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Executive **SUMMARY**

PROPOSED DATES

The final dates will be agreed up on after discussions with FIG

May 6-12, 2029,

May 13-19, 2029

May 27- June 2, 2029

PROPOSED VENUE

The proposed venue for the FIG Working Week 2029 is Speke Resort Munyonyo, a world-class facility renowned for hosting high-profile international conferences and events. Nestled along the shores of Lake Victoria, this venue combines state-of-the-art infrastructure with a serene environment, providing an ideal setting for professional engagements and networking.

PROPOSED THEME

Theme 1

"Surveying for Resilient Societies: Innovations Driving Peace, Prosperity, Partnerships, and Sustainability"

Theme 2

"Navigating Change: Surveyors of today, tomorrow and the future as Key Drivers of Sustainable Urbanization and Resilience."

HOST MEMBER ASSOCIATION

The Institution of Surveyors of Uganda (ISU) is a member of FIG and the only professional association that brings together land surveyors, valuation surveyors, quantity surveyors and mining

and hydrological surveyors in Uganda

SUPPORTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development

Uganda Tourism Board

Kampala Capital City Authority

Ministry of Works and Transport

Uganda Land Commission

FIG WORKING WEEK 2029 BID MANUAL

The guidelines stipulated for bidding to host the FIG Working Week 2029 will be met. The local organising committee will accommodate amendments which may be required prior to 2029.

BID ORGANISATION

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INVITATION

INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS OF UGANDA

Dear FIG Council

The Institution of Surveyors of Uganda (ISU), which is the only FIG Member Association in Uganda that represents Land Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Valuation Surveying, Mining and Hydrological Surveying professionals, hereby present this bid, for hosting FIG Working Week 2029 in Kampala, Uganda.

Uganda seeks to host the FIG Working Week 2029 to provide a dynamic platform for advancing surveying and geospatial science professionalism and fostering global collaboration. With its strategic location in Africa, Uganda offers seamless access to delegates from all over the world. The country's youthful population presents an opportunity to engage the next generation of surveying professionals, while its focus on sustainable development aligns with the goals of the surveying profession. Uganda's proven ability to host international events, combined with its diverse landscapes and commitment to innovation, will ensure a successful and impactful event that promotes inclusivity and professional growth.

As a country, Uganda is embracing digital transformation in surveying and geospatial science. The FIG Working Week 2029 in Uganda would serve as a platform to highlight advancements in automation, digital mapping, and data-driven decision-making. This aligns with the FIG's vision for the profession's future, making Uganda a natural choice to lead these conversations.

The FIG Working Week 2029 will showcase the development and implementation of one of the best National Land Information Systems in Africa. It will highlight the progress made in defining a modern Geodetic Reference Frame for Uganda with over 80 Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS). The FIG Working Week 2029 will also showcase the progress made in re-aligning

the valuation surveying profession into a distinct profession different from land surveying, which adheres to the International Valuation standards. Overall, hosting the FIG Working Week 2029 in Uganda offers a wonderful opportunity to showcase the past, the present and the future of all surveying disciplines.

The proposed themes for the FIG Working Week 2029 - "Surveying for Resilient Societies: Innovations Driving Peace, Prosperity, Partnerships, and Sustainability" or "Navigating Change: Surveyors of today, tomorrow and the future as Key Drivers of Sustainable Urbanization and Resilience", emphasise the surveyors' pivotal role in addressing the global challenges of today, tomorrow and the future from urbanization and climate change to peacebuilding and economic inclusion. They reflect the surveying profession's ability to foster resilience, drive innovation, and balance development with environmental stewardship while promoting regional and global partnerships.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda has committed to support the hosting of the FIG Working Week 2029 through the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and the Uganda Tourism Board. Additionally, the bid has the support of all leading academic institutions in Uganda, sister professional associations and our private sector partners. With this tremendous support coupled with the enthusiasm of the members of the Institution, we look forward to a truly inspiring FIG Working Week 2029 in Kampala, Uganda.

We hope the proposed theme will be of interest to the FIG Council and members and want to work closely with FIG office to prepare for an amazing FIG Working Week 2029 in Kampala Uganda.

Alozius Gonza

President - Institution of Surveyors of Uganda

Introduction and **BACKGROUND**

Surveying is a dynamic and modern profession vital in shaping sustainable infrastructure for our society and the planet. The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) stands at the forefront of this global effort, representing over 120 national member associations, including the Institution of Surveyors of Uganda (ISU). FIG's diverse membership spans professionals from surveying, geomatics, geodesy, geo-information, valuation, cost determination and management creating a vibrant community dedicated to advancing professional standards and practices worldwide.

FIG's strong partnerships with the United Nations, World Bank, and sister organisations have established it as a leading non-governmental authority on geospatial information and the management of land, sea, and built environments. Central to its mission is addressing global challenges, including climate action, urbanization, and technological advancement, while ensuring sustainable professional practices at the local level.

At the heart of FIG's operations are its ten technical commissions, which guide the federation's work and contribute to its flagship events: the quadrennial International Congresses and the annual Working Weeks. These events serve as platforms for knowledge sharing, capacity building, and fostering professional networks. FIG's work plan, approved by the General Assembly, reflects its commitment to aligning professional practices with global agendas.

In this spirit, Uganda, through the Institution of Surveyors of Uganda (ISU), proudly submits its bid to host the FIG Working Week 2029 in Kampala, the vibrant capital of the Pearl of Africa. Renowned for its rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and scenic beauty, Kampala offers an inspiring setting for this prestigious event. With a commitment to excellence, Uganda stands ready to welcome the global surveying community to a memorable

Working Week that will bridge knowledge, foster innovation, and advance the profession.

RATIONALE

Uganda's proposal to host the FIG Working Week 2029 underscores its readiness to provide a platform for advancing geospatial sciences and fostering collaboration within the surveying profession. Below are the key reasons Uganda is a strong candidate:

Strategic Geographical Position and Regional Accessibility

Uganda's central location in Africa makes it a natural hub for connecting professionals across the continent. With direct connections to major African cities and international destinations, Uganda offers seamless access for delegates from across the globe. As a gateway to East and Central Africa, hosting FIG in Uganda promotes inclusivity, regional cooperation, and collaboration within the surveying and geospatial community.

2. Youthful and Dynamic Population

With over 80% of its population under 30, Uganda boasts one of the youngest and most dynamic populations in the world. This presents a fertile ground for cultivating future geospatial leaders. Hosting the FIG Working Week in Uganda would empower the youth to engage with global experts, driving innovation and ensuring the profession remains adaptive and future ready. Uganda offers an opportunity for FIG to inspire and influence the next generation of surveyors and geospatial professionals.

3. Focus on Security and Stability

Uganda has long been a leader in fostering stability within the Great Lakes region, maintaining

peace and creating an environment conducive to international gatherings. With a robust security framework in place, delegates can be assured of a safe and secure environment to network, collaborate, and explore the country's offerings.

4. Diverse Landscapes for Practical Learning

Uganda's varied geographical features, from the iconic Lake Victoria to the Rwenzori Mountains and the Great Rift Valley, provide a unique opportunity for delegates to experience surveying challenges and solutions across diverse environments. The country offers practical field trip opportunities for professionals and students to engage in real-world applications of geospatial technologies and land management practices.

5. A Beacon of Sustainable Development

Uganda has demonstrated its commitment to sustainable growth through transformative initiatives in housing, infrastructure, transport, and agriculture. Surveying is at the heart of these developments, driving efficient land use and resource management. The FIG Working Week would amplify these efforts, showcasing Uganda's progress as a model for integrating geospatial expertise into sustainable development strategies.

6. Cultural Richness and Vibrant Hospitality

Uganda, fondly known as the "Pearl of Africa," offers a unique cultural tapestry that will enhance delegates' experience. From its warm, welcoming people to its rich traditions, Uganda provides a refreshing perspective on global diversity. The Working Week would not only be a professional exchange but also a cultural immersion that strengthens global solidarity.

7. Capacity for Large-Scale Events

Uganda has successfully hosted high-profile international events, demonstrating its capability to manage large-scale conferences. With modern conference facilities, world-class hotels, and a growing infrastructure network, the country is well-prepared to deliver an exceptional experience for FIG delegates.

8. Commitment to Innovation and Technology

Uganda is embracing digital transformation in surveying and geospatial science. The FIG Working Week in Uganda would serve as a platform to highlight advancements in automation, digital mapping, and data-driven decision-making. This aligns with FIG's vision for the profession's future, making Uganda a natural choice to lead these conversations.

By hosting the FIG Working Week 2029, Uganda offers a unique blend of youth-driven innovation, cultural richness, environmental diversity, and a secure, accessible location. This bid represents a forward-looking partnership to drive global geospatial excellence while promoting the profession's relevance to sustainable development worldwide. Uganda is ready to deliver an unforgettable and impactful FIG Working Week, setting a new standard for inclusivity and professional collaboration.

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MEMBER ASSOCIATION

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As of 2024, ISU has a total membership of 2450 surveyors with 450 professional surveyors who are full members with the rest being associate members at various levels of membership. ISU works closely with the Surveyors Registration Board which is a body set up by the Surveyors Registration Act to control and regulate the surveying profession in Uganda.

PREVIOUS EVENTS BY ISU

Over the years, ISU has hosted and organised various events including the 27th Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE) Conference (26th – 27th October 2023) which was attended by over 500 participants 60 of whom were foreign delegates.





ISU organises annual conferences and AGMs as shown in the Table below;

CONFERENCE	Theme	Venue	Participants	Participants	
			International	Local	
8th Pre-AGM 21/03/2024	"Land and Construction Disputes:	Imperial Botanical	5	365	
	Managing & Resolving Disputes in Land,	Hotel - Entebbe			
	Water & Built Environment: The				
	Surveyor's Role."				
27th CASLE Conference	'The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	CEDAT Conference	60	450	
26th - 27th October,	on the surveying profession in the	Hall - Makerere			
2023	Commonwealth"	University			
7th Pre-AGM	"Legal Framework and Practice for	Imperial Resort	10	510	
30th -31st March, 2023	Professionals- A Regional Outlook".	Beach Hotel-			
		Entebbe			
6th Pre-AGM	"Sustainable Urban Development- The	Imperial Royale	18	492	
1st April, 2022	Role of Land and Built Environment Professionals".	Hotel-Kampala			
5th Pre-AGM	"The Built Environment Resilience in the	Commonwealth	1	499	
16th April, 2021	Context of Emerging Global Challenges"	Resort Hotel -			
		Munyonyo			
4th Pre-AGM	"Smart Surveying Solutions for A Smart	Imperial Royale	0	0	
3rd - 4th April, 2020	World"	Hotel-Kampala			
3rd Pre-AGM	The Role of Surveyors in Infrastructure	Imperial Royale	0	480	
26th - 30th March, 2019	Development: The Case Study Of The Oil	Hotel-Kampala			
	And Gas Sector In East Africa.				
2nd Pre-AGM	"The Role of Surveyors in the Private	Imperial Golf View	0	400	
27th April, 2018	Sector".	Hotel -Entebbe			
1st Pre-AGM	"The Role of Surveyors in the Sustainable	Imperial Golf View	0	150	
28th April, 2017	Development of the Country"	Hotel -Entebbe			









UGANDA DELEGATES ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEARS

Since 2012, Uganda has been sending participants to the FIG Working Weeks and/or Congresses, the numbers have grown steadily from 1 in 2012 to 24 in Accra Ghana (see Table below for more details).

Location	Number of Ugandan
	Delegates
Rome, Italy	1
Abuja, Nigeria	2
Christchurch, New Zealand	1
Helsinki, Finland	7
Istanbul, Turkey	9
Hanoi, Vietnam	18
NIL (due to Covid)	0
Virtual, Netherlands	4
Warsaw, Poland	13
Orlando, USA	10
Accra, Ghana	24
	Rome, Italy Abuja, Nigeria Christchurch, New Zealand Helsinki, Finland Istanbul, Turkey Hanoi, Vietnam NIL (due to Covid) Virtual, Netherlands Warsaw, Poland Orlando, USA





Why Uganda

AS THE HOST COUNTRY

Uganda, The Pearl of Africa, consistently ranks among the continent's top destinations for meetings and conferences. The recent ICCA 2023 ranking placed Uganda 7th overall, with its capital, Kampala, securing an impressive 5th position. This highlights Uganda's growing stature and popularity as a premier African destination.

The Ugandan tourism industry has witnessed remarkable growth since 2021, following the reopening of borders after the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2023, the country welcomed a significant 1.2 million international arrivals, a testament to its successful recovery journey. The Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) sector has flourished. MICE attendees constituted a significant

23% of international arrivals in 2023, with an extended average stay of 5 nights (MTWA Tourism Performance Report 2023).

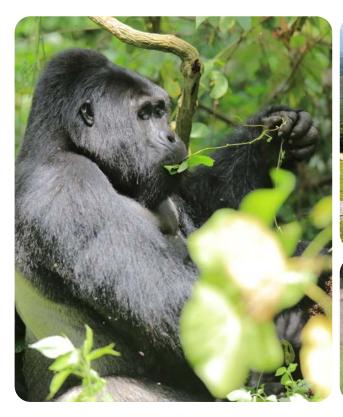
This growth within the MICE sector is reflected in Uganda's ability to host high-profile events. These include the 2023 Regional Cybersecurity Summit for Africa, Africa Airlines summit, Africa Blockchain Conference, and the prestigious 19th Non-

Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in 2024 and G77 China summit, which welcomed over 3,000 international delegates.

Additionally, Uganda hosted the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (over 500 delegates) and the recent ITU Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-24) in July.

Looking ahead, Uganda is poised to host the upcoming 11th Congress of the Africa and Indian Ocean Commission and the IADR East & Southern Africa Division/Uganda Dental Association (UDA) Joint Conference. In total, Uganda hosted 47 international meetings and conferences which demonstrates the destinations readiness for hosting international events.

Uganda's reputation for excellence is further solidified by recognition from world-renowned publications and organizations. In 2023, CNN listed Uganda as one of the world's best tourist destinations, while National Geographic echoed this sentiment. The accolades continue: The New York Times included Uganda in its 2020 list of top travel destinations, and Lonely Planet named it one of the best countries to visit in 2012. Furthermore, UNESCO's 2012 declaration of Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest as one of the world's best birding destinations serves as a testament to the country's rich biodiversity.









About the host city **KAMPALA**

Where Does Kampala Get Its Name?

The history of this beautiful African city is wrapped in both historical facts and folklore. Based on the folklore this city was dominated by swamps and hills which form natural breeding grounds for Impala and other members of the antelope family.

The Kabaka or King of Buganda ruled this place and turned the hills into his hunting grounds. When the British arrived here at the end of the 19th century, they named this place, the "Hill of the Impala" because this place was frequented by large numbers

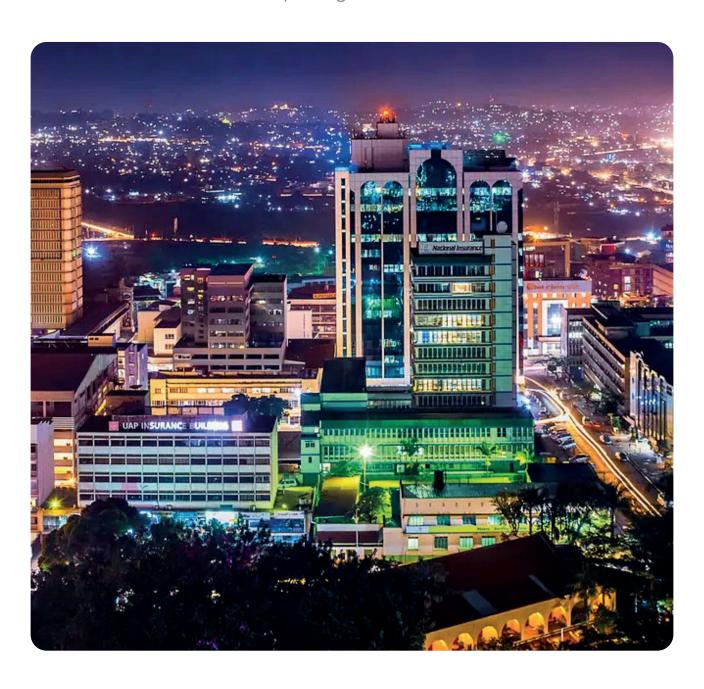
of Impala which belongs to the antelope family. Due to the blending of the names, this place got its current name, Kampala.

As one of Uganda's 2 main business hubs, located 30 minutes from the country's main international airport, Kampala is not only the heart of Uganda but also its commercial and political centre.

With a population of roughly 2.5 million, Kampala is Uganda's largest urban centre. With the predominant language being English, with the friendliest people in Africa, always with having a smile, communicative and proud of their city's history and vibrancy.

As a bustling commercial capital, Kampala is home to some of the global name-brand hotels which include; Sheraton Kampala Hotel, Kampala Serena Hotel, Protea Hotel by Marriott Kampala, Four Points by Sheraton Kampala, and Hilton Garden Inn Kampala. These brands and Kampala ICCA's ranking as 4th in Africa for association meetings is a testament to the country's drive to become a successful business events destination.

Kampala City edged 12 African Cities to claim a lead City role in the Africa Smart Towns Network. It was selected as the lead City among the Twelve (12) African cities in the Africa Smart Towns Network (ASToN). Explore Uganda, the Pearl of Africa.





Country **HIGHLIGHTS**



Uganda ranks 5th in ICCA Africa chapter as a preferred MICE destination (ICCA report, 2023)



Kampala city ranks 4th in Africa as a preferred MICE destination (ICCA report, 2023)



Presence of an active Convention Bureau



Uganda is ranked 6th in Africa as a preferred MICE destination (ICCA report, 2019)



Uganda is the fastest growing economy in EAC with GDP of over \$40.43 billion, World Bank 2021



Uganda has the highest adult literacy in East Africa Community (EAC), workforce age 15-24 about 90%



Uganda ranked 11th best in Sub-Saharan Africa for Gender Gap Index report, 2022



Working to make it a clean city



Uganda is the world's friendliest country for expat families. Uganda tops list of the friendliest destination expats families, 2024



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Uganda is a multicultural country in East Africa whose diverse landscape spans from the beautiful snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains to the intimidatingly vast Lake Victoria, the source of the great River Nile















Proposed **VENUE**

The proposed venue for the FIG Working Week 2029 is Speke Resort Munyonyo, a world-class facility renowned for hosting high-profile international conferences and events. Nestled along the shores of Lake Victoria, this venue combines state-of-the-art infrastructure with a serene environment, providing an ideal setting for professional engagements and networking.

Key Features of the Venue:

1. World-Class Facilities:

Speke Resort Munyonyo boasts state-of-the-art conference halls, meeting rooms, and breakout spaces, equipped with advanced audio-visual technology to accommodate the diverse needs of FIG Working Week delegates.







2. Proven Track Record in Hosting International Events:

The resort has successfully hosted high-profile gatherings, demonstrating its capacity to deliver seamless and memorable experiences, including:

- i. International Land Conference, 21st 22nd November 2024
- ii. Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo, 23rd 25th May 2024
- iii. Rotary District Conference and Assembly for Districts 9213 and 9214, 24th 27th April 2024
- iv. The Third South Summit of G77 + China, 21st 23rd January 2024
- v. Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit 15th 20th January 2024
- vi. Hydropower and Dams Conference Africa 10th 12th July 2023.

3. Scenic and Accessible Location:

Nestled on the shores of Lake Victoria, the resort provides an inspiring setting that blends professional discussions with moments of relaxation and cultural immersion. Its proximity to Entebbe International Airport ensures convenient access for international delegates.





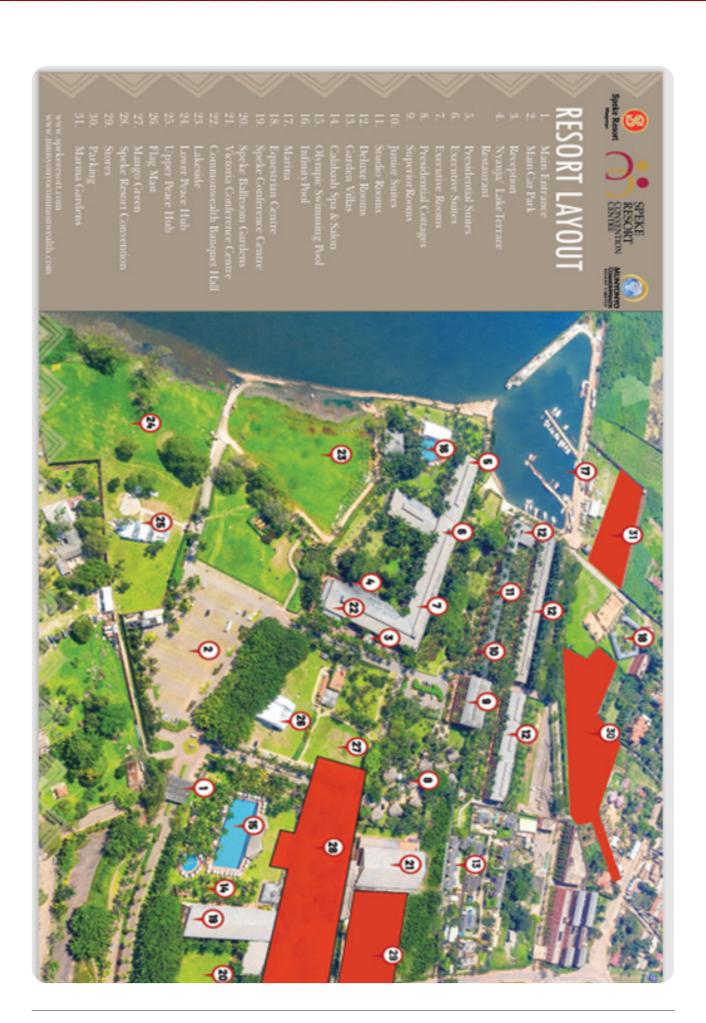




4. Comprehensive Hospitality Services:

With luxurious accommodations, fine dining options, and ample recreational facilities, Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort offers an all-inclusive experience, ensuring that delegates are comfortable and focused throughout the event.





PROPOSED VENUES FOR THE WORKING WEEK EVENTS

FIG Welcome Reception

We propose to the hold the welcome reception at the conference venue in the Lower and Upper Peace Hub along the Shores of Lake Victoria



FIG Opening Ceremony and Plenary Sessions

The Working Week Opening Ceremony and the plenary sessions will be held in the Main Hall of the Speke Resort Convention Centre. The Main Hall has the capacity for over 2000 people with state-of-art video and sound systems with the possibility for providing translations to and from French.



Young Surveyors Conference

The Young Surveyors' Conference will bring together aspiring surveyors from around the world to explore the transformative role of surveying in shaping the past, present, and future of our planet. We propose to organise the YSN Conference at the prestigious Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility Auditorium at Makerere University—Uganda's leading institution of Higher Learning—the conference will provide an unparalleled opportunity for knowledge exchange and professional development. With the steadfast support of esteemed partners such as the Makerere Association of Surveying Students (MASS), YouthMappers Makerere University, Spatial Mappers Ndejje University, this event promises to deliver a vibrant and impactful experience.



Attendees will gain invaluable insights as the conference unveils a holistic perspective on the surveying profession, weaving together the wisdom of the past, the tools of the present, and the critical responsibility of charting a sustainable future. Positioned as a prelude to the FIG Working Week, this conference will feature cutting-edge innovations and trends, showcasing the latest technologies from renowned manufacturers and exhibitors. It will serve as a hub for networking, enabling participants to connect with both emerging and seasoned professionals in the field.

By attending, young surveyors will embark on a journey of growth and inspiration, acquiring the skills, knowledge, and connections needed to redefine the future of surveying. This is not just an event; it will be a defining moment—a call to action for all young professionals to lead the charge toward a more sustainable and resilient world through the art and science of surveying.

FIG Foundation Dinner/Ugandan Evening

We propose to hold the FIG Foundation dinner at Ndere Cultural Centre. The Ndere Cultural Centre is an African cultural hub that expands over 9 acres of well maintained African flora and fauna. It is characterised with indigenous architecture given a modern and fresh look. The delegates will immerse themselves in the true ultimate Afriexperience enjoying a mix of dance from the diversity of Ugandan and African Culture to the local food cuisine prepared to international standards.



FIG Gala Dinner

We propose to close the Working Week in style by hosting the Gala Dinner at the Kampala Serena Hotel in the centre of Kampala City. The Victoria Auditorium can host up to 600 guests in banquet sitting arrangement. This internationally profiled auditorium offers a presidential platform, multi-functional hexagonal layout, comprehensive audio system, broad-ranging visual aids, simultaneous translation services, extensive delegate-support areas, and a multitude of applications.





Commission Dinners

Kampala is known as the city that never sleeps and as such it offers various restaurants and bars that are open until late and provide the perfect ambiance for relaxation.









PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

To ensure a high level of engagement and participation for the FIG Working Week 2029, Uganda proposes a robust multi-tiered promotional strategy targeting national, regional, and international audiences. The strategy combines traditional, digital, and experiential marketing efforts tailored to appeal to FIG's diverse membership base.

1. National Outreach

Target Groups: Relevant association members, academia, government bodies, and media organisations.

Activities:

- a) The FIG Working Week 2029 will become an on-going activity of the Institution and will be advertised at all Institution activities and on all social media platforms of the Institution
- b) Mass Media Campaigns: Advertisements and features in leading national newspapers, TV, and radio programs to create awareness and highlight the event's significance.
- c) Social Media Engagement: Posts on LinkedIn, and Twitter, featuring video teasers and infographics to drive interest.
- d) Professional Networks: Collaboration with local surveying and geospatial organisations to boost registrations.

2. Regional Campaigns

Target Groups: FIG member associations across Africa, regional academic institutions, and surveying professionals.

Activities:

- a) Direct Email Campaigns: Personalized invitations to regional association members, emphasizing special packages such as discounted airfares with Uganda Airlines (starting one year prior).
- b) Sponsored Content: Articles in regional newspapers and online platforms to highlight Uganda's readiness to host FIG Working Week.
- c) Social Media Campaigns: Sponsored LinkedIn posts and Twitter Spaces on regional innovations and challenges in the surveying profession (six months prior).
- d) Webinars and Pre-Event Sessions: Free online events hosted with FIG to showcase conference themes and Uganda's geospatial advancements (six months prior).

3. Global Engagement

Target Groups: FIG's global membership, allied professionals, and international organisations.

Activities:

 a) FIG Secretariat Collaboration: Joint promotion through FIG's communication channels, newsletters, and website.

- b) International Partnerships: Partnering with organizations like the World Bank, UN-Habitat, and African Union to extend the conference's reach.
- c) Web Presence: A dedicated website featuring event updates, testimonials from past events, and online registration.

4. Experiential Strategies

Gamification Campaigns: A raffle draw offering three all-expense-paid Gorilla Trekking trips to lucky delegates. Additional winners receive a 15% discount on gorilla and chimp trekking permits to Bwindi or Kibale National Parks (pending approval).

5. Partnerships and Sponsorships

- a) Domestic Partners: Collaborations with institutions like Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers, and the Uganda Land Commission to enhance local support.
- b) Regional Partners: Engage with organizations such as the Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS), the Geospatial Society of Kenya, and the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), the East African Land Administration Network (EALAN)

6. Measurable Goals

a) Attract at least 1,500 delegates from

across the globe.

- b) Achieve 25% increase in regional representation compared to previous FIG events.
- c) Garner widespread media coverage across at least 10 countries.
- d) Generate 500+ social media mentions and engagements within the first three months of campaign launch.

This multi-pronged strategy positions Uganda's bid as innovative, inclusive, and regionally relevant, ensuring its success in attracting diverse participants and leaving a lasting impact on the surveying profession.

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development

The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development is the Government of Uganda Ministry responsible for providing policy direction, national standards and coordination of all matters concerning lands, housing and urban development. The ministry is responsible for putting in place policies and initiating laws that ensure sustainable land management, promote sustainable housing for all and foster orderly urban development in the country.

2. Ministry of Works and Transport

The Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT) in Uganda oversees the planning, development, and maintenance of the

country's transport infrastructure and services across road, rail, water, and air. It formulates policies, sets standards, builds capacity, and regulates the works and transport sector to ensure economic efficiency and sustainability. Additionally, the Ministry manages public works and promotes standards in the construction industry.

3. Uganda Tourism Board

Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) is a statutory organization established by Uganda Tourism Board Statute of 1994 and reconstituted in the Tourism Act 2008 responsible for sustainably promoting Uganda as a Competitive Tourism Destination for Inclusive Development. UTB strives to demonstrate professionalism in all its operations, build new processes, ideas and services and to respond to existing challenges in offering tourism services.

Key mandates of UTB include among others, fostering cooperation among key stakeholders in the tourism sector, marketing the tourism sector, encouraging investment in the sector, promoting education, training and research, and developing and monitoring standards in the tourism sector.

4. Uganda Land Commission

The Uganda Land Commission (ULC) was established under Article 238 of the 1995 Constitution with the mandate to hold and manage all land in Uganda vested in or acquired by the Government by constitutional provisions. It also undertakes

functions prescribed by Parliament. Located at Nakawa Business Park, the Commission is tasked with ensuring government land is effectively managed, titled, and secured while resolving historical land injustices and ensuring accountability for the Land Fund.

5. Makerere University

Makerere University is the face of higher education not only in Uganda but in the whole of the East African region. Makerere University has championed Uganda's ambition to transition from the agrarian economy that it has been for the better part of its life as a country since its founding in 1962. With Makerere as the leader, Uganda is venturing into the future with several technology-based initiatives like the Vehicle Development Program which birthed the Kiira Motors Corporation a Ugandan homegrown company producing affordable electric vehicles which are adding to the environmental sustainability of Uganda and the continent at large.

6. Kyambogo University

Kyambogo university is the embodiment of the adage "Unity is power". Established in 2001, Kyambogo University is a merger of the former Uganda Polytechnic Kyambogo (UPK), the Institute of Teacher Education, Kyambogo (ITEK), and the Uganda National Institute of Special Education (UNISE). It was established with the main aim of promoting and advancing knowledge and development of skills in Science, Technology, and Education. Kyambogo has stayed true to its values and continues to train students with a strong bias on skills, science and

technology. It is the second largest public university and the third public University to be established in Uganda.

7. Ndejje University

With its headquarters at Ndejje town in Luwero District of Central Uganda, Ndejje University was established in 1992 by the "Ndejje University Foundation Consortium", a religious-based company limited by guarantee with no share capital. The university offers various accredited programs across an array of disciplines with a focus on meeting both national and international standards. It is the third university in Uganda to offer Surveyingbased courses. It emphasizes the blend of high-quality education and excellence in cocurricular activities ensuring a balanced and well-rounded professional ready to take on the challenges of the world.

8. Uganda Institute of Professional Engineers

The Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers was formed in 1972 to bring together the engineering fraternity to share ideas and, to promote Engineering. Today, UIPE is the leading independent organization for the engineering profession in Uganda and embraces Engineers, Technicians, and Technologists right from when they start college, as they progress as young professionals and mature into senior practitioners. UIPE conducts Initial professional development (IPD) to build the competencies of young engineers, technicians, and technologists from their final year in university or college to prepare

them for the world of work. UIPE conducts continuous professional development training to build competencies of Engineers, Technologists, and Technicians, increase knowledge and skills, keep members up-to-date with the industry trends, and provide a platform for members to share experiences and network.

9. Uganda Society of Architects

The Uganda Society of Architects aims to organise and unite architects in Uganda and foster and strengthen friendly, intellectual, artistic, cultural, educational, and scientific ties among architects and architectural fraternity. Since its establishment, the USA has produced an extensive series of practice, management, and law reports on matters related to architectural practices and building in Uganda generally.it organizes seminars, webinars, symposiums and conferences in order to ensure the sharing of the knowledge of architecture and the continuous improvement of the standard of architecture in the country.

10. Association of Real Estate Agents (AREA) of Uganda

The Association of Real Estate Agents (AREA-Uganda) was established in April 2008 as an umbrella body to represent and advocate for real estate agents. Over the years, it has grown into a recognized and influential organization, addressing the broader real estate sector's needs in both public and private domains. AREA-Uganda promotes professionalism, high ethical standards, and the advancement of the real estate industry while fostering unity and

collaboration among its members.

11. Society of Professional Physical **Planners of Uganda**

The Society of Professional Physical Planners of Uganda was established under Section 19 of the Physical Planners Registration Act, 2022, as a corporate body with perpetual succession and the authority to sue or be sued in its corporate name. The Society's core mandate is to promote and protect the interests of the physical planning profession while maintaining high ethical standards and issuing certificates of recognition to qualified members.

TECHNICAL VISITS

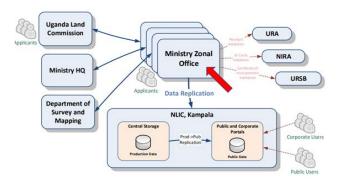
FIG 2029 Technical Tours: Surveying the Future of Uganda's Infrastructure and Innovation

FIG Surveyors Conference 2029 provides an exclusive opportunity to explore Uganda's most significant and inspiring infrastructure, energy, and technological projects. These hands-on technical tours showcase the vital role of surveying in shaping the country's future, highlighting key developments in energy, transportation, and sustainable innovation. From the majestic Source of the Nile to groundbreaking hydropower plants, cutting-edge electric vehicle manufacturing, and oil exploration in Western Uganda, these tours offer a blend of history, nature, and modern engineering that will enrich your conference experience.

Tour Highlights

(NLIC)

State of art center where surveyors are at the heart of the country's land administration transformation. The NLIC integrates advanced surveying techniques, geospatial technologies, and digital land registries into a unified system, revolutionizing land management. Surveyors play a pivotal role in this transformation by collecting, mapping, and updating cadastral data, ensuring accuracy and consistency in land records. Through the use of satellite imagery, GIS systems, and 3D cadastral mapping, surveyors help digitize land ownership records, making transactions more secure, transparent, and efficient. The NLIC leverages these innovations to reduce land disputes, enhance property security, and support urban planning and sustainable development. As a FIG 2029 delegate, you will gain a deeper understanding of how surveyors are central to the digitalization of land management, empowering both individuals and government institutions while shaping Uganda's future land policies. This tour highlights the indispensable role of surveyors in building a modern, transparent, and efficient land administration system.



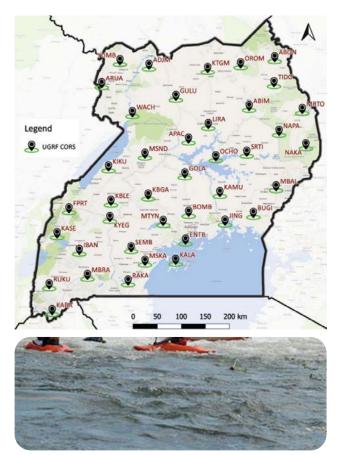
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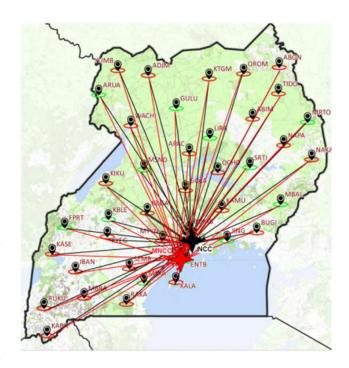
National Land Information Centre The birthplace of the nation's surveying

legacy. As the inventory of past and present surveys, this historic institution holds invaluable archives of early land surveys, topographic maps, and boundary delineations that shaped Uganda's land administration systems.

Delegates will explore how traditional surveying methods evolved into today's digital land management systems, gaining insights into the critical role of surveyors in land tenure, urban planning, and sustainable development.

This tour offers a unique learning experience, showcasing how the historical surveys continue to influence modern land governance in Uganda. The Department also serves as the Mirror Control Centre for the Uganda GNSS CORS Network, which is a network of 40 CORS based on the modern Uganda Geodetic Reference Frame.





3. Source of the Nile: The Birthplace of Africa's Longest River

Discover the iconic Source of the Nile, where Africa's longest river begins its journey to the Mediterranean. A boat cruise along the river offers breathtaking views and birdwatching opportunities, while a visit to the Speke Monument honors the historical discovery of the Nile by European explorers. Surveyors will appreciate the mapping, geospatial techniques, and hydrological surveys that have preserved this historic site, ensuring its protection for generations to come. A perfect blend of nature and history, ideal for those seeking a deeper connection to Uganda's natural wonders.



4. Karuma Bridge and Dam: Harnessing the Power of the Nile

The Karuma Hydropower Project, located on the Nile, is a shining example of Uganda's dedication to renewable energy. At 600 MW, it is one of the largest dams in the country, and delegates will explore the cutting-edge surveying techniques used for topographic mapping, geotechnical surveys, and hydrological studies that made the dam's construction a success. This project has transformed Uganda's energy sector and provides critical power for industries and homes across the country. Surveyors will gain insights into the technical precision needed for such large-scale projects.

5. Isimba Dam: Energizing Uganda's Future

The Isimba Hydropower Station is another significant player in Uganda's energy sector. With a capacity of 183 MW, it provides vital electricity to the national grid. Delegates will learn how surveying facilitated the site selection, geotechnical investigations, and hydrological surveys necessary for constructing the dam. This tour highlights the integrated approach surveyors must take when working on environmentally sensitive projects that balance energy needs with environmental conservation.



6. Entebbe Expressway: Paving the Way for Regional Growth

The Entebbe Expressway, a 51.4 km highway, connects Kampala to Entebbe International Airport, boosting Uganda's connectivity and trade. This modern highway is a major infrastructure project, and surveyors played a key role in route planning, geospatial analysis, land surveys, and construction monitoring. Delegates will gain insight into the importance of urban planning and civil engineering in building efficient transportation systems. The Expressway is set to be a key asset in Uganda's infrastructure network for years to come.



7. Kira EV Electric Vehicle Plant: Leading Africa's Green Revolution

One of the most exciting developments in Uganda is the Kira EV Plant, the first electric vehicle manufacturing facility in East Africa. This tour explores how surveying and urban planning played a crucial role in the site selection, infrastructure development, and sustainability considerations for this green technology hub. Delegates will see how Kira EV is positioning Uganda as a leader in clean transportation, with the potential to revolutionize both Uganda's and Africa's automotive industries by fostering ecofriendly innovations.





8. Oil Exploration in Western Uganda: Uganda's Energy Future

Uganda is currently undergoing an oil boom in the Lake Albert region in Western Uganda, and surveyors have played a pivotal role in mapping the region and assisting in the oil exploration process. The oil activities tour will take delegates through Uganda's oil exploration sites, providing insights into the geophysical surveys, land surveys, and infrastructure development that have facilitated this energy revolution. With major international oil companies operating in the region, this is an exciting opportunity to understand how surveying contributes to the oil and gas industry in Uganda, an emerging energy hub in East Africa

SOCIAL VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

Book Your Unforgettable Ugandan Adventure! These tailored tours offer

perfect balance for conference delegates—whether you're seeking adventure, culture, or relaxation. Each tour provides unique insights into Uganda's vibrant landscapes, rich heritage, and diverse wildlife. Don't miss out on the chance to explore the heart of Africa and create lifelong memories while attending the FIG 2029 Surveyors Conference.

Kampala City Tour

Dive deep into Uganda's rich history and vibrant culture with the Kampala City Tour. From the iconic Kabaka's Palace and the UNESCO-listed Kasubi Tombs to the bustling Nakasero Market, discover Uganda's heritage and modern-day vibrancy. Visit Makerere and Kyambogo Public Universities, the National Museum, and the serene Baha'i Temple. Conclude your tour with a visit to the Uganda Martyrs Shrine, a symbol of resilience and faith. This tour seamlessly blends history, culture, and urban excitement—perfect for delegates seeking inspiration and insight into Uganda's heart.





Jinja Route and City Tour

Known as East Africa's adventure capital, Jinja, offers an action-packed escape from the conference! Begin with a visit to the mystical Sezibwa Falls, a place of legend and natural beauty, before experiencing the thrill of the Super Skyway Zip Line through the lush Mabira Forest.

Continue with a serene Source of the Nile cruise, offering spectacular views and birdwatching opportunities. Explore Bujagali Falls, cultural monuments like Speke and Gandhi Monuments, and immerse yourself in the bustling local markets. For the ultimate adrenaline rush, try bungee jumping or quad biking! Perfect for delegates looking to balance adventure with cultural immersion.



Gorilla Safari Fly-In

For delegates seeking a short but immersive wildlife experience, the Gorilla Safari Fly-In offers the chance to track endangered mountain gorillas in the lush Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Experience chimpanzee tracking at Kibale National Park, known as "East Africa's Primate Capital," and enjoy birding in Bigodi Swamp. Engage in a cultural experience in the Bigodi Community and savor traditional Ugandan dishes. Finish with the breathtaking Top of the World Hike for panoramic views. This enriching tour is perfect for delegates craving both adventure and relaxation in Uganda's unspoiled natural beauty.





Entebbe Full-Day Tour

Just a short drive from Kampala, Entebbe offers an enriching blend of history, nature, and wildlife. Visit the Kigungu Historical Site, discover the fascinating Uganda Reptile Village, and explore the Mabamba Wetlands to spot the rare shoebill stork. Wander through the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre, stroll the Botanical Gardens, and experience the local life at Nakiwogo Market. This relaxed yet immersive tour is ideal for delegates who want to unwind and explore the natural wonders and heritage of Uganda.



Kalangala Island Tour

Escape to the serene Kalangala Islands on Lake Victoria—a short boat ride from Entebbe. Indulge in island hopping, unwind on pristine beaches, and discover tropical forests with guided nature walks and birdwatching. Immerse yourself in the local culture by visiting traditional fishing communities, and enjoy swimming, kayaking, and wellness activities in this tranquil paradise. This tour offers the perfect retreat from the conference, blending adventure, relaxation, and cultural exploration into a refreshing getaway.



TRAVEL TO UGANDA AND VISA INFORMATION

All international flights land at Entebbe International Airport

Uganda Airlines

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Uganda Airlines, the national airline carrier has 6 aircrafts that fly to 20 destinations with a regular network of routes each day with morning departures from Entebbe International Airport and late-night arrivals.

Link: https://ugandairlines.com/Home

Flight connections include destinations such;

1. Abuja, Nigeria

15. Nairobi, Kenya

2. Bujumbura, Burundi

- 16. Zanzibar, Tanzania
- 3. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 4. Dubai, UAE
- 5. Harare, Zimbabwe
- 6. Johannesburg, South Africa
- 7. Juba, South Sudan
- 8. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
- 9. Kinshasa, DRC
- 10. Lagos, Nigeria
- 11. Lusaka, Zambia
- 12. Mogadishu, Somalia
- 13. Mombasa, Kenya
- 14. Mumbai, India



Accessibility **VISA**

VISA-EXEMPT COUNTRIES

If your nationality is one on the list, you don't need to apply for a Visa to enter in Uganda:

https://www.immigration.go.ug/services/visa-exempt-countries

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Burundi, Comoros, Cyprus

Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya

Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles

Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Swaziland, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe

A. All persons visiting Uganda for holiday, tourism, business, study, visit or medical are required to apply and obtain a visa online. The 4-step process is fast, seamless and

convenient.

Tourist visa applications can be completed and paid for online at;



Link: visas.immigration.go.ug/

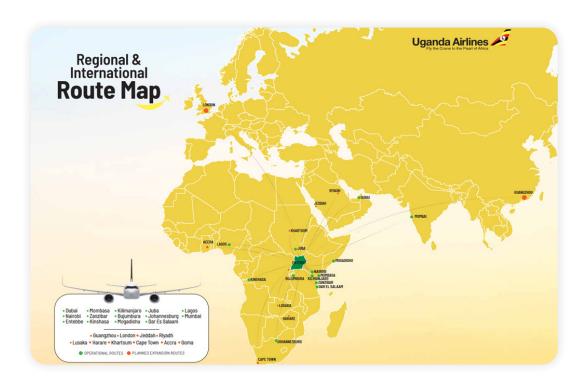
- B. A Ugandan tourist visa costs \$ 50. A six-month valid passport is required for travellers visiting from North America, Europe and other international markets.
- C. Travelers planning to visit multiple countries can apply for the East Africa Tourist Visa, which allows for travel between Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda for 90 days for \$100 USD.

Airline

Uganda Airlines, the national airline carrier has 6 aircrafts that fly to 20 destinations with a regular network of routes each day with morning departures from Entebbe International Airport and late-night arrivals.

Flight connections include destinations such as Nairobi, Nigeria, Guangzhou, London, Johannesburg, Dubai, Mumbai and Zanzibar

International airlines: Inter-continental airlines: URKISH AIRLINES Ethiopian **TURKISH AIRLINES** ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES **QATAR Kenya Airways** KENYA AIRWAYS OATAR AIRI INFS KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES AEROLINK SOUTH AFRICAN **EMIRATES AIRLINES** SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS brussels airlines RwandAil **BRUSSELS AIRLINES RWANDA AIR** fluduba:• TARCO AVIATION FLY DUBAI HAHN AIR A Hahn Air Uganda Airlines 🍂 **UGANDA AIRLINES** APG AIRLINES



TRANSPORT IN KAMPALA

Here are some details about transportation in Uganda:

Buses

The Kayoola EVS is a fully electric low-floor bus designed for Urban Mass Transportation. The Kayoola EVS Model 2024 has models ranging from 6 meters (15 seating capacity) – to 18 meters (120 seating capacity). At full charge, the Kayoola EVS can cover a range between 200 to 300 kilometres – making it capable of seamlessly handling the daily Urban Mass Transportation duty cycle. They come equipped with a modern infotainment system designed to enhance the passenger experience. This system offers a range of entertainment options, including an infotainment system, Wi-Fi, USB Charging and real-time route information, keeping passengers engaged and informed throughout their journey



The motorcycle taxis, locally called "Boda Boda" or "Boda" are the most popular means of transport in Kampala and other towns of Uganda. Boda bodas are the quickest way to get around the congested Kampala. They are many and everywhere there is a road or path. They are available all through the night as well. They provide such convenience of travel, in that, as soon as you step out of your house, your wait will be a couple of minutes or even seconds before one passes by and you can summon it to come pick you up. They are available all night and are the quickest way to get around the congested city.

Boda Boda apps on IOS and Android:

1. Safeboda https://www.safeboda.com/

This is the premier Boda Boda App company and the best at that! Their riders are constantly trained, are easily identifiable with uniforms and numbers and provide a second helmet for the passenger.

2. Uber boda https://www.uber.com/en-UG/blog/how-to-request-uber-boda/





The best option for getting around cities, is private taxis and they are available in Kampala through taxi-ride apps including uber, faras, bolt, etc.

Additionally, Special hire taxis are what a modern city dweller would be familiar with. (taxi or cab) Special hire is a term that means hiring a vehicle privately to take you somewhere. A standard vehicle for 4 persons + driver, who drives you wherever you want. This works very well, and the drivers are friendly, helpful and they know one's way around.

Urban taxis are also known locally as special hires and are usually painted yellow, or with a white and yellow band (Entebbe airport taxis) around the middle or with a taxi cab light on the top.

The fee does not depend on the distance or the duration, but its negotiated before you

start. Taxicab fares are a little pricier than all the above-mentioned road transport means but far more secure to travel with if you organize a special hire vehicle.

Walking

Kampala is a small city and is fun to walk. Most of the city suburbs, shopping malls, hotels and restaurants, are within 5 – 10km of the city centre, so if you are fit enough you should book with a travel guide to walk to town and enjoy the sites.

ACCOMMODATION

The Resort has a total of 472 rooms, all built and furnished to the highest specifications. The Resort has a range of facilities such as complimentary access to the Olympic size swimming pool, the Heath Club, running track, along with leisure actives such as Horse Riding and Boat Trips which can be arranged at an additional cost. The Resort accommodation rates are summarised in the Table below

Room Type	Rate in USD
Single Deluxe	179
Double/Twin Deluxe	190.8
Superior	297
Executive	297
Presidential Cottage	521.2
Executive Suite	887
Presidential Suite	2,950





Additionally, the proposed working week venue is one of the hotels in the Speke Group of Hotels, which has promised the following rates at their other hotels.

Hotel	Room Types	Rates USD	Distance to SRM
Speke Apartments Kitante	One bedroom Apartment-Two bedroom Superior Apartment	150-200	10 km
Speke Apartments Wampewo	One bedroom Apartment- Three bedroom Penthouse	236-450	8 km
Bukoto Heights Apartments	One bedroom Apartment- Three bedroom Apartment	150 - 250	10 km
Kabira Country Club	Single Deluxe-Three Bedroom Penthouse	184-550	10 km
Speke Hotel	Standard Single-Executive Double	105-165	9 km

Apart from the working week venue, Kampala offers a wide variety of accomodation types ranging from high-end to budget within 10km of the venue. Some of the hotels are highlighted in the table below

Hotel	Hotel Rating	Accommodation Rates	Distance from the venue
Lake Victoria Serena	5-star	200-1000	2 km
Kampala Serena	5-star	220-1000	12 km
Four Points by Sheraton	5-star	150-800	12 km
Sheraton Hotel	5-star	150-800	12 km
Protea Hotel	4-star	150-800	12 km
Aquarius Kigo Resort	4-star	150-400	8 km
Fairway Hotel	3-star	135-195	12 km
Hilton Garden Inn	2-star	100-250	14 km

In addition, within the vicinity of the proposed venue there are various Airbnb and budget hotels at rates of 30–100 USD.

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LEGACY FROM FIG WORKING WEEK 2029

Uganda's FIG Working Week 2029 proposes a transformative legacy strategy designed to leave a lasting impact on the geospatial industry, sustainable development, and societal well-being. These initiatives are tailored to align with FIG's objectives while addressing Uganda's specific needs and global priorities.

1. Infrastructure and Capacity Building

Institute Development: Leverage funds from the Working Week to construct a state-of-the-art Surveyors House dedicated to surveying and geospatial sciences. This facility would serve as a centre of excellence for education, research, and professional development, ensuring sustainable capacity for future generations.

Bursaries and Placements: Establish a program providing bursaries and internship placements for the top 3 surveying students annually in leading universities or firms. The initiative will run for a specified duration (e.g., until the next FIG Working Week) to bridge knowledge gaps and strengthen global expertise exchange.

2. Circular Economy and Sustainability Project

Kiteezi Waste Management Legacy: Develop a flagship project focused on the role of surveyors in waste management, inspired by the Kiteezi landslides. The project will demonstrate geospatial innovations in waste mapping, land rehabilitation, and hazard mitigation.

"Globe of Tomorrow" Initiative: Create an iconic installation using recycled materials to symbolize the circular economy and environmental sustainability. This aligns with FIG's ongoing legacy theme and serves as a visual representation of Uganda's commitment to resilience and innovation.

3. Advancing Women's Land Rights

Land Title Distribution Program: Partner with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and other stakeholders to conduct a nationwide initiative distributing land titles to women in underserved regions. This initiative would highlight Uganda's leadership in advancing women's land ownership rights, addressing a critical global issue.

Policy Advocacy: Use the platform to advocate for reforms supporting women's equitable access to land, creating enduring change for gender equality in land tenure systems.

4. Policy and Professional Advocacy

Unified Voice for Reform: Leverage the Working Week as a platform for FIG and stakeholders to advocate for modernized policies and laws affecting the surveying profession in Uganda and beyond.

Engaging Government and Development Partners: Collaborate with relevant government entities to ensure outdated practices are replaced with innovative, inclusive, and sustainable frameworks, positioning the profession as a key enabler of national development.

The legacy initiatives aim to:

- i. Strengthen Uganda's geospatial infrastructure and human capital.
- ii. Showcase Uganda as a leader in sustainability and gender equity.
- iii. Leave tangible outcomes that reflect FIG's vision and values.
- iv. Inspire future hosts with innovative and impactful legacy practices.

By addressing pressing challenges like waste management, women's land rights, and outdated policies, Uganda's legacy proposal demonstrates a commitment to societal transformation and professional excellence, ensuring a meaningful and enduring impact.



Health and **SAFETY**

The country's political stability under the current government leadership has played a significant role in enhancing safety for visitors. This stability has fostered a conducive environment for tourism, encouraging a steady influx of international travelers.

Popular destinations like Kampala, Entebbe, and the national parks are well-patrolled, and the local authorities work diligently to ensure the safety of visitors.

For instance, organized tours for activities such as gorilla trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and chimpanzee tracking in Kibale National Park are conducted under stringent safety protocols. These measures ensure tourists can enjoy

close encounters with Uganda's unique wildlife without concerns for their safety.

The Ugandan government has also made significant strides in improving road safety and reducing crime. Efforts to enhance infrastructure and enforce traffic regulations have contributed to safer travel experiences for tourists. Additionally, community tourism initiatives have been instrumental in creating a welcoming and secure atmosphere for

international visitors. These initiatives involve local communities in tourism activities, promoting a sense of shared responsibility for the safety and satisfaction of tourists.

Health services in Uganda have seen substantial improvements, with modern hospitals and clinics available in major cities like Kampala and Entebbe. These facilities are equipped to handle medical needs that tourists might have, further enhancing the sense of security for visitors. The combination of these positive security measures and the country's breathtaking natural beauty makes Uganda a must-visit destination for those seeking both adventure and safety.

Cost of living in **KAMPALA**

The cost of living in Kampala, Uganda is generally moderate compared to other African cities. However, the cost of food can vary depending on the type of restaurant and the ingredients used. For example, a meal at an inexpensive restaurant can cost around 10,000 Ugandan shillings (about \$2.75), while a meal for two at a mid-range restaurant can cost around 100,000 Ugandan shillings (about \$27.50).

1. Street Food & Local Eateries

Average Cost: UGX 2,000 $-10,000 (\approx $0.50-$2.50)$

Popular options include: Rolex (chapati rolled with eggs and vegetables), Grilled chicken or beef, Matoke (steamed plantains) and beans or groundnut sauce

2. Mid-Range Restaurants

Average Cost: UGX 25,000–50,000 (≈ \$6–\$13)

Offers a mix of local and international dishes.

Examples: KFC, Endiro Coffee, Café Javas, The Maze, The Bistro, Linove, Cafesserie, Meza Shawarma, The Lawns, Nanjing Kololo

3. High-End & Fine Dining

Average Cost: UGX 80,000-200,000+ (≈ \$20-\$50+)

Ideal for gourmet meals and premium experiences.

Examples: Le Château Restaurant Belge, Four Points by Sheraton, Gaucho Grill, Izumi Restaurant & Lounge, Fez Brasserie (The Emin Pasha Hotel), Cantine Divino

Recreations within Kampala City

1. Cultural and Historical Sites

- i. Uganda Museum: Learn about Uganda's rich cultural and historical heritage.
- ii. Kasubi Tombs: UNESCO World Heritage Site. (Entrance fee \$10-\$20)

- iii. Ndere Cultural Centre: Offers traditional dance and music performances. UGX. 95,000 or \$30-50
- 2. Entertainment and Nightlife
 - i. Acacia Mall Cinemas: Watch movies in a modern setup. UGX 12,000 27,000 (\$3-\$7)
 - ii. Arena Mall Cinema UGX 12,000 27,000 (\$3-\$7)

Bars and Clubs:

- i. Sky Lounge: Rooftop vibe with city views.
- ii. Guvnor High-end nightclub for premium experiences.
- iii. The Alchemist A stylish bar offering cocktails, wine, and a vibrant atmosphere.
- iv. Skyz Hotel Rooftop: Offers stunning views of Kampala with a lively bar scene.

Domestic Beer (1 pint) – UGX 5,000 – UGX 15,000 (\$1-\$4)

Imported Beer (12 oz small bottle) – UGX 10,000 (\$2-\$4)

Imported Wine (750mls) UGX 60,000 – UGX 300,000 (\$16 - \$81)

Cappuccino (regular) – UGX 10,300.00 (\$2)

- 3. Parks and Outdoor Spaces
 - i. Centenary Park: A serene green spot for relaxation. Free access
 - ii. KCCA Gardens Kamwokya: A serene green spot for relaxation. Free access
 - iii. Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort Gardens: Great for picnics and lakeside views.

4. Adventure Activities

- i. Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary \$132 each \$851
- ii. Lake Victoria Shorelines: Engage in fishing or boat rides at Ggaba Beach

or Munyonyo.

5. Shopping and Markets

- i. African Crafts Village: Uganda Arts and Crafts Village for souvenirs.
- ii. Banana boat Kampala crafts shop
- 6. Wellness and Spa Experiences
 - i. Spas at Kampala Serena Hotel or Speke Resort Munyonyo for relaxation.
 - ii. Yoga sessions at the Kabira Country Club.
- 7. Event Spaces and Festivals
 - i. Concerts and Open-Air Events: Hosted at venues like Cricket Oval or Kololo Airstrip.
 - ii. Rooftop Events: Held in premium spots like Skyz Hotel Naguru or The Square.

SUMMARY Related to the general instruction

Propose a city:

The proposed city is Kampala; Uganda's commercial and political hub, just 30 minutes from Entebbe International Airport.

Propose one or more potential venues:

The proposed FIG Working Week 2029 venue is Speke Resort Munyonyo, a world-class facility renowned for hosting high-profile international conferences and events. Nestled along the shores of Lake Victoria, this venue combines state-of-the-art infrastructure with a serene environment, providing an ideal setting for professional engagements and networking

Provide three sets of dates for the event:

The proposed dates for FIG Working Week 2029 are;

1.6-12 May 2029

2.13-19 May 2029

3.27-2 June 2029

Information on accommodation options and pricing at or in the vicinity of the proposed venue

The proposed venue features 472 rooms furnished to the highest standards with accommodation rates from \$179 to \$2,950. Additionally, the Speke Hotel Chain of hotels and apartment offers accommodation options from \$105 to \$450. There are several hotels within a distance of approximately 10 kms from the venue that offer accommodation rates from \$100 to \$1,000. Budget friendly options ranging from \$30 to \$100 exist within walking distance from the proposed venue. These include Airbnb and budget hotels. All accommodation rates include bed and breakfast.

Include information on travel and transportation options and connectivity to the proposed city and the venue

Travel to Uganda is convenient through Entebbe International Airport, served by Uganda Airlines and other major international carriers. Visitors can apply for visas online, with

exemptions for some nationalities. The proposed venue is easily accessible, with Kampala offering various transport options, including electric buses, boda-bodas, private taxis, and walkable routes for exploring the city.

Indicate any support and funding from national, regional, or provincial/ state governments as well as respective tourism or convention authorities

The Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development has committed 900 M (\$ 245,232) Ugandan shillings over 3 years from 2026/2027 to 2028/2029. This coupled with funding from other partners like Uganda Land Commission and other relevant ministries, will provide strong and coordinated support for the FIG Working Week. The support includes financial backing for event preparations, infrastructure upgrades, and policy development to ensure smooth coordination and visa facilitation. Additionally, regional governments and tourism authorities will contribute to engaging local stakeholders and enhancing the country's preparedness to host a successful global event.

Outline a preliminary budget for the event

The total estimated expenditure for hosting the FIG Working Week is UGX 3,765,474,022 (USD 1,026,015), covering costs such as marketing, venue, catering, staffing, and Value Added Taxes. The projected income is UGX 4,018,575,000 (USD 1,094,980), generated from registration fees, sponsorships, exhibition fees, and social events. This budget ensures financial sustainability for the event

Estimate of the level of affordability of meals, transportation, and recreation within the proposed city

On the ride sharing apps like Uber, Faras, Bolt, etc. the average cost of transport between any part of Kampala city and the proposed venue is between \$5 and \$30.

A meal at an inexpensive restaurant can cost around 10,000 Ugandan shillings (about \$2.75), while a meal for two at a mid-range restaurant can cost around 100,000 Ugandan shillings (about \$27.50).

The cost for recreation depends on the budget but ranges from \$50 upwards depending on the establishment and the activities you are interested in.

Topics of relevance for the destination

Kampala is an ideal choice to host the 2029 FIG Working Week due to its vibrant culture, strategic location, and modern infrastructure. As a growing city Kampala is ready to learn

from the world on topics related to smart cities concept, digital twinning, automation, urbanization, resilience and adaptability. As a country, Uganda is embracing digital transformation in surveying and geospatial science. The FIG Working Week 2029 in Uganda would serve as a platform to highlight advancements in automation, digital mapping, and data-driven decision-making

Ideas technical visits and social activities.

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Why do you want to host FIG Working Week 2029?

Uganda seeks to host the FIG Working Week 2029 to provide a dynamic platform for advancing geospatial sciences and fostering global collaboration. With its strategic location in Africa, Uganda offers seamless access to delegates across the continent and beyond. The country's youthful population presents an opportunity to engage the next generation of geospatial professionals, while its focus on sustainable development aligns with the goals of the surveying profession. Uganda's proven ability to host international events, combined with its diverse landscapes and commitment to innovation, will ensure a successful and impactful event that promotes inclusivity and professional growth.

What are your objectives and outcomes you hope to achieve by hosting the Working Week?

Our goal is to position the surveying profession as a catalyst for building resilient, prosperous sustainable societies, and innovative solutions that address global challenges.

Hosting the FIG Working Week 2029 will foster innovation and knowledge exchange within the global geospatial community, showcasing cutting-edge surveying technologies and methodologies while encouraging collaboration to address global challenges. The event will empower young professionals by providing opportunities for education, mentorship, and inclusion in global leadership, ensuring the continued evolution of the surveying profession. Additionally, it will enhance regional and global partnerships, strengthening cross-border cooperation and creating pathways for investment, research, and policy development that support resilience, sustainability, and the advancement of the geospatial field worldwide.

What will be your suggested theme for the Working Week?

Theme 1

"Surveying for Resilient Societies: Innovations Driving Peace, Prosperity, Partnerships, and Sustainability"

Theme 2

"Navigating Change: Surveyors of today, tomorrow and the future as Key Drivers of Sustainable Urbanization and Resilience."

What are previous professional events organized or hosted by your member association in the past three years?

CONFERENCE	Theme	Venue Participants		
			International	Local
8 th Pre-AGM 21/03/2024	"Land and Construction Disputes: Managing & Resolving Disputes in Land, Water & Built Environment: The Surveyor's Role."	Imperial Botanical Hotel – Entebbe	5	365
27 th CASLE Conference 26 th - 27 th October, 2023	'The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the surveying profession in the Commonwealth"	CEDAT Conference Hall - Makerere University	60	450
7 th Pre-AGM 30 th -31 st March, 2023	"Legal Framework and Practice for Professionals- A Regional Outlook".	Imperial Resort Beach Hotel- Entebbe	10	510
6 th Pre-AGM 1 st April, 2022	"Sustainable Urban Development- The Role of Land and Built Environment Professionals".	Imperial Royale Hotel- Kampala	18	492

What are the major events organized at the proposed venue in the past two years?

The resort has successfully hosted high-profile gatherings, demonstrating its capacity to deliver seamless and memorable experiences, including:

- 1. International Land Conference, 21st 22nd November 2024
- 2. Pearl of Africa Tourism Expo, 23rd 25th May 2024
- 3. Rotary District Conference and Assembly for Districts 9213 and 9214, 24th 27th April 2024
- 4. The Third South Summit of G77 + China, 21st 23rd January 2024
- 5. Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit 15th 20th January 2024
- 6. Hydropower and Dams Conference Africa 10th 12th July 2023.

What are the major events planned, if any, in the proposed city in 2029?

What initiatives or activities are you suggesting to ensure a sustainable conference environment?

Working with the proposed venue, our commitment to sustainability, innovation and inclusivity aligns seamlessly with FIG's vison of fostering global collaboration for the betterment of society and our planet. Herewith a list of initiatives at the proposed venue that highlight the environmental protection and efficient use of rare resources

- Water conservation with automated systems for irrigation, washing, rooms, etc.
- Energy conservation through green energy, solar powered lights, solar powered heaters, energy saving bulbs, electric vehicles, etc.
- Locally and organically sourced foods enhancing local communities through various partnerships

What new initiatives or activities are you suggesting to expand the visibility and attractiveness of this premier and flagship FIG global forum for the Profession?

Uganda proposes a robust multi-tiered promotional strategy targeting national, regional, and international audiences. The strategy combines traditional, digital, and experiential marketing efforts tailored to appeal to FIG's diverse membership base.

What legacy do you expect to leave your member association and your profession locally from the Working Week?

The legacy initiatives aim to:

- i. Strengthen Uganda's geospatial infrastructure and human capital.
- ii. Showcase Uganda as a leader in sustainability and gender equity.
- iii. Leave tangible outcomes that reflect FIG's vision and values.
- iv. Inspire future hosts with innovative and impactful legacy practices.

By addressing pressing challenges like waste management, women's land rights, and outdated policies, Uganda's legacy proposal demonstrates a commitment to societal transformation and professional excellence, ensuring a meaningful and enduring impact

What legacy do you expect to leave for the destination?

More people in the region will better understand the surveyors' pivotal role in addressing the global challenges of today, tomorrow and the future from urbanization and climate change to peacebuilding and economic inclusion, and the surveying profession's ability to foster resilience, drive innovation, and balance development with environmental stewardship while promoting regional and global partnerships.



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Uganda Vision 2040

MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT P.O. BOX 7096 KAMPALA, UGANDA

28th November, 2024

The President
International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
Kalvebod Brygge 31-33,
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DENMARK

RE: COMFIRMATION OF THE FUNDING TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG) WORKING WEEK 2029

I am honored to formally acknowledge our commitment to the Federation Internationale des Geometres/International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) regarding the hosting of the FIG working week for the year 2029. Uganda is uniquely positioned to host the FIG Working Week 2029, offering a strategic location, unmatched potential for professional growth, and a commitment to sustainable development.

I am pleased to confirm that the Government of Uganda, through the Ministry I represent, formally commits to supporting the working week and its associated activities. This support is capped at Three hundred Million Uganda Shillings (UGX 300,000,000) per annum starting with the financial year 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 until the closure of the working week.

We are delighted to welcome the FIG fraternity to Uganda, the Pearl of Africa and eagerly anticipate the launch and success of the FIG working week 2029.

For God and My Country.

Yours sincerely,

Doreas W. Okalany (Mrs)
PERMANENT SECRETARY





OFFICE OF THE EXECTIVE DIRECTOR



REF: ED/KCCA/1100

27th November 2024

The Chief Executive Officer Uganda Tourism Board P.O. Box 7211 KAMPALA

BID TO HOST THE FIG WORKING WEEK AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS, 2029

Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) is pleased to learn about the prospects of Uganda and Kampala City hosting the FIG Working Week and General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors, 2029.

Kampala is an exciting, welcoming City that has overtime successfully hosted numerous International Conventions and events. The City has quality infrastructure and accommodation facilities options to handle the Congress of this magnitude.

KCCA is committed to collaborate with Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) and other Government agencies to support the successful hosting of the Congress in areas of planning, and marketing of the Congress to the locals with in the available spaces.

The purpose of this communication is to confirm KCCA's support for Uganda's bid to hosting and welcoming the FIG Working Week and General Assembly of the International Federation of Surveyors guests to Kampala City.

For a Better City.

Frank N. Rusa AG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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UGANDA TOURISM BOARD

UTB/CEO/QA/MICE/002

28th November 2024

International Federation of Surveyors Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, DK-1780 Copenhagen V Denmark Attn.: FIG Director Louise Friis-Hansen

SUBJECT: BID TO HOST THE FIG WORKING WEEK AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS, 2029

Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) is a statutory organization responsible for sustainably promoting Uganda as a Competitive Tourism Destination for Inclusive Development.

I am writing on behalf of the Uganda Convention Bureau (UCB), a unit within UTB, to express our full support for Uganda's bid to host and co-organize the FIG Working Week and General Assembly of The International Federation of Surveyors, 2029 in Kampala, Uganda.

UCB has identified the Institution of Surveyors of Uganda, which is a member association of the FIG and has expressed interest in partnering to bid and host the FIG Working Week and General Assembly in 2029.

Uganda's capability to host international conferences has been prominently demonstrated through various significant events. These include; the 27th Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE) Conference, October 2023, the Hydropower and Dams Conference in 2023 and the 19th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in 2024 among others. These events highlight Uganda's increasing status as a leading business events destination for global dialogue and collaboration.

UTB endorses the bid to host the FIG Working Week and General Assembly in 2029. We are confident that hosting this prestigious event will provide a platform to showcase Uganda's leadership in advancing sustainable surveying solutions that align with FIG's vision of building better infrastructure for society and the planet and will allow delegates to engage fully while experiencing the warmth and hospitality of Uganda, the Pearl of Africa.

For more information, please contact Mr. Paul Mugabo – Sales Officer on email paul.mugabo@ulb.go.ua and telephone number +256 757 781 318.

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Confirmation of Funding letter



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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Our Ref: FIN/44/301/01

5th December 2024

The President, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, DK-1780 Copenhagen V Denmark.

CONFIRMATION OF THE FUNDING TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG) WORKING WEEK 2029.

The Uganda Land Commission is pleased to learn that the Institution of Surveyors of Uganda intends to host the FIG working week and general assembly 2029 in Kampala

The Commission hereby commits and confirms a contribution of Ug. Shs. 100,000,000/= (One Hundred Million Shillings) towards the working week and its activities.

We thank you for your usual support and cooperation.

Andrew Nyumba SECRETARY

SRCC Endorsement letter





3rd Dec' 2024

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International Federation of Surveyors Kalvebod Brygge 31-33, DK-1780 Copenhagen V Denmark

Attn: FIG Director Louise Friis-Hansen

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF UGANDA'S BID TO HOST THE FIG WORKING WEEK AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2029

On behalf of Speke Resort Convention Center, I extend our wholehearted support for Uganda's bid to host the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Working Week and General Assembly in 2029.

Speke Resort Convention Center is a state-of-the-art facility strategically located in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. With a total capacity of 34 Meeting Rooms & 6 Outdoor Venus, our venue offers a diverse range of meeting spaces, including one of Africa's Largest Convention Hall measuring 3,900 sq meters plus additional gallery seating of 600 guests, supported by Breakaway Halls, office space and a dedicated Exhibition area complemented by cutting-edge technology, professional services, and amenities designed to meet the demands of global events.

Over the years, our centre has served as the preferred venue for numerous distinguished conferences and events, such as; 19th Head of States Summit of the Non – Aligned Movement, United Nations G-77 Third South Summit, 27th Commonwealth Speakers Meet CSPOC and countless more. These experiences have equipped us with unparalleled expertise, public and international trust in welcoming delegates and addressing the unique logistical and cultural requirements of diverse gatherings.

Additionally, our commitment to sustainability, innovation, and inclusivity aligns seamlessly with FIG's vision of fostering global collaboration for the betterment of society and our planet. Herewith a list of the initiatives at the venue that highlight environment protection and efficient use of rare resources:

Water Conservation with Automated systems for Irrigation, washing, rooms etc.

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