

FIG WORKING WEEK 2012

May 6–10 2012
Rome, Italy

15 April 2012

**FAO/FIG Forum
FIG Working Week 2012
Rome, Italy, 6-10 May 2012**

General

Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security

FAO and its partners, including FIG, with which the Organization has had long-standing cooperation, have been working over the past four years to prepare Voluntary Guidelines to improve the governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests. These Voluntary Guidelines are intended to assist States, civil society and the private sector in improving the governance of tenure, and thus contribute to alleviating hunger and poverty, empowering the poor and vulnerable, enhancing the environment, supporting national and local economic development, and reforming public administration.

Weak governance is a cause of many tenure-related problems, and attempts to address tenure problems are affected by the quality of governance. Weak governance is found in formal statutory land administration as well as in informal and customary tenure arrangements. It flourishes where the law is complex, inconsistent or obsolete; where people who work in land agencies lack motivation and are poorly trained and paid; where decision-making processes are not transparent; and where civil society is weak. The poor are vulnerable to the effects of weak governance as they lack the ability to protect their rights to land and other natural resources.

Voluntary Guidelines set out principles and internationally accepted standards for responsible practices. They provide a framework that States can use when developing their own strategies, policies, legislation and programmes. They allow government authorities, the private sector, civil society and citizens to judge whether their proposed actions and the actions of others constitute acceptable practices.

The inter-governmental negotiations on the Voluntary Guidelines on Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the context of National Food Security were successfully finalized on Friday 9 March 2012. About 96 member countries along with civil society organizations, UN agencies and other international organizations, farmers associations, and private sector representatives took part in three rounds of negotiations, in July and October 2011, and, most recently, in March 2012, led by an Open Ended Working Group of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). The negotiations took place in a positive, constructive and inclusive atmosphere and a great sense of ownership was felt by all participants.



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The Voluntary Guidelines will be considered for final endorsement by the CFS at a special session in Rome in mid-May. Upon adoption, the focus of effort and partnership will shift to the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines. While FAO anticipates that there will be substantial take-up and requests for support from member countries to which it will respond, there are expected to be opportunities to help with implementation for all stakeholders, including particularly professional associations such as FIG and their respective national member associations.

Plenary Talk

Plenary Session 1 - - Knowledge to Manage

Time: Monday, 7 May 2012 11:00–12:30

Venue: Cavalieri 4, Rome Cavalieri

Chair: Mr. **CheeHai Teo**, FIG President, Malaysia

Rapporteur: Geom. **Fausto Savoldi**, CNGeGL President, Italy

Mr. **Alexander Mueller**, Assistant Director General, Natural Resources Management and Environment Department, FAO:

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Alexander Müller is since 2006 the Assistant Director-General of the Natural Resources Management and Environment Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy. From 2008 to 2011 he was the Chair, United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN).

From 2001 to 2005 he was the State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture, Berlin, Germany and from 1995 to 2001 a Member of Parliament, Hesse, Germany; Chairman of the Caucus of the Green Party; Member of the Committee of Environmental Affairs, of the Finance Committee and of the Committee for New Media, Wiesbaden, Germany.

1992-1995: State Secretary, Hessian Ministry of Youth, Family and Health Affairs, Wiesbaden, Germany.

His education background is Master of Social Sciences (Sociology, Political Sciences) at Philipps Universität in Marburg, Germany, 1977-1985.

FAO/FIG Forum Sessions

FAO/FIG Forum - Implementing Land and Property Taxes

Time: Monday 7 May 2012 9:00-10:30

Venue: Ellisse, Rome Cavalieri

Co-Chairs: **Dr. Paul Munro-Faure**, FAO and **Dr. Frances Plimmer**, FIG Commission 9

Commission: FAO, FIG and Commission 9

Dr. Paul Munro-Faure, FAO and **Dr. Frances Plimmer**, FIG Commission 9; United Kingdom
Opening remarks

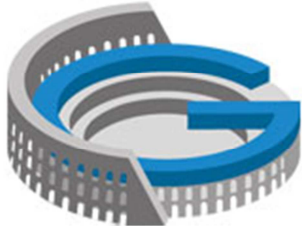


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Mr. **Alexander I. Okunev**, Russia and Ms. **Galina L. Smolina**, Russia
Russian Federation – Introduction of a Tax on Real Estate in Russia, and the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System Developed under the Cadastre Development Project

Mr. **Niño Raymond B. Alvina**, Philippines
The Philippines – Comprehensive Development of Valuation and Property Taxation under the Land Administration and Management Programme

Ms. **Nashilongo Shivute**, Namibia
Namibia – Namibia Commercial Farmland Tax implemented with support from FAO

Mr. **Mehmet Cesur**, Turkey
Turkey – Development of Valuation in Turkey under the Land Registry and Cadastre Modernization Project

Questions and discussion and wrap up

FAO/FIG Forum - Partnerships to Implement the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests

Time: Monday 7 May 2012 14:00-15:30

Venue: Cavalieri 4, Rome Cavalieri

Moderator: Dr. **Babette Wehrman**, FAO

Rapporteur: Dr. **Daniel Roberge**, FIG Commission 7, Canada

Commission: FAO, FIG and Commission 7

Mr. **CheeHai Teo**, FIG President, Malaysia
FIG's Role in Promoting and Supporting Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests

Ms. **Tanja Pickardt**, Sector Project Land Policy, GIZ, Germany
Responsible Governance of Tenure - Good Practices from around the World

Ms. **Nashilongo Shivute**, Undersecretary, Ministry of Lands and Resettlement, Namibia
What a Government Can Do to Improve Governance of Tenure – Lessons Learnt from Namibia

Mr. **Philip Seufert**, FIAN, Germany
Monitoring Responsible Governance of Tenure – Expectations and Recommendations from Civil Society

Mr. **Mike Taylor**, Program Manager, International Land Coalition, ILC, Italy
Monitoring Responsible Governance of Tenure – the Land Matrix

Discussion:

How Can Surveyors Contribute to Achieve Responsible Governance of Tenure?

Dr. **Babette Wehrmann**, FAO
Summary of the Discussion and Closing



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FAO/FIG Forum - Academic Institutions and Opportunities to Implement the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests

Time: Monday 7 May 2012 16:00-17:30

Venue: Ellisse, Rome Cavalieri

Chair: Dr. **Babette Wehrman**, FAO

Rapporteur: Prof. **Steven Frank**, FIG Commission 2, USA

Opening and keynote:

Mr. **John Tracey-White** and Mr. **James Kavanagh**, RICS, United Kingdom

Draft Strategy for mainstreaming of leading academic institutions in the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines

Reflections on the Draft Strategy and Sharing Innovative Approaches

Invited panelists:

Ms. **Charisse Griffith-Charles**, Trinidad

Mr. **Cesar Luna**, the Philippines

Mr. **Jasper Ntwiga Mwenda**, Kenya

Open discussion: reflections and ideas from the audience and wrap up

Technical Tour to FAO and Training Session Programme

Time: Tuesday 8 May 2012 13:30-18:30

Time	Presentation	Speakers
13.30	Departure from Cavalieri Hilton by bud	
13:50	Welcome speeches	FAO Representative and Daniel Roberge, Chair, FIG Commission 7
14.00 – 14.20	DRR approaches in FAO perspective including survey techniques in pre & post disaster needs & damage assessment	Cristina Amaral, Chief Emergencies Operations Group, FAO
14.20 – 14.35	Land tenure and administration in FAO DRR perspective	Paul Munro-Faure, Chief, Land Tenure Group, FAO
14.35 – 15.20	Panel discussion: Examples dealing with land tenure in floods and mega-disasters: Hurricane in the Caribbean (UWI); Bangladesh (land tenure and salinisation); and Mozambique (local participation in dealing with tenure issues after a flood)	Field representatives from projects + facilitators: S. Baas and A. Herrera
15.20-15.30	Comments and questions	Christina Amaral and Paul Munro-Faure, FAO
15.30-16.00	Coffee break	



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16.00-16.20	Overview of FIG with a special focus on Commission 7	Daniel Roberge, Chair, FIG Commission 7
16.20-16.40	Integrating land issues and land administration into Disaster Risk Management	David Mitchell, FIG Commission 7
16.40-17.00	Effective Spatial Information Management for DRM	Jaap Zevenbergen, FIG Commissions 7
17.00-17.20	Land management and land use planning to support DRM	Francis Roy, Canada, FIG Commission 7
17.20-17.40	Case study : Earthquake, New Zealand	Don Grant, FIG Commission 7 Craig Harris, FIG Commission 9
17.40-18.00	Panel Discussion and conclusion	
18.30	Arrival to Cavalieri Hilton by bus	