

**Report to the 31st General Assembly
FIG Working Week in Stockholm, Sweden, June 2008**

FIG Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development

Report of Activities 2007-2008

1. General

In 2007 Commission 8 activities concentrated on FIG working week in Hong Kong on 13-17 May 2007, Costa Rica Regional Conference held on 12-15 November 2007 and a publication by Dr Diane Dumashie Chair of Working Group 8.2 (FIG publication no. 42 “*Informal Settlements: The Road towards More Sustainable Places*”, Commission 8 Working Group 8.3 2002-2006).

At the Hong Kong working week the Commission had a number of excellent sessions which was highlighted with Clara Msale from Tanzania University receiving the Ernst & Young Australia award for best content material in a presentation. The papers from this conference can be found on the FIG website. In addition Ms Ioana Manolache Chair of Working Group 8.3 – Reengineering Mega Cities – presented yet another outstanding paper. In addition the continuing them of surveyors role in Disaster management was presented, not only at this event, but also at the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors 9th South-East Asian Survey Congress held in Christchurch, New Zealand, October 2007. I

At the Costa Rica Regional Conference Dr Diane Dumashie Chair of Working Group 8.2 on Informal Settlements Issues in Spatial Development, Planning and Governances took a lead role giving a key note presentation (see full text November 2007 “Article of the Month” www.fig.net). Her particular involvement in both informal settlements and coastal zone issues provided an excellent background to the discussions that took place.

Looking forward in 2008 Working Week in Stockholm, Commission 8 working groups are currently building a content around the various working groups particularly around working groups 8.2 Informal Settlements Issues in Spatial Development, Planning and Governances; 8.5 Land Use Planning and Implementation; and 8.4 Urban Planning and Coastal Regions. It is anticipated at this stage that planning sessions, working groups, general discussions and other forums will be used to convey an extensive volume of information and knowledge during the important working week in Stockholm.

Dr Diane Dumashie is currently preparing the former Working Group on Informal Settlements report references a full round up of Commission 8 technical sessions relating to Informal Settlements over the period (2002-06). A summary report is to be made available on the web later in 2008. This report provides useful background and point of reference of the Commissions that agreed to input into the group (3, 7 and 8) and may act as a working source.

Simon Adcock had to resign from the chairmanship 31.1.2008. The FIG Council has taken action to find a new chairperson to take over the chairmanship for the remaining term of office. The new chair will be brought to the General Assembly for endorsement in Stockholm.

2. Working Groups

WG 8.1 – Planning Strategy for Urban Development and Regeneration

Chair: Dr. Lillian S.C. Pun (Hong Kong SAR, China)

WG 8.2 – Informal Settlements Issues in Spatial Development Planning and Governance

Chair: Dr. Diane Dumashie (United Kingdom)

Documentation of the Working Group (WG 8.3 2002-2006) activity has been completed, dissemination has occurred via joint FIG/ RICS flyer and a publication in the FIG Report series (publication #42) summarising the full report. This activity consolidated the group's work and has provided a clear direction. Working group members are actively seeking to progress future activities in the following ways.

First, under the umbrella of the FIG/ UN HABITAT Memorandum of Understanding, in particular to explore if there is a specific project within the GLTN tool development initiative. The focus will be combining spatial planning and economic development in the Spatial Planning theme. This is an extremely challenging task, but it is hoped that further dialogue will provide an outcome for some helpful research.

Second, new ways to disseminate to both external and internal audiences the importance of the wider land professionals input into the consideration of slum dwellers needs are being worked upon by a core steering group.

Finally, through the MOU relationship, the Land Tenure and Property Administration Section (LTPAS), Shelter Branch of UN Habitat (LTPAS) invited FIG by Dr. Diane Dumashie to co host a Land Professionals Workshop on Gendering Land Tools, held in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. Dr. Dumashie was invited to facilitate the workshop and report on the meeting activities. The full report is available on the GLTN website.

WG 8.3 – Re-engineering of Mega Cities

Chair: Ms. Ioana Manaolache (Romania)

WG 8.4 – Urban Planning in Coastal Regions

Chair: Mr. Isaac Boateng (United Kingdom)

The activities of the working group 8.4 for the past one and half years had centred on three key areas: capacity building, case studies and research on the development of a holistic policy framework for climate induced sea level rise adaptation planning, in coastal regions. Already, results of seven case studies on the subject have been presented by members at the FIG conferences in Hong Kong and Costa Rica.

In order to widened participation and sharing of ideas, the working Group is planning a cross-commission round table discussion with working group 4.3 (Coastal Zone Management) at the FIG working week in Stockholm.

WG 8.5 – Land Use Planning and Implementation

Chair: Dr. Maria Ulfvarson Östlund (Sweden)

3. Cooperation with Other Commissions

Joint-Commission (3, 4, 7 and 8) workshop on Pro-Poor Coastal Zone Management and the development of the FIG Costa Rica Declaration

4. Events

2007

- FIG Working Week 2007, Hong Kong, SAR, May.
- 6th FIG Regional Conference, San José, Costa Rica, November.

2008

- FIG Working Week 2008, Stockholm Sweden, June.

5. Communication and Publications

For **Simon Adcock**

Chair of FIG Commission 8 (10/2006-01/2008)

Dr. Diane Dumashie

Chair if FIG WG 8.2

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