

Summary of the bids for 2029

The following clarification is based on information given by the bid documents. Below is a summarized comparison from given bids. All variables were submitted in the original bid for proposals. This document is a summary of each country's bid in spreadsheet format for easier comparison and is meant to be a fact-based document.

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1. Rotation of the conference - Previous and planned conferences:	Americas Region Working Weeks in Region: 2023, Congresses: 2002,	Africa Region Working Weeks in Region: 2024, 2013, Congresses: 2026
	<p>Congresses: 2026: Africa (South Africa), 2022: Europe (Poland – moved from South Africa), 2018: Euroasia (Turkey); 2014: Asia and the Pacific (Malaysia); 2010: Asia and the Pacific (Australia); 2006: Europe (Germany), 2002: North America (USA); 1998: Europe (United Kingdom); 1994: Asia and the Pacific (Australia)</p> <p>Working Weeks: 2028 Europe (Paris), 2027 Europe (Norway), 2025 Asia/Pacific (Australia); 2024 Africa (Ghana); 2023 America (USA); 2021 (online); 2020 (cancelled); 2019: Asia (Vietnam) 2017: Europe (Finland) 2016: Asia and the Pacific (New Zealand); 2015: Europe (Bulgaria); 2013: Africa (Nigeria); 2012: Europe (Italy); 2011: Africa/Arab countries (Morocco); 2009: Asia/Middle East (Israel); 2008: Europe (Sweden); 2007: Asia (Hong Kong SAR, China); 2005 Africa/Arab countries (Egypt); 2004: Europe (Greece); 2003: Europe (France); 2001: Asia (Republic of Korea); 2000. Europe: Czech Republic.</p>	
2. Country hosting of earlier FIG events and general experience	<p>Former FIG events in Canada: XVIII International FIG Congress 1986 1 - 11 June 1986, Toronto, Canada</p> <p>34th FIG Permanent Committee Meeting 1967 18 - 21 Sep. 1967, Ottawa, Canada</p> <p>Commission events have been held in Canada.</p> <p>No FIG events have been held in Halifax.</p> <p>Halifax has been recognized by Travel + Leisure and Condé Nast Traveler as a top travel destination, and recent conferences have set attendance records due to the appeal of our city.</p>	<p>There have been no former FIG main events in Uganda. ISU has hosted African events.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Ugandan tourism industry has witnessed remarkable growth since 2021. In 2023, CNN listed Uganda as one of the world's best tourist destinations, while National Geographic echoed this sentiment. 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</p>
3. Member association Its activeness, Commitment to FIG and to FIG 2021 Execution ability for local association	<p>The Canadian Institute of Geomatics has evolved to be a non-profit scientific and technical association and represents the largest and most influential geospatial knowledge network in Canada.</p> <p>The association was founded in 1882. Became member of FIG in 1961. The association has informed to FIG that they have 172 Members</p> <p>CIG has held several national and international events.</p>	<p>The Institution of Surveyors of Uganda (ISU) the only professional association that brings together land surveyors, valuation surveyors, quantity surveyors and mining and hydrological surveyors in Uganda.</p> <p>ISU became member of FIG in 2017 The member association has informed to FIG that they have 280 members.</p> <p>ISU has hosted CASLE conference in 2023 with over 500 participants incl 60 foreign.</p>

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	<p>A Working Committee has been established.</p> <p>The Geomatics Association of Nova Scotia will play a key role in local expertise and commitment, ensuring a seamless connection between global and regional professionals.</p> <p>From GANS, Bradley Ashley (President) will take a lead role as Local Chair.</p>	<p>ISU holds yearly AGM events with around 500 participants</p>
<p>4. Supporting organisations</p> <p>Local support to the Working Week Governmental support Financial support General support</p>	<p>Discover Halifax has submitted this conference to the Canadian International Conference Attraction Fund and expect to receive confirmed funding of at least \$150,000 (CAD)/ €101,351.00 prior to the Brisbane Working Week</p> <p>Halifax is prepared to consider offering free access to Halifax Transit for conference delegates,</p> <p>Support from: Municipal leaders Discover Halifax</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Supporters: Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development Uganda Tourism Board Kampala Capital City Authority Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development Ministry of Works and Transport Uganda Land Commission Uganda Convention Bureau</p> <p>all leading academic institutions in Uganda, sister professional associations and private sector partners</p> <p>Specifically Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Ndejje University Uganda Institution of Professional Engineers, Uganda Society of ASrchitects, Association of Real Estate Agents of Uganda, Society of Professional Physical Planners of Uganda</p> <p>Regional Partners: Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS), Geospatial Society of Kenya, Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), East African Land Administration Network (EALAN)</p>
<p>5. Host city</p>	<p>Halifax is a smaller city at the east coast with population of 450,000.</p> <p>With its maritime heritage and innovation, Halifax has a long history of mapping and exploration that aligns perfectly with the themes of geomatics and surveying.</p>	<p>Kampala – Capital of Uganda</p> <p>As one of Uganda’s 2 main business hubs, Kampala is not only the heart of Uganda but also its commercial and political centre.</p> <p>population of roughly 2.5 million</p>

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	<p>Home to Dalhousie University—ranked among the top 15 universities in Canada</p> <p>Halifax has a thriving tech and research ecosystem and is a hub for innovative projects in spatial sciences, oceanography, and climate resilience</p> <p>As the home of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography and Dalhousie’s world-renowned Ocean Tracking Network, Halifax is shaping the future of marine geomatics.</p> <p>Halifax is an affordable destination. Casual meals for under \$20 CAD or indulge in fine dining featuring fresh, local seafood and international cuisines for an average of \$50 CAD per person.</p> <p>Show Your Badge Program: Halifax’s "Show Your Badge" program provides exclusive discounts for conference attendees at participating restaurants, attractions, and retailers .</p>	<p>Working to make it a clean city</p> <p>Fully electric low-floor buses in Kampala Motorcycle Taxis (Boda Boda) and Uber boda</p> <p>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</p> <p>Costs: Mid range restaurants: Average Cost: UGX 25,000–50,000 (≈ \$6–\$13)</p>
<p>6. Venue</p> <p>Price/affordability Location of venue Internet availability Suitability of rooms, size of venue, structure and layout of the venue Requirments: Min 8-10 session rooms plus 4-5 meeting rooms. Conference hall to accommodate 1000-1500 Catering Value for money Hotels nearby Facilities for exhibition</p>	<p>The Halifax Convention Centre, located in the heart of downtown, offers state-of-the-art meeting facilities with direct access to hotels and local attractions. Several hotels nearby and walking distance to downtown.</p> <p>Proven Success as a Host: Halifax has a strong track record of hosting international conferences and setting attendance records for events.</p> <p>Venue prices seem reasonable and suitable for the Working Week</p> <p>Conference centre offers sufficient space for session rooms and exhibition.</p> <p>AV included in quote</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>state-of-the-art conference halls, meeting rooms, and breakout spaces, equipped with advanced audio-visual technology</p> <p>Main room has capacity of over 2,000 participants</p> <p>Young Surveyors Conference Venue: at the prestigious Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility Auditorium at Makerere University—Uganda’s leading institution of Higher Learning</p> <p>A google search for floor plans and capacity shows that there should be sufficient session rooms available.</p>
<p>7. Accessibility</p> <p>Flight connections Several access possibilities Security Visa issues Air fare to destination</p>	<p>over 70 direct flights from major cities across Canada, the U.S., and Europe, landing at Halifax Stanfield International Airport just 30 minutes from downtown. The Halifax Convention Centre, centrally located, is easily accessible via public transit, taxis, and walkable accommodations.</p>	<p>All international flights land at Entebbe International Airport Good connections with Uganda Airlines in Africa and to e.g. Dubai, Mumbai. Several other international airlines such as Turkish Airlines, Qatar, KLM, Emirates, Brussels airlines fly to Kampala</p>

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	<p>Halifax is a walkable city with affordable and accessible transportation options. The regional transit system provides single fares at \$2.75 CAD and unlimited day passes for \$5.50 CAD. Ride-sharing services and taxis are also readily available at competitive rates.</p> <p>Additionally, Halifax is prepared to consider offering free access to Halifax Transit for conference delegates, ensuring seamless travel within the city.</p> <p>Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ) is 3h flight from New York, Boston and Toronto.</p> <p>The airport is 25 min from downtown by car or public transit, 34 km (21 miles)</p> <p>Public transit from airport: By bus, 54 min to Halifax Convention Centre and costs CAD 4.25</p>	<p>Most African countries do not need visa.</p> <p>Tourist visa applications can be completed and paid for online. Costs 50\$</p>
<p>8. Safety and security</p> <p>Political stability Airport safety City safety – is it safe to move around? Political stability in country (rating must be 3 or higher)</p>	<p>Halifax ranks higher than the Canadian average for safety, thanks to its low crime rate and welcoming culture. All visitors can feel confident exploring our city day or night.</p> <p>The Halifax Convention Centre, as well as many of our hotels, restaurants and attractions are rainbow registered, a national accreditation that demonstrates support of 2SLGBTQI+ communities.</p>	<p>Political stability under the current government leadership has played a significant role in enhancing safety for visitors. Travelling business has grown. 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.</p>
<p>9. Proposed dates</p> <p>Must meet FIG requirements Following FIG statutes Practical dates Availability of venue Other conferences at same time</p>	<p>May 27-31, 2029 April 8-12, 2029 Potential other date ranges in April/May/June that can be discussed with FIG</p>	<p>May 6-12, 2029, May 13- 19, 2029 May 27- June 2, 2029</p>
<p>10. Technical programme</p> <p>Coverage of all FIG Commissions, Potential partners Originality Special ideas</p>	<p>Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS), based in Lawrencetown and recognized as one of the world's premier institutions for geomatics education and research. As part of the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), COGS has a long-standing history of producing world-class professionals in surveying, GIS, remote sensing, and geodesy. Its graduates have contributed significantly to global advancements in spatial data management and mapping technologies, including cutting-</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Highlight the progress made in defining a modern Geodetic Reference Frame for Uganda with over 80 Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS).</p>

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	<p>edge innovations like drone-based surveys, GPS applications, and 3D modeling.</p> <p>These strengths are particularly relevant in Nova Scotia's ongoing efforts to address climate change challenges. From coastal erosion and flooding to forest management and wildfire mitigation, the province faces significant environmental pressures that require robust geographic and surveying solutions. By integrating geomatics expertise with practical applications, Nova Scotia is setting benchmarks in environmental resilience and sustainable development.</p> <p>The FIG Working Week presents an unparalleled opportunity to highlight the pivotal role of geomatics in solving these challenges. With the full support of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics and local stakeholders, including COGS, the event would not only celebrate the achievements of the global geomatics community but also foster dialogue on how geographic science can drive innovative responses to climate change. Halifax, with its world-class Halifax Convention Centre, strong government support, and vibrant geomatics network, is ideally positioned to co-organize an event of this caliber and importance.</p>	
11. Technical tours Coverage of all FIG Commissions Originality Ideas proposed	<p>Proposals:</p> <p>Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS): Visit one of the world's leading geomatics education and research institutions, located in Lawrencetown. Delegates can tour facilities, participate in demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies like drone mapping and 3D modeling, and engage with faculty on geomatics applications in environmental management and climate resilience.</p> <p>Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO): Explore Canada's premier oceanographic research facility, which plays a crucial role in coastal mapping, ocean data collection, and environmental monitoring. A visit could include presentations on marine geomatics and the use of spatial data in ocean conservation.</p> <p>Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Planning Office: Learn how geomatics and surveying are applied in urban planning, infrastructure</p>	<p>FIG 2029 Technical Tours: Surveying the Future of Uganda's Infrastructure and Innovation</p> <p>explore Uganda's most significant and inspiring infrastructure, energy, and technological projects</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Proposed tours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Land Information Centre 2. Department of Surveys and Mapping (Entebbe) 3. Source of the Nile: The Birthplace of Africa's Longest River 4. Karuma Bridge and Dam: Harnessing the Power of the Nile 5. Isimba Dam: Energizing Uganda's Future 6. Entebbe Expressway: Paving the Way for Regional Growth 7. Kira EV Electric Vehicle Plant: Leading Africa's Green Revolution 8. Oil Exploration in Western Uganda: Uganda's Energy Future

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	<p>development, and disaster management. The visit could highlight projects like flood mapping and land use planning.</p> <p>COVE (Centre for Ocean Ventures and Entrepreneurship):Dive into the world of ocean technology and innovation. Delegates can learn about the intersection of geomatics and marine technologies used in offshore mapping, resource management, and environmental monitoring.</p> <p>Garrison Grounds and Citadel Surveys:A hands-on workshop on historical land surveying and modern-day GIS applications in heritage conservation. Delegates can compare traditional methods with current technology.</p>	
<p>12. Social programme</p> <p>Attractiveness and variety Proposals for dinners Attractiveness of offered dinners Proposals for tours Is the program following the overall FIG concept</p>	<p>A large variety of social programme and activities are suggested.</p>	<p>Proposed dinner venues at interesting places.</p> <p>A large variety of social tours in and around Kampala such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kampala City Tour - Jinja Route and City Tour - Gorilla Safari Fly-In - Entebbe Full-Day Tour - Kalangala Island Tour
<p>13. Attendance</p> <p>Expectation of international, regional and local attendance Realistic number of international and national participants</p>	<p>Delegate Composition: 15% Domestic, 45% Intercontinental, 40% International In total 1700</p>	<p>Want to attract a minimum of 1500 participants across the globe Achieve 25% increase in regional representation compared to previous FIG events</p>
<p>14. Accommodation</p> <p>Hotel costs Value for money Variation in hotel offers Closeness to proposed venue Transportation to venue</p>	<p>Sixteen (16) hotel properties within a 0-12 minute walk of the Halifax Convention Centre have expressed an interest in hosting your delegates. Pricing ranges from CAD \$219 - \$359/night (USD \$156-\$256/night).</p> <p>Possibility for University Dorm accommodation for Young Surveyors</p>	<p>The Resort has a total of 472 rooms complimentary access to the Olympic size swimming pool, the Heath Club, running track, Price 179 USD Other hotels suggested in proximity of 8-10 km Price range: 105USD-450USD</p> <p>Only other hotel nearby (2km distance) is the Lake Victoria serena with prices from 200-1000 USD</p>

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		within the vicinity of the proposed venue there are various Airbnb and budget hotels at rates of 30-100 USD
15. Finances Estimate of surplus and financial risks Realistic fees proposed Fees in an acceptable price range Difference between international and national fees Realistic budget Estimated revenue	Draft budget is based on 1600 paying participants, in total 1,760 pax. May be fewer participants – depending on visa and national participation Expenses seem reasonable, and realistic – relatively cheaper than other comparable destinations Expenses: € 950,000 (excl social events) Income: € 1,000,000 (excl social events) Suggested registration fees Delegates: Early 625.00 Normal 650.00 Late 725.00 Young professionals: 450.00 (incl YS conference) Students: €350 Incl YS Conference) Accompanying person: €200 Dinners: Canadian Evening: €50, Gala Dinner: 100	Draft budget is based on 1650 paying participants and 250 accompanying persons Expenses: \$ 966,000 (excl social events) Income: \$ 1,034,000 (excl social events) Suggested registration fees Delegate: Early \$500, normal \$600 Young surveyors: Early \$250 normal \$300 Students: Early\$150 normal \$150 Accompanying persons: \$250
16. Sponsorship Estimate sponsorship and exhibition income Proposed income How realistic is proposed income Local sponsor offerings Sponsor interest to conference	Sponsor/Exhibition Income: € 195,945.94 Hereof government Support: Expected minimum € 101,351.00 from Federal Government International Conference Attraction Fund & Local Conference funds (\$150,000 CAD)	Sponsorship from government: \$272,480 exhibition income €50,000 Hereof 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
17. Why host Reason for hosting	Hosting FIG Working Week 2029 offers an opportunity to showcase Canada’s leadership in land management, geospatial innovation, and sustainable development practices. Halifax’s vibrant academic, professional, and cultural ecosystems make it the perfect setting to exchange ideas, solve pressing global challenges, and celebrate the surveying profession. By hosting this event, we aim to provide an inclusive, welcoming platform for professionals from all FIG member associations,	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,

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	<p>demonstrating our commitment to global knowledge-sharing, diversity, and progress in the profession.</p> <p>Addressing Global Challenges: Nova Scotia's geography makes it a natural laboratory for addressing some of the most pressing challenges in geomatics. From managing coastal erosion and flooding to wildfire mapping and climate change resilience, Halifax has become a hub for applying geographic science to real-world problems. These efforts are of significant interest to FIG and its members.</p>	<p>will ensure a successful and impactful event that promotes inclusivity and professional growth.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Strategic Geographical Position and Regional Accessibility Youthful and Dynamic Population – over 80 of its populations is under 30 Focus on Security and Stability Diverse Landscapes for Practical Learning A Beacon of Sustainable Development Cultural Richness and Vibrant Hospitality</p>
<p>18. Objectives and outcomes</p> <p>Thought through why conference should be held at destination Difference to other destinations Short term outcome Long term outcome</p>	<p>Foster Innovation and Collaboration: Encourage global partnerships to address challenges in land management, climate resilience, urban planning, and technological advancements.</p> <p>Promote Education and Research: Showcase the latest developments in surveying and geomatics from Canadian institutions, including Dalhousie University, the Nova Scotia Community College, and other Atlantic Canadian organizations.</p> <p>Engage Emerging Professionals: Inspire the next generation by creating accessible pathways for students and young professionals to participate and contribute.</p> <p>Build Awareness and Influence: Elevate the visibility of FIG, the surveying profession, and Halifax on the global stage as a hub for excellence and innovation.</p>	<p>Our goal is to position the surveying profession as a catalyst for building resilient, prosperous sustainable societies, and innovative solutions that address global challenges.</p> <p>progress made in defining a modern Geodetic Reference Frame for Uganda with over 80 Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS).</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>19. Suggested theme</p> <p>Thought of possible theme that fits to local/regional situation</p>	<p>"Surveying a Resilient Future: Innovation, Sustainability, and Equity"</p> <p>This theme aligns with the global need to address climate change, sustainable urban development, and equitable land management. It</p>	<p>Theme 1 "Surveying for Resilient Societies: Innovations Driving Peace, Prosperity, Partnerships, and Sustainability" Theme 2</p>

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	<p>reflects Halifax's commitment to innovation in geospatial technology and its leadership in addressing climate resilience through initiatives like HalifACT 2050. The theme also emphasizes the profession's role in shaping equitable solutions for communities worldwide.</p>	<p>"Navigating Change: Surveyors of today, tomorrow and the future as Key Drivers of Sustainable Urbanization and Resilience."</p> <p>The themes 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.</p>
<p>20. Events organized in the past three years</p> <p>How experienced is the host in organising events</p>	<p>Over the past three years, the Geomatics Association of Nova Scotia (GANS) and the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) have actively organized and supported several significant events to advance the geomatics profession:</p> <p>Geomatics Association of Nova Scotia (GANS): Geomatics Atlantic Conference 2021: Originally scheduled for November 8–9, 2021, this conference was held online on January 24–25, 2022, due to pandemic-related adjustments. Themed "Geomatics NOW – From Field Collection to Online and Real-Time Dissemination," the event explored innovations in spatial data collection and dissemination, featuring presentations on current techniques, software, and near real-time data sharing methods. GANS Annual General Meetings (AGMs): GANS has consistently held AGMs to engage members in discussions on organizational progress and industry developments. For instance, the 2023 AGM was conducted virtually on June 15, 2023, providing a platform for member interaction and strategic planning.</p> <p>Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG): International Cartographic Conference (ICC) 2025: CIG successfully led Canada's bid to host the 32nd International Cartographic Conference in Vancouver, scheduled for 2025. This achievement underscores CIG's commitment to bringing global geomatics events to Canada. Geomatics Atlantic 2020: CIG supported this regional conference, which was held on October 27, 2020. The conference focused on advancements in geomatics and fostering collaboration among professionals in the Atlantic region. GeoTalks Webinar Series: In response to the need for continuous professional development during the pandemic, CIG initiated the</p>	

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	GeoTalks webinar series on March 10, 2021. The series provides a platform for knowledge sharing and industry updates.	
21. Major events planned in the proposed city in 2029 Many events might affect the price level		
22. Initiatives for sustainable conference environment Is host city paying attention to environmental issues Is venue paying attention to environmental issues Is host paying attention to environmental issues	<p>Sustainability Leadership: Halifax is committed to sustainable development, as exemplified by its HalifACT 2050 climate plan, recognized globally for its forward-thinking approach. This aligns with FIG's goals of promoting responsible and sustainable practices in surveying and geomatics.</p> <p>Venue and Operations Sustainability: Halifax Convention Centre (HCC): The HCC is designed to minimize environmental impact with features like energy-efficient systems, waste diversion programs, and partnerships with local vendors to reduce the carbon footprint. Sustainable Catering: Use of locally sourced, seasonal, and sustainable ingredients in catering to reduce food miles and support local producers</p> <p>Carbon Reduction and Offsetting: Carbon Offset Programs: Encourage delegates to participate in carbon offset initiatives for their travel. Partnerships with local organizations can provide options to offset emissions through reforestation or renewable energy projects. Transportation Initiatives: Delegates will have free access to Halifax Transit, reducing reliance on private vehicles and taxis. Walking and cycling will also be promoted in the city's compact and accessible downtown.</p> <p>Waste Management: Waste Reduction: Implement a strict "no single-use plastics" policy, ensuring reusable or compostable materials for all conference supplies and catering. Recycling Stations: Set up clear and accessible recycling and composting stations throughout the venue.</p> <p>Sustainable Delegate Experiences:</p>	<p>Working with the proposed venue, 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 initiatives at the proposed venue that highlight the environmental protection and efficient use of rare resources</p> <p>Water conservation with automated systems for irrigation, washing, rooms, etc.</p> <p>Energy conservation through green energy, solar powered lights, solar powered heaters, energy saving bulbs, electric vehicles, etc.</p> <p>Locally and organically sourced foods enhancing local communities through various partnerships</p>

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	<p>Show Your Badge Program: Leverage Discover Halifax's program to promote local, sustainable businesses for dining and entertainment, encouraging economic benefits to flow directly to the community.</p> <p>Eco-Friendly Welcome Kits: Provide delegates with reusable water bottles, locally made biodegradable products, and guides to sustainable practices during their stay.</p> <p>Commit to meeting ISO 20121 standards for sustainable events, ensuring that every aspect of the conference—from planning to execution—prioritizes environmental, social, and economic sustainability.</p>	
<p>23. New initiatives or activities</p> <p>Originality – but within the overall FIG concept</p>	<p>Interactive Innovation Zones: Showcase cutting-edge surveying technologies like drones, AI-driven geospatial analysis, and AR/VR applications in surveying through live demonstrations.</p> <p>Global Young Surveyors Summit: A dedicated pre-conference event to engage young professionals and students, featuring mentorship, hackathons, and startup showcases.</p> <p>Diversity and Inclusion Workshops: Focused sessions on increasing diversity in the profession, with a particular emphasis on empowering women and underrepresented groups in surveying.</p> <p>Sustainability Challenges: Interactive forums where participants propose solutions to real-world challenges, like climate adaptation and disaster risk management, specific to Atlantic Canada.</p> <p>Public Outreach Activities: Open sessions for the public, such as GIS mapping demonstrations and discussions on surveying's role in sustainable community development.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>
<p>24. What legacy to leave locally from the Working week</p> <p>With host Hosting city For the surveying community</p>	<p>Legacy for member association and profession locally:</p> <p>Enhanced Professional Capacity: Strengthen the skills and networks of local surveyors and geomatics professionals through exposure to global best practices and technologies.</p> <p>Increased Engagement in FIG: Motivate Canadian surveying associations to play an even more active role in FIG initiatives, ensuring long-term involvement and leadership.</p>	<p>A transformative legacy strategy designed to leave a lasting impact on the geospatial industry, sustainable development, and societal well-being</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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	<p>Indigenous and Youth Empowerment: Expose young Canadians to the dynamic global profession and its critical role in societal development to inspire them to pursue careers in surveying and geomatics.</p> <p>Research Collaboration: Foster new research partnerships between Canadian institutions and global leaders in land management and geospatial innovation.</p> <p>Global Leadership in Geomatics: Halifax is home to the Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS), a globally recognized leader in geomatics education and research. As part of the Nova Scotia Community College, COGS has trained professionals in surveying, GIS, and remote sensing, many of whom are driving innovation worldwide. Hosting the FIG Working Week in Halifax would highlight this legacy of excellence and provide opportunities to engage with COGS faculty and graduates.</p> <p>Legacy and Community Engagement: HalifACT 2050 Integration: Highlight Halifax’s climate action plan as a global sustainability model, using the conference to share best practices and innovations. Community Projects: Collaborate with local environmental organizations to organize volunteer activities, such as coastal clean-ups or tree-planting sessions, allowing delegates to contribute directly to Halifax’s sustainability efforts.</p> <p>Legacy for the destination</p> <p>Global Recognition for Halifax: Establish Halifax as a leading global destination for geospatial conferences and events, showcasing its strengths in innovation and sustainability.</p> <p>Tourism and Economic Benefits: Generate significant economic impact for the region, with increased international exposure driving future tourism and business opportunities.</p> <p>Sustainable Event Practices: Set a benchmark for hosting environmentally sustainable conferences in Halifax, with practices aligned with ISO 20121 standards.</p> <p>Community Connection: Leave lasting public outreach tools, like interactive exhibits or educational materials on surveying and geomatics, for local schools and organizations to use in future learning initiatives.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The legacy initiatives aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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		iv. Inspire future hosts with innovative and impactful legacy practices. 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.
EVALUATION		
Issues supporting destination – subjective rating for Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The FIG conference has not been held in Canada for many years - Proposed area and city is interesting for a broad specter of surveyors - Venue seems reasonable in price with good benefits - Venue has modern facilities - Halifax is a smaller destination in Canada which can give advantages to the WW – FIG WW fits well to a smaller city - All centered in the city centre – walking distance to all – community feeling - City support - Hotel prices are reasonable - Many hotel options close to the conference centre – walking distance - Student accommodation at University Dorms - Focus on legacy – special guide to legacy plan - Strong proposals for theme, technical programme and tours - Less represented region – it is the hope to attract more Canadian surveyors and geospatial experts to the international work - Easy access from airport to city - Potential city card for participants to public transportation - Realistic budget - Realistic sponsorship and exhibition income - National association has experience in hosting international events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The FIG conference has never been held in Uganda - Attractive - National association is very active in FIG - Good national financial support to the conference - Proposed city and area interesting for a broad specter of surveyors - Reasonable fees for proposed conference venue - Strong proposals for themes and tours - Hopefully a large number of national and regional participants - Suggestion to hold the YS conference at Makerere university – a FIG member - Conference held in capital can attract more government people - Legacy initiatives - Attractive tourist destination - Uganda and Kampala has a special interest in attracting a conference like FIG Working Week to the country and city
Issues against destination – rating Comments predicated against	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halifax is not one of the main cities of Canada and has therefore less direct flights – but is well connected to larger destinations closeby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The national association does not have experience in hosting an international event at this size

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Observations to be raised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed number of attendees may not be met unless a significant number of national and regional attendees will be mobilized. - There have been only few attendees from Canada at previous FIG events - Visas can be an issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only resort hotel with 472 rooms nearby. Other hotels are in distance of 8-10 km (need of shuttle buses?) - Mismatch between conference catering expenditure based on 1,000 participants and conference income based on 1,600 participants - The proposed number of attendees may not be met unless a significant number of international number of participants will be mobilized.