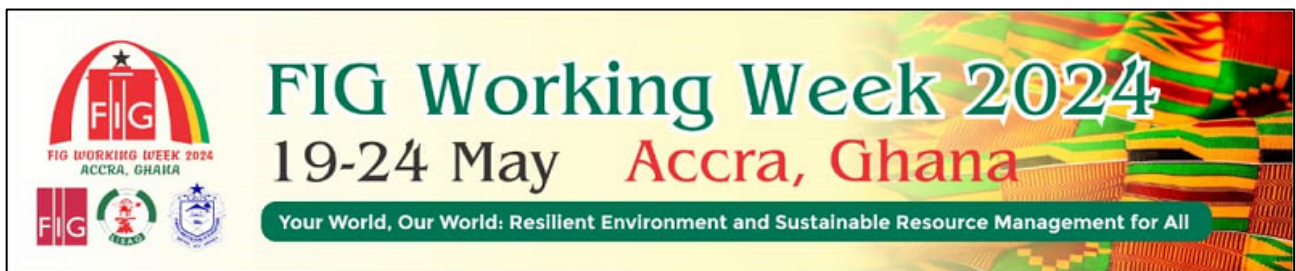
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- **FIG Regional Conference 2024**, Nepal, TBC (details to come soon!)
- **C7 Working Groups getting to work** on synthesizing all your excellent content into FIG publications; and advocating for Cadastre and Land management at key global events
- Support other Cadastre and Land Management events at **national and local level**. Please be in touch if you're looking for FIG to support your events.

Remember, you can also **track the progress** of the C7 Working Groups, in terms of activities and outputs, via our dashboard: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BZxRfO98ZB43S5Q-YC74yRypGHTryuYXUg8JBKrHjRQ/edit?usp=sharing>

### 3. Update on FIG Working Week 2024 in Ghana

Thanks and well done to all those who submitted abstracts for the Ghana Working Week. As mentioned, we had over **150 submissions** linked to C7. Huge. If you were one of them, you should now have received your acceptance emails. If not, contact [rohanbennett1@hotmail.com](mailto:rohanbennett1@hotmail.com) or the FIG Office. Registration is now open. Be sure to book your accommodation early. For more, go here: <https://fig.net/fig2024/registration.htm>



### 4. Update on FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting 2024

The date and location of the of the 2024 C7 Annual Meeting is **Kuching, Malaysia, 24-26 September 2024**. It will be a joint event together with:

1. Geoinformation Week 2024 Malaysia, including Exhibition from vendors;
2. FIG Commission 7 Annual Meeting;
3. 12<sup>th</sup> International FIG Workshop on LADM & 3D LA (WG7.3);
4. A potential GLTN / UN Habitat STDM event; and
5. Likely joint sessions on FELA with UNGGIM EG-LAM (WG7.1);

The team of local organizers consists of the University of Technology Malaysia (UTM), the Sarawak Land and Survey Department (JTS), and the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) Sarawak Branch. We're still working on the official C7 AM website, but, you can already get further details here. A formal call for C7 papers will following in 2024. <http://www.gdmc.nl/3dcadastres/workshop2024/>


### 5. WG 7.5 attends Conference on Land Policy in Africa

Finally, to round out the year, FIG Commission 7 WG7.5 (Women's Access to Land) was present and active the **Conference on Land Policy in Africa (CLPA)** in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21-24 November. The event also hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> High-Level Forum meeting (HLFM) of presidents of land associations in Africa, on the 20-21




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November. The **African Union Commission (AUC)**, the **International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)**, the **Africa Regional Network (ARN)**, and the **S4HL Campaign** participated in the roundtable discussion of synergies to promote WLRs and ensure a people’s centred land governance. The meeting was organized by the FIG Commission 7 working group on Women’s Land Rights and the FIG SDGs Task Force. **Marisa Balas** (FIG SDGs TF and FIG Commission 7 working group 7.5 Women’s Land Rights chair) made a presentation focusing on specific good practices in the areas of legal reform and institutional capacity-building, with special attention to social institutions, to promote equitable land rights and enhance land tenure security. The findings are based on specific practices in documenting customary and statutory access, control, and ownership of land.



### Gender-Responsive Good Practices in Documenting Customary and Statutory Land in Mozambique

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TS 23-E: Technical Session Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November



### Enhancing Women's Land Rights: Synergies from Different Stakeholders

#### HOW CAN WE LEVERAGE SYNERGIES AND DEVELOP CONCRETE ACTIONS TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS (WLRs) ACROSS THE CONTINENT?

Ensuring that women have access, ownership and control over land requires a multi-faceted and interconnected approach by the international, regional, and national players.

The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), the Africa Regional Network (ARN), FIG Commission 7, FIG Task Force on SDGs, and the S4HL Campaign intend to discuss synergies to promote WLRs and ensure a people's centered land governance.



HLFM - CLPA 2023 - ADDIS ABABA MON 20 NOV 2023 16:00 -17:30 Nelson Mandela Conference Hall

#### 1<sup>st</sup> High-Level Forum Meeting (#HLFM) of Presidents of Land Associations in Africa



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