

**International Federation of Surveyors  
Spatial Information for Sustainable Management  
of Urban Areas Workshop**

*Welcome Speech*

by  
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**Dear Colleagues,**

It is a great honor and pleasure to welcome you in Mainz, Germany where its cultural and historical heritage is unique on the occasion of the opening ceremony of very important workshop "Spatial Information for Sustainable Management of Urban Areas".



Mega Cities as well as all big urban areas share the same values and problems and also face the same tremendous challenge of which spatial information is forefront.

Such workshop will give us the chance to exchange ideas and to integrate professionally with each other under the umbrella of FIG.

The main objectives of this workshop are to study the impact of rapid urban growth and the use of international knowledge and experience on how surveyors may assist real estate markets, good governance, environmental management and planning initiatives by providing reliable *Spatial Data Infrastructures*.

Our FIG is the premier international organization representing the interests of surveyors worldwide. It is a federation of the national member associations and covers the whole range of professional fields within the global surveying community. It provides an international forum for discussion and development aiming to promote professional practice and standards.

FIG's activities are guided by a work plan, which is regularly reviewed against a longer-term strategic plan. The current work plan, titled "Building the Capacity", which guides the Council and all ten Commissions' activities, focuses on the surveyor's response to social, economic, technological and environmental change. One of the most active and dynamic commission is Commission 3: *Spatial Information Management* headed by: Dr. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece).

I am sure that everyone in this workshop will be eager to operate at peak performance so that the FIG can yield the greatest benefits. Of course, this workshop will draw an interactive scenario for urban management especially with the new and modern technologies.

I wish all participants all success for this essential workshop on Urban Management.

Again our thanks to the organizers who conducted such an important workshop:

- German Association of Surveying (DVW) – Society for Geodesy.
- Mainz, Institute for Spatial Information and Surveying Technology, Mainz University of Applied Sciences.
- Commission 3, Spatial Information Management.

At last I hope you will all enjoy a comfortable stay in this lovely city.

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