



NEWSLETTER

FIG Commission 8

Dear Friends and Delegates of FIG Commission 8,

We're excited to come back with another edition of the FIG Commission 8 newsletter! The news has been collated from our direct activities as well as activities of delegates and friends of the Commission.



NAMIBIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & WG8.1 JOIN HANDS IN FORMING THE NAMIBIAN YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK

The FIG Commission 8, WG8.1, FIG Young Surveyors Network, and the Namibian University of Science & Technology, organised the VCSP Engagement SurveyConnect, an FIG-YSN VCSP event at NUST in Namibia, under the theme, *Bridging Visions, Building Networks*. The event built awareness and fostered networking opportunities to establish a FIG Young Surveyors Network in Namibia. Notably, the Vice-Chair of YSN, David Elegbede, was in attendance.



COMMISSION 8.1 PARTICIPATED IN THE FIG AFRICA REGIONAL NETWORK'S FIRST HIGH-LEVEL FORUM MEETING OF AFRICAN LAND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS IN ADDIS ABABA

The Commission 8.1 Chair, Prof Chigbu (left), met with Surv. Kwame Tenadu (FIG Vice-President) (middle) and the incoming president of Ghana Institution of Surveyors, Surv. Dr. Anthony Arko Adjei (right). The meeting was held as a pre-event at the Conference on Land Policy in Africa at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the 21st of November, 2023. The meeting established working groups and standing committees to help guide strategies for Africa's disparate land professionals to work together towards fulfilling the African Union's Agenda 2063.

COMMISSION 8 AT THE WORLD BUILT ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Commission 8 Chair, Kwabena Asiama and Commission 8 WG 8.2 Chair, James Kavanagh, joined the World Built Environment Forum on the second day to discuss the theme “Sustainable resources security and the extractive industries”. Their contribution came from the work done in the working group on the valuation of unregistered lands. This was connected to the webinar, via the link between security of tenure of resources vis-à-vis the social and cultural values of the land and livelihood restoration.

The World Built Environment Forum (WBEF) is an initiative of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors as an avenue to advance discussions of critical importance to the built and natural environment, inspiring positive and sustainable change for a prosperous and inclusive future.



Guests:

- Prof. Richard Stiazas**
Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning and Geo-Information Management (PGR)
- Dr. Giulia Motta Zanin**
Post Doctoral Researcher, Polytechnic University of Bari
- Dr. Susa Eräranta**
Professor of Practice, Aalto University
- Lawrence Ojusu Gyinaye**
Solutions Engineer at ICEVE

Organized by:
FIG Commission 8 - Spatial planning and development -

FIG International Federation of Surveyors
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Commission 8 Internationale Vereinigung der Vermessungsingenieure

WEBINAR

Climate-smart land use planning - towards flood and drought resilience

Moderators:

- Assoc. Prof. Adrianna Czarnecka**
Chair, Working Group 8.3 - Spatial Planning Instruments and Climate Change (Joint Working Group with the FIG Young Surveyors Network)
- Dr. Kwabena Oboeng Asiama**
Chair, FIG Commission 8 on Spatial Planning and Development

2 pm CET
Thursday, April 4, 2024

SCAN TO REGISTER

Working Group 8.3 Spatial Planning Instruments and Climate Change

FIG COMMISSION 8 WG8.3 WEBINAR

FIG Commission 8, WG3, is planning its first webinar via the FIG Zoom platform on 4th April at 2pm CET. Under the theme, “Climate-smart land use planning - towards flood and drought resilience”, the webinar will feature four speakers from various backgrounds including climate change, spatial planning, and natural disaster risk management. During the webinar, the invited experts will share their knowledge of adaptive spatial planning tools that can help face climate change mitigation and adaptation challenges. The webinar will provide space for knowledge sharing and discussing our challenges. We will be looking to answer the question: what could the surveyors' role be in these processes? Register using the QR code to the left.



FIG COMMISSION 8 @ UNCCD WEBINAR



Live Webinar Series

FIG UNCCD G20 GLOBAL LAND INITIATIVE

LET'S TALK LAND EPISODE 5: Addressing land degradation through land use and urban planning

14 December 2023
14:00 to 15:00 hrs CEST

Guest speakers:

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Charles Atakora
Vice Chair, FIG
Commission 8
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Prof Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu
Professor of Land Management
and Valuation at Rivers State
University, Nigeria

Moderator:

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Jimmy Rakotovo
Information Management team,
G20 Global Land Initiative
Coordination Office

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) through its G20 Global Land Initiative shared a stage with FIG Commission 8, to discuss issues pertaining to Land Use and Spatial Planning as a tool to prevent, halt and reverse land degradation. Our Vice-chair, Charles Atakora, represented the commission at the webinar, along with Prof. Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu.

COMMISSION 8 AT 2024 FIG WORKING WEEK, ACCRA

The 2024 FIG Working Week is a few months away, and it will be held in the serene La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, under the theme, Your World, Our World: Resilient Environment and Sustainable Resource Management for All. Though the abstract submissions have closed, registration is still open.

FIG Commission 8 will be participating fully, with technical sessions within the commission, with each working group having a session in the Working Week, as well as sessions in concert with other commissions and task forces. The key technical focus for the commission during the working week will be "Leveraging land and marine spatial planning for greater resilience". We hope to also socialise with you during our commission dinner in the week. We look forward to welcoming you to Accra. For more information, kindly follow this link: <https://www.fig.net/fig2024/index.htm>.



FIG Working Week 2024
19-24 May Accra, Ghana

Your World, Our World: Resilient Environment and Sustainable Resource Management for All

If you've made it this far, then why don't you join our [LinkedIn page](#) and [WhatsApp Community](#) so we can be updated on all Commission 8 related activities. We welcome any updates - from telling us about technical or thought leadership presentations you've been doing, papers you've been working on which are relevant to Commission 8, please do share photos and a paragraph or two with us at figcommission8@fig.net and/or in our [WhatsApp Community](https://chat.whatsapp.com/BFCmtozNLV0G7Ov1FLCFbu) (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BFCmtozNLV0G7Ov1FLCFbu>).

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Roshni Sharma (Vice-Chair)
Charles Atakora (Vice-Chair)