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## World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty

The 2013 World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, to be held in Washington DC, USA (8-11 April 2013), will bring together representatives from governments, the development community, civil society, academia and the private sector. The conference aims to foster dialogue and sharing of good practices relating to the diversity of reforms, approaches and experiences that are being implemented in the land sector around the world. FIG is one of the collaborating partners for this event and many colleagues from FIG will be contributing towards the success of this year's edition. The range of subjects on the agenda is broad, and includes presentations and discussions on some of the innovations initiated by FIG in its co-operation with partners such as the Global Tool Land Network (GLTN), UN Habitat, FAO and the World Bank itself. The theme of the event is 'Moving towards transparent land governance: evidence-based next steps'. The profession will demonstrate its consideration and contribution to that which is applicable, appropriate and affordable, i.e. which is fit for purpose.

On the continuum of land rights, for instance, it calls for recognising and protecting various prevailing possibilities with adequate provisions to navigate and transition through the options. Land rights can range from legitimate to legal, and from documented to non-documented. Rights can be recorded on paper or on a more sophisticated device, such as a tablet with advanced mobile computing technology and support. Similarly, the approach to securing land rights can range from using



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'barefoot' practitioners to highly qualified and competent experts. The continuum of data accuracy should be fit for the intended purpose and intended users, and can range from sub-centimetre accuracy to kilometres. The event in Washington is taking place just one month before the FIG Working Week in Abuja, Nigeria (6-10 May 2013), where further discussions and considerations will be the focus of attention.

#### DOHA DECLARATION

FIG remains optimistic with the issuance of the Doha Declaration on Advancing Global Geospatial Information Management at the recently concluded Second High Level Forum on the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management in Doha, Qatar, in February 2013.

Among other things, participants resolved to:

- Commit to working together as an international community, under the co-ordination of the UN, to work with all stakeholders to improve a sustained operational global geodetic reference frame

and infrastructure, and to support the increasing demand for positioning and monitoring applications with associated societal and economic benefits

- Affirm the importance of having a stable, credible and reliable national geospatial information infrastructure in each country built on internationally recognised standards that will integrate, manage and deliver geospatial information for timely, evidenced-based and authoritative decision-making and policy formulation on location-based development issues, including disasters and humanitarian needs
- Affirm the importance of an agreed set of authoritative core global geospatial reference datasets that are needed to support global sustainable development activities and to work jointly towards the preparation, improvement and maintenance of these core reference datasets.

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