

News Brief | October 2023

Dear FIG C7 delegates and friends,

Herewith the October 2023 update from C7. Ok, we're a little late again – but, that's because so much is happening right now! In this edition, we'll follow-on from the September edition and recap more from the sessions at the C7 Annual Meeting, held from 2-4 October 2023, in Deventer, Netherlands. We'll here from a few other C7 Working Groups and encourage you to get involved with all that is going on. A big thanks to **Angel Collado** (our Social Media Guru) for compiling the images and content below. Find it on LinkedIn. Remember – lots is going on in the various C7 Whatsapp groups, so get in touch with Angel if you'd like to join those: Angel.Collado@uclm.es.



1. Women's Access to Land (Working Group 7.5)



A session on S4HL (Stand 4 Her Land) and FIG Publication 24 (being reviewed as part of the WG7.5 C7 workplan), led by Marisa Balas (Mozambique/Netherlands) and Claire Buxton (Canada/Australia) was held. Prof Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu (Nigeria) presented on "Halting land degradation through equitable land access and land ownership by Women" and Sara Garcia Ortiz (The Netherlands) spoke on "Healing Mother Earth: Arhuaco indigenous women and the defence of their ancestral territory". See the full articles here:

<https://lnkd.in/etmAeu7D>. There was also a lunch session specifically looking into the scope and plans for the Publication 24 update. Stay tuned for more on that.

Meanwhile, hot-off-the-press: **Claire Buxton** from WG7.5 attended at the recent **S4HL Steering Committee** meeting in early November:

"The Working Group on Women's Access to Land (WG7.5) is continuing FIG's partnership with the Stand For Her Land (S4HL) campaign. As a very early S4HL partner, FIG members have a role to play in helping close the gap between policy and reality when it comes to women's land rights and access to secure tenure. By demonstrating how the FIG operates, shares knowledge, and implements change, we provided a picture of FIG as a guidepost by which the campaign may further establish working relationships with other partners as the campaign grows. Special appreciation was given by the Steering Committee of the voluntary nature of our work as FIG members."





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"The partnership between FIG and S4HL is evolving into a strong partnership, driven by mutual leadership, focused on advancing and elevating work where there is already complement." - Ashleigh Flowers (Global Manager of S4HL)

This is the beginning of action, the evolution is in the hands of you and your colleagues. But with FIG diversity and inclusion agenda...space will continue to be made especially in our working week." - Dr Diane Dumashie FRICS, President of FIG"

Follow the latest, a Stand for Her Land LinkedIn Page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/stand-for-her-land/>

2. Fit for Purpose Land Administration FFPLA (Working Group 7.2)



A session on FFPLA, Working Group 7.2, planned by Israel TAIWO (Nigeria) – and Chaired by Prof. Chrit Lemmen, also took place. Presenting papers were Menare Royal Mabakeng (Namibia) with "Engagements for Advancing the Objectives of the Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration Working Group: A Call to Action", Kees de Zeeuw (The Netherlands) with "Cadastral System Implementations Using GIS", Christelle van den Berg (The Netherlands) with "Boosting Land Administration modernisation in Benin with Fit for Purpose Land Administration", Trias Aditya (Indonesia) with "Visualizing Title Uncertainties and Quality Issues in Digital Era of Land Administration" and Helge Nysæter (Norway) with "Cadastral Surveying and

Computation Methods". FFPLA has been a focus for C7 for over a decade. It's great to see the WG now being Chaired out of Africa and so many new case stories being shared. See the full papers here:

<https://lnkd.in/etmAeu7D>



3. Framework for Effective Land Administration (Working Group 7.1)



The Framework for Effective Land Administration (#FELA) was endorsed by the UN in August 2020. It directly links the work of cadastres and land administrators with the SDGs and the global agenda. Since then, FIG has been actively supporting UNGGIM, via its Member Associations, to advocate, trial, and implement the framework. Chaired by **Amalia Velasco** of Spain, between 2023-26, WG7.1 will lead on this work. At Deventer, we had a standalone session on FELA and its implementation. Amalia Velasco (Spain) introduced and updated on the "Framework for Effective land Administration (WG7.1) Work Plan 2023-2026". A new and highly innovative work was presented by Mengying Chen (China), who spoke on "SDG Land Administration Indicators based on ISO 19152 LADM". Click here for the complete articles: <https://lnkd.in/etmAeu7D>

4. The Ballad of Commission 7

Enough of the serious stuff! We'll cover more of the C7 Working Group content and activities (including attendance at the recent 12th UNGGIM-AP meeting in Indonesia) in the November edition.

Meanwhile, the C7 AM is always a great opportunity for networking, socialising, and merriment. Deventer was no different, and thanks to our friends at C2, maybe we even went to the next level. Via the hard work and deal-cutting expertise of Rindert Vos (and his merry crew of helpers from Kadaster International Back-Office, and University of Twente, ITC Faculty), the delegates were treated to a urban/rural bike tour, an excellently hosted city walk of Deventer, a 'technical' brewery visit, a trivia evening (with remarkable hosting prowess by Kadaster's very own **Lennart Harmsen**), and of course the traditional Commission 7 Dinner. For the dinner, a huge and belated thanks needs to go to **Trimble** (thanks Markus Koper), who sponsored the event, helping to cover costs. We were also graced with attendance of several C7 legends including Paul van der Molen, Daniel Steudeler, Chrit Lemmen, Stig Enemark and Pauline van Esland.





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Finally, as many of you will know, C7 has for a long time, had its very own 'ballad'. Originally penned by Jurg Kaufman back in the early 2000s, with several hundred verses being added over various C7 events, the ballad has made a comeback in recent times. As good land administrators do, we've recovered the lost documents from the archives (thanks Jurg!), digitised them, modernised them, and served them up to our key stakeholders (you). With the help of all the delegates, including **Frank Tierhof** (Director, Kadaster) and **Paula Dijkstra** (Director, Kadaster International), the ballad rang out into the evening at the C7 Annual Meeting dinner. So - to round out this newsletter, and by popular request (for the words at least, and perhaps not the recorded singing), here is your 'C7 Ballad, 2023 Annual Meeting edition:'

Ballad of Commission 7

by Jürg Kaufmann. Switzerland 1996 – 2001

(Updated and adapted: Rohan Bennett and Vincent Verheij, 2023)

In this world, you'll find a Commission, a better Commission you'll never see.

And this is our Commission 7, Commission 7 of FIG

And this is our Commission 7, Commission 7 of FIG

Commission 7 is for Cadastres, the peak professional body globally

You must be part of Commission 7, Commission 7 of the FIG

You must be part of Commission 7, Commission 7 of the FIG

It costs nothing to be friends with the Commission, but you must pay your registration fees,

Pay your fees to Commission 7, to avoid financial penalty

Pay your fees to Commission 7, to avoid financial penalty

Now Jurg Kaufmann, a Swisse with mus'cal talent, penned a lovely little melody

It's the song of Commission 7, by himself Mr. Cadastre 2014

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This year we're gathering in Deventer, a lovely Hans-e-a-tic City

For the Annual Meeting of Commission 7, Commission 7 of the FIG

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The Netherlands has its Kadaster, a gift from Napoleon in the' 1830s

Kadaster loves Commission 7, Commission 7 of the FIG

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We're so lucky to have our sponsors, esri, Trimble, Leica, VNG

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Amalia, Israel, and Peter; Mila, Marisa, Claudia, Simon, Tommy,

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FFP, LADM, and FELA; SHL, TERLA, AI and SDGs

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Fédération International des Géomètres
Internationale Vereinigung der Vermessungsingenieure

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We've worked hard for two days together; and we've drunk more than only tea

It's fun to be with Commission 7; Commission 7 of the FIG

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Let's finish off by toasting to together, toasting in Dutch, counting Een! Twee! Drie!

It's a toast to Commission 7, Commission 7 of the FIG

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Ok, I think we have to stop now; otherwise it could be that people flee

Sing once more of Commission 7, Commission 7 of FIG

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