

**Report for the 27<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
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The issues affecting surveyors, surveyors associations and surveying in Africa are:

- Low membership in national associations
  - Low takings to participate in global activities
- The value of belonging to FIG
  - Let tangible benefits filter to general membership (quantity surveyors and valuers)
- Incentives from FIG Corporate Members
  - Good incentives like ESRI and Intergraph
  - Information must trickle down to members (publicity; e-publishing is cutting off some members)
- Dying schools of surveying
  - Help reserve situation by high level FIG sensitization efforts to gain necessary support to these schools (greater need for human resources against poor/lacking equipment and other teaching materials and resources)
- Moral and material support to new and old associations
  - Organizational and uplifting support to keep the old ones from dying and to help new ones grow from strength to strength (bilateral partnership for establishing associations)
  - Keep surveying going in the face of a lot of encroachments from modern society (aging surveyors)
  - Keep surveyors abreast with the ever changing role of surveying in our ever changing earth
- Creation of technological and information guide for Africa

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