



FIG Commission 7

Women's Land Rights and Women in Surveying Working Group (7.5)

Summary of Activities from Last Quarter

Plan for next semester

Opportunities to streamline WLRs within FIG

Communications and takeaways from Ghana2024

April – June 2024 activities

Objective 1: Review of Publication 24- Guidelines to women's access to land.

- Research on WLRs and actions to support women's land rights (this is based on Marisa's thesis)
- Launched the questionnaire to validate and prioritize barriers, measures, key themes for publication, key guides for land professionals

Objective 2: Engage in partnerships in the domain of women's land rights

- Discussed with S4HL potential themes to include in clinic days (to educate grassroots women).
- Engaged YSN to define a similar approach as that of VCSP to support clinic days.
- Joint session during FIG Ghana 2024 to discuss WLRs (9 papers presented as roundtable discussion TS07H)
- Supported a technical session on Gender Equality in Land Sector organized by GLTN, UNHabitat, and FIG with NUST, AUS, S4HL
- Participated in G20 GLI roundtable on Gender and Land restoration in Ghana as a pre-event to FIG Ghana 2024
- Organized a meeting between S4HL, Colandef, FIG Working Group 7.5.
- Participated in the 58th annual conference of NIS introducing the working group and the importance of WLRs to Sustainable Development

Objective 3: Mainstream gender within FIG commissions, TF, working groups and member associations

- Engaged with SDGs task force – dedicated month of June to SDG5 based on FIG Ghana communications (9 communications)
- Engaged with 2 working groups working in curricula from commission 2, through Rosario Casanova and Simon Hull, to embed Gender and WLR into education in land related curricula.
- Organized a joint workshop with FFPLA working group 7.2. on how FFPLA promotes equitable land rights during FIG Ghana 2024. Launched a questionnaire to support further research and publication

July – December 2024 activities

Objective 1: Review of Publication 24- Guidelines to women's access to land.

- Analysis of the questionnaires
- Draft of the table of contents of publication. Inclusion of preliminary information (to take from Marisa's thesis part of the work). Needs to be after submission- Oct24

Objective 2: Engage in partnerships in the domain of women's land rights

- Approval of concept note on how to adopt VCSP to clinic days, in partnership with YSN/ARN. This will be also discussed with WB, GLTN, UNHabitat, and GIZ.
- Re-ignite S4HL working plan agreed in CLPA2023. ARN is linking with the S4HL work, and there is much potential here moving forward.
- Further develop agreements reached in Ghana between S4HL, Colandef, and FIG to establish a S4HL campaign in the country.
- Participate in gender related conferences – TBD (C7 annual meeting in Malaysia? Nepal FIG regional? What else?)

Objective 3: Mainstream gender within FIG commissions, TF, working groups and member associations

- Further communicate with FIG commissions and TF to include gender in their working plans.
- Discuss with SDG TF the inclusion of SDG5 in diagram of SDGs/Commissions interventions.
- Continue working FFPLA and WLRs article

Opportunities to increase cooperation and synergies within FIG

Other Com7 working groups:

- **FELA (Amalia Velasco)** - Effective land Governance means also ensuring WLRs are secured and that LG is not only gender sensitive but also gender responsive. We would like to discuss possible measures.
- **LADM (Eftychia Kalogianni)** - I understand that there will be a newer version of it. And that gender disaggregated data is included. We would like to highlight the importance of it and how this standard contributes to promoting WLRs.
- **FFPLA (Israel Taewo)** - we are already working together illustrating how FFPLA promotes WLRs.

Commissions:

- **Commission 1:** Links to Working group 1.2 Women in Surveying – attracting, retaining, supporting female students and professionals
- **Commission 2:** Embedding Gender and WLR into education in curricula (there are 2 working groups working in curricula). We have been speaking to Rosario and more recently with Simon.
- **Commission 3:** Gendered data – understanding how data both entrenches and addresses inequalities (we were told that Roshni Sharma may support this)
- **Commission 4:** Joint with Comm1 ‘how to bring more women into hydrography’
- **Commission 5/6:** Joint Comm1 on profession and/or ‘how does technology impact gender and land’
- **Commission 8:** What is a gender sensitive spatial plan?
- **Commission 9/10:** joint Comm 1 or e.g. Do we need gender sensitivity in valuation? Can women benefit from valuation



Opportunities to increase cooperation and synergies

Task Forces:

- **SDGs Task Force** - continue the work we have been developing.
- **Inclusion and Diversity Task Force** – to bring more women into the surveyor profession. To promote inclusion of both gender issues and social skills in land professionals' curricula.
- **Climate Compass Task Force** - Highlight impact of climate change on WLRs and how efforts to fight it can contribute to land tenure security of women. The concept of Land restoration and land distribution seems to be an opportunity. Also important to have facts of how CC impacts women especially.

Member Associations:

- **ARN** - We engaged with ARN to discuss the synergies and actions land professionals could engage, particularly supporting the S4HL Campaign. We have not succeeded in achieving all the goals and objectives discussed in the HLFM of presidents in the AU CLPA2023. It has been harder than anticipated.
- **YSN** - Engaging YS through the VCSP to support capacity building of grassroots women.

Main communications during FIG Ghana 2024 (takeaways next slide)

- Marisa Balas (Mozambique), Rosana Albuquerque (Portugal), Christiaan Lemmen (Netherlands) and Kate Fairlie (Australia): Singular Vision and Collective Action Are Required to Promote Women's Access to Land and Land Tenure Security (12483) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_balas_albuquerque_et_al_12483.pdf
- Francesca Marzatico (New Zealand) and Marisa Balas (Mozambique): The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) publication n. 24 “Guidelines on Women's Access to Land”: still relevant after 20 years. (12670) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_marzatico_balas_12670.pdf
- Amy Cripps and Kate Fairlie (Australia): How Effective Are Initiatives to Recruit Women into Surveying? (12567) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_cripps_fairlie_12567.pdf
- Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu (Nigeria): Improving Gender and Women's Access to Land by increasing land availability through land Conservation and land Restoration (12460) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_kakulu_12460.pdf
- Yenny Andrea Marín-Salazar, Juan Sebastian Oviedo Mozo, Johan Andrés Avendaño Arias, Rolando Crespo and Luisa Cristina Burbano Guzmán (Colombia): Proposal to Measure Gender Gaps in Land Ownership Access in Colombia Using the Utilization of Administrative Records. (12553) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_marin-salazar_arias_12553.pdf
- Leslie Hannay (USA) and Nana Ama Yirrah (Ghana): Overcoming Barriers to Youth and Women’s Land Access and Tenure Security to Increase Efficiency, Equity, and Economic Empowerment Across Ghana’s Agricultural Value Chains (12528) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_hannay_yirrah_12528.pdf
- Basirata Abudu-Akindali and Rebecca Dengure (Ghana): Introducing the Young Ones into Surveying Profession especially the girl child (12441) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_abudu-akindali_dengure_12441.pdf
- Gad Asorwoe Akwensivie and Priscilla Donkoh (Ghana): Women, land ownership and access to credit – Salient observations from rural Ghana (12782) - https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/ts07h/TS07H_akwensivie_donkoh_12782.pdf

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13 CLIMATE ACTION
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

“Land conservation and land restoration initiatives increase land availability and can improve women’s access to land”

In: Kakaha, L. I. (2024). Improving Gender and Women’s Access to Land by increasing land availability through land Conservation and Land Restoration.

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FIG Publication #24 “Guidelines on Women’s Access to Land”: Still relevant after 20 years but needs to be updated and contextualized to today’s situation.

Help us by filling in this questionnaire available at <https://ce-en.kobotoolbox.org/z/1Ehr5q4t>

In: Marzatico, F., Balas, M. (2024). The FIG publication 24 “Guidelines on Women’s Access to Land”: still relevant after 20 years. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_marzatico_balas_12670.pdf

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“Multi-purpose land cadastres with gender disaggregated variables help illustrate how serious gender inequality currently is and support informed decision-making”

In: Marin Salazar, V. A., Avendaño, J. A., Valenzuela, W. (2024). Proposal to Measure Gender Gaps in Land Ownership Access in Colombia Using the Utilization of Administrative Records. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_marin-salazar_arias_12553.pdf

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Singular vision of a people - centered land governance and collective action are key to advance women’s land rights

In: Balas, M., Albuquerque, R., Lemmen, C., & Fairlie, K. (2024). Singular Vision and Collective Action Are Required to Promote Women’s Access to Land and Land Tenure Security. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_balas_albuquerque_et_al_12483.pdf

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“Strengthening local capacity among customary leaders on strategies and approaches for securing women and youth land rights will sustain the gains made from awareness raised”

In: Hannay, L., Yirrah, N. A. (2024). Overcoming Barriers to Youth and Women’s Land Access and Tenure Security to Increase Efficiency, Equity, and Economic Empowerment Across Ghana’s Agricultural Value Chains. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_hannay_yirrah_12528.pdf

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5 GENDER EQUALITY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

“Support women’s economic development by establishing linkages with financial institutions and providing pro bono legal services”

In: Alvenshvie, G. A., Donkoh, P. (2024). Women, land ownership, and access to credit – Salient observations from rural Ghana. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_alkvenshie_donkoh_12782.pdf

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“There is a lack of women in surveying – we need to address this, but we don’t know what mechanisms are most effective at attracting and retaining women in surveying”

In: Cripps, A., Fairlie, K. (2024). How Effective Are Initiatives to Recruit Women into Surveying?. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_cripps_fairlie_12567.pdf

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It is Important to Introduce the Young Ones into the Surveying Profession, especially the girl child.

In: Abudu-Akindali, B., Denguere, R. (2024). Introducing the Young Ones into Surveying Profession especially the girl child. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_abudu-akindali_denguere_12441.pdf

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Education is Key to Promote Women’s Land Rights

- Change the mindset of public institutions
- Capacitate civil servants
- Habilitate land professionals in both technical and social skills
- Educate traditional leaders
- Create awareness within community members

In: Balas, M., Albuquerque, R., Lemmen, C., & Fairlie, K. (2024). Singular Vision and Collective Action Are Required to Promote Women’s Access to Land and Land Tenure Security. Available at https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2024/papers/s07h/TS07H_balas_albuquerque_et_al_12483.pdf