

*Winning  
Together*

*Vote*

*Mohammed Mamman  
Mansur Kabir,*

*For VP*

**FIG**

## MY VISION AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FIG

Distinguished Presidents of Member Associations, Electorates and other Members of the FIG Family, my name is Mohammed Mamman Mansur Kabir, I am from Nigeria and I represent the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, NIS. The NIS is supported by the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, NIQS and the Nigerian Institute of Estate Surveyors and Valuers, NIESV on whose platforms I humbly solicit your vote into the position of the Vice President of our Great Federation, the FIG. I am a Fellow of the NIS and currently the Registrar/CEO of Surveyors Council of Nigeria, SURCON, an agency responsible for registration, regulation and control of survey profession in Nigeria. Before then I had the distinction of being;

- A State Surveyor - General in Nigeria administering a landmass of 24,000km<sup>2</sup> with 8.5 million people.
- Chairman of the Forum of all States Surveyors General in Nigeria, FOSSGON.
- A member of the Presidential Technical Committee on Land Reform sub-committee on Harmonization of the Land Use Act Draft Regulations in Nigeria; among others.

Fellow members of the FIG family, when experienced human and material resources managers engage employees, their primary consideration is what value the new employees add to the organization. We remain mindful that FIG is an Association with an enviable history of 143 years, therefore it is necessary that your choice of candidates for any positions in the Federation should be purely predicated on value addition to our Federation. When you elect me as Vice - President I shall add the following much needed values to our FIG family.

### **1. Seasoned administrator with vast experience in the field.**

As our Federation sails through the uncertainties and disruptions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century the urgency to get widely experienced professionals; renowned strategists and seasoned administrators to assist our President in running the affairs of the Council cannot be overemphasized. I humbly say, I represent that experience and I possess the requisite qualities. I give you

- 33 years of professional experience as a surveyor **28** of these years are at top administrative and management levels.
- 30 years top involvement in running FIG biggest member Association, the NIS. I was an active member of the Education, the Membership, the Ethics, the Electoral and the Strategy Committees.
- More than a decade active membership in the FIG. I annually serve as Presenter, Chairman of Sessions, Panelist, Rapporteur during the past 12 Working Weeks.

- I am credited with more than 25 local and international professional papers and practical guidelines on surveying many of which are trending with positive impacts on our professional practice.
- I am currently a member in the Strategy Group of the FIG; a top-notch think-tank group saddled with the responsibility for rebranding the Federation to fit for 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I represent Africa and large associations in the group.
- I am the African solid pillar for FIG Foundation, Women - In - Surveying; the FIG - YSN; the FIG - Africa Regional Network; VCSP and a great promoter of Get Kids into Survey in Nigeria.

## **2. FIG and THE SDGs, UNGGIM**

With less than 10 years left to achieve the SDGs FIG must continue to spearhead the global aspirations and be prepared for the UN next global goals to succeed the SDGs post 2030. To take the lead into the future, FIG should focus crosshair more on Blue - Green issues; the issues which I humbly but firmly believe will supplant the UN SDGs in 2030. We must remain relevant at the highest global professional levels; we must cement our partnership with UN – GGIM and other UN sister agencies. I have diverse and long - term experience with those global bodies. I was

- Member, Nigerian delegate to the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management – Africa; UNGGIM - AFRICA
- Member representing West Africa sub-region in the Panel of Experts on the Review of UNGGIM - AFRICA Action Plan
- Panelist at the first United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress UNWGIC, the UNGGIM - Africa side event.
- Member, Nigerian delegate to the United Nations 4<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum on Good Land Governance.
- Active participant at the 6<sup>th</sup> United Nations High Level Forum on UNGGIM
- Panelist at Global Land Tools Network on Fit-for-Purpose at the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference.
- I remain a regular contributor to UNGGIM - Europe (WPLA, Housing and Land Management); etc

### **Why are these important?**

These high-level professional engagements, relevant exposures, long term experience make me polished, fit and proper Vice President capable of assisting the President in advancing the interest of our Federation even at global highest levels.

*The way is safer and the journey joyful when you engage an experienced guide - African Proverb*





**UNGGIM**

**UN-GGIM**  
UNITED NATIONS  
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON  
GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL  
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



**Nigerian delegate to UNGGIM 4th High Level Forum on Good Land Governance**



**Panelist at the GLTN Fit For Purpose, the World Bank, Washington DC**



**Engagement with the FIG**



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**With Colleagues at the 1st UNGWIC-Deqing, China 2018**



**Group Photo with Country Leading Delegates at the African Union Conference on Land policy in Africa, Abidjan 2018**



**Addressing the National High Level Meeting on Frameworks for National Geospatial Data Infrastructure in Nigeria**



**Leading the National Workshop on Georeferenced Infrastructure and Demographic Data for Development GRID 3 in Nigeria, May, 2021**



### 3. Let's walk the talk

For many years our working weeks bring forth far reaching resolutions. However, many of these resolutions remain unimplemented at countries levels. The gap is, in many member countries we have not sufficiently carried along those groups vested with the power and the authority to endorse and execute our resolution. Here I mean the political class and other state actors. For our Federation to survive the stiff competition of 21str Century, we must partner with and actively engage political leaderships, states and non-state actors in every member country. I have sufficiently demonstrated my capacity to render that service for the FIG.

- I annually convene the FIG - SURCON Train the Trainers Workshops in Nigeria, a partnership between the Federation and SURCON for training and sensitization of Nigerian Surveyors, NGOs, women and youth groups.
- I arranged a State visit for the President of FIG to Nigeria where he was received by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and cabinet Ministers. The high-level talks with the President of Nigeria opened new vista for Surveyors in the country. For more details visits:[http://fig.net/news/news\\_2020/02\\_nigeria.asp](http://fig.net/news/news_2020/02_nigeria.asp)
- I arranged the visit of the President of FIG to Nigeria Senate where he met with the President of Senate and other Nigerian lawmakers. The high-level talk established protocols for adoption of Geospatial Information in decision making in Nigeria.

### Why are these important?

These high level each and engagement are what our Federation needs now. My capacity can be easily deployed by the President of FIG to advance the cause of our Federation at highest levels of governance. I am sufficiently equipped to assist the President of FIG in carrying this crusade further into many countries particularly in Africa.

*Be a Mountain or Lean on One – African saying.*



FIG President hands the FIG – SURCON Plaque to the President of Federal Republic of Nigeria Symbolic of FRN/FIG Partnership



FIG President with the President of Senate Federal Republic of Nigeria. Working together for better Laws on Geospatial Information in Nigeria





**Surv. Kabir, M.M in group photo with the President of Nigeria, the President of FIG and Members of the Nigeria President's Cabinet**



**FIG President, the President of the Senate with other Senators**

#### **4. Inclusivity Remains Key to FIG Greatness**

In my close work relationship with the current and past Presidents of FIG, I noticed we share common zeal to institutionalize inclusivity and preeminence of gender balance in our Federation. Women, Youth and the underrepresented are our focus. We need to have more women in both number and positions of authority in the FIG Family. We have to capacitate the YSN to seamlessly take over from us and to carry on when we can no longer continue. We must ensure no one is left behind in our march into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We need more engagement with francophone countries particularly the 34 out of 54 African countries who remain largely not visible at FIG meetings. Town Planners, Lawyers, Land Officers and other co-professionals should have seats at the FIG family table. Herein, my pedigree comes in handy to assist the President and the Federation. My usual career talks on Nigeria National Television and on Youtube makes me a nationally known promoter of Women's Rights and feminism not only in our profession but also in our larger society. I am;

- generally known as the "Papa WIS" or Father of Women Surveyors, WIS championing the cause of Women Surveyors
- the Grand patron of Women's Rights Protection Initiatives in Africa, WRPIA for protection of bundles of women's rights and in particular addressing issues of violence against women.
- A trustee of the National Association of Nigerian Female Students NANFS working to promote Girl Child education in Nigeria.
- I registered more than 2000 members of the Young Surveyors Network into our profession.

## Why are these important

When I am elected as Vice President, this pedigree will serve as asset in our drive for inclusivity and gender balance in our Federation. All hands must be on deck. Reflect on this African saying:

*You cannot clap with one hand*



The Papa WIS Surv. Kabir. M M during the Induction of more than 50 new Female Members as Surveyors in Nigeria, Feb. 2021



Girl Child Education is our Priority



Surv. Kabir, M.M Empowerment for Women with WRPIA during the 2020 International Women's Day at Abuja.





Surv. Kabir, M.M Hosts the Women in Surveying National Congress

## 5. True Diversity is Predicated on True Representation

As our Federation rebrands it must embrace diversity. Working Week 2021 presents a unique opportunity for Africa, particularly sub-Saharan Africa, to be truly represented in the Council in the 143 years history of FIG. Dear distinguished Presidents and members, your roles in this task requires that you just not elect any African as Vice President but that you consciously elect a fit and proper African with the clout and backing of majority stakeholders. It is only then you shall quench the agitation of vast majority of African delegates yearning for proper representation in the FIG Council. I present myself to you on the mandate of that majority and of the largest membership groups in the FIG.

- I am backed by 7 active Member Bodies of the FIG with more than 50,000 strong registered professional members and hundreds of thousands in training.
- Our commitment to FIG has no match in Africa. For over a decade we have consistently presented the largest number of foreign delegates at any Working Week; and two times surpassed host countries in number of delegates attending Working Week.
- Statistic at FIG show that from 2013 – 2017 our members constituted 80 % of all African delegates with 2,232 attending the working weeks. The closest runner up presented 58 persons or 3.2 % of African delegates within the report period.
- We remain one of the world's biggest source of revenue for the FIG; we always volunteer beyond the call of duty to stabilize this great Federation whenever needed.

### Why are these important

Dear Presidents and members of FIG family, electing me as Vice President comes with many benefits. You are upholding the principles of true democracy; you finally put to rest the restive agitation of majority African delegates, you preserve and consolidate the beneficial relationships existing between FIG and Africa. As you vote kindly reflect on this African wise saying:

*Even when you are averse to giving out, give to the one who gives you, for that way your gift comes back to you in manifolds.*



Celebrate Diversity; bring African flavour  
to the FIG Family Table

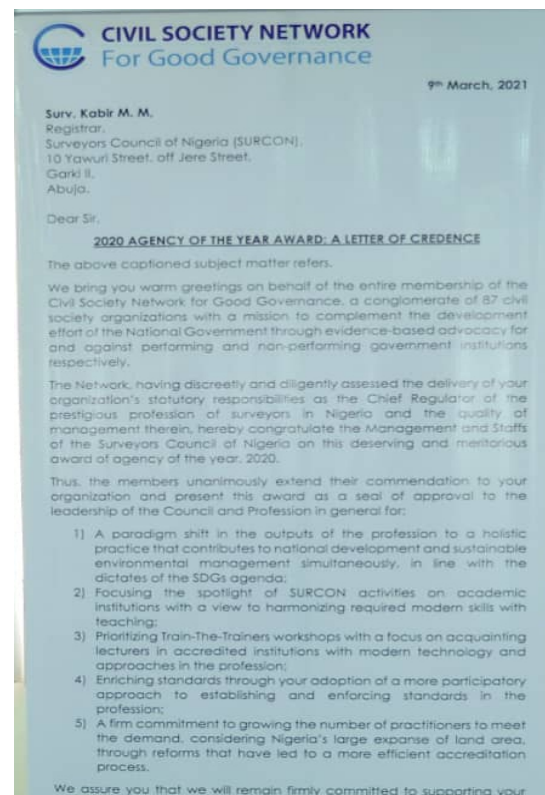



## 6. My Credibility speaks volumes

Testimony of my good works, professional excellence, and my stance on women's rights and youth development have drawn accolades and commendations from diverse quarters. Over the years I have been recognized and celebrated with scores of awards across Nigeria and the African Continent, mention of few:

- DFID GEMS 3 Award for Promoting SLTR in Katsina State, Nigeria
- WOMEN-IN-SURVEYING ANGEL OF THE YEAR 2016 to Date
- WOMEN-IN-SURVEYING WIS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE - 2020
- WINNER OF NATIONAL GOOD GOVERNANCE AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2020 BY COALITION OF CIVIL SOCIETIES NETWORK, (a coalition of 86 number CSOs in Nigeria)
- YOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA DEVELOPMENT, YOUNG LEADERS AWARD 2020
- PAN AFRICAN LEADERSHIP PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE - ASUP - 2020


*excellence is like pregnancy; it cannot be kept secret forever – African Proverb*






**LETTER OF NOTIFICATION**  
For  
AFRICAN STUDENTS UNION  
PARLIAMENT (ASUP)  
COURTESY VISIT  
&  
ASUP  
PAN - AFRICAN  
LEADERSHIP PRIZE  
FOR EXCELLENCE

ADDRESSED TO:




**SURV. KABIR MUHAMMAD  
MANSUR**  
REGISTRAR

SURVEYORS  
COUNCIL OF NIGERIA  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA




For  
**THOMAS SAKARA LEADERSHIP PRIZE  
FOR INTEGRITY AND  
TRANSPARENCY**

To Be Presented to:



**SURV. KABIR MUHAMMAD MAMMAN**  
REGISTRAR / CEO  
SURVEYORS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA  
(SURCON)  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

By:



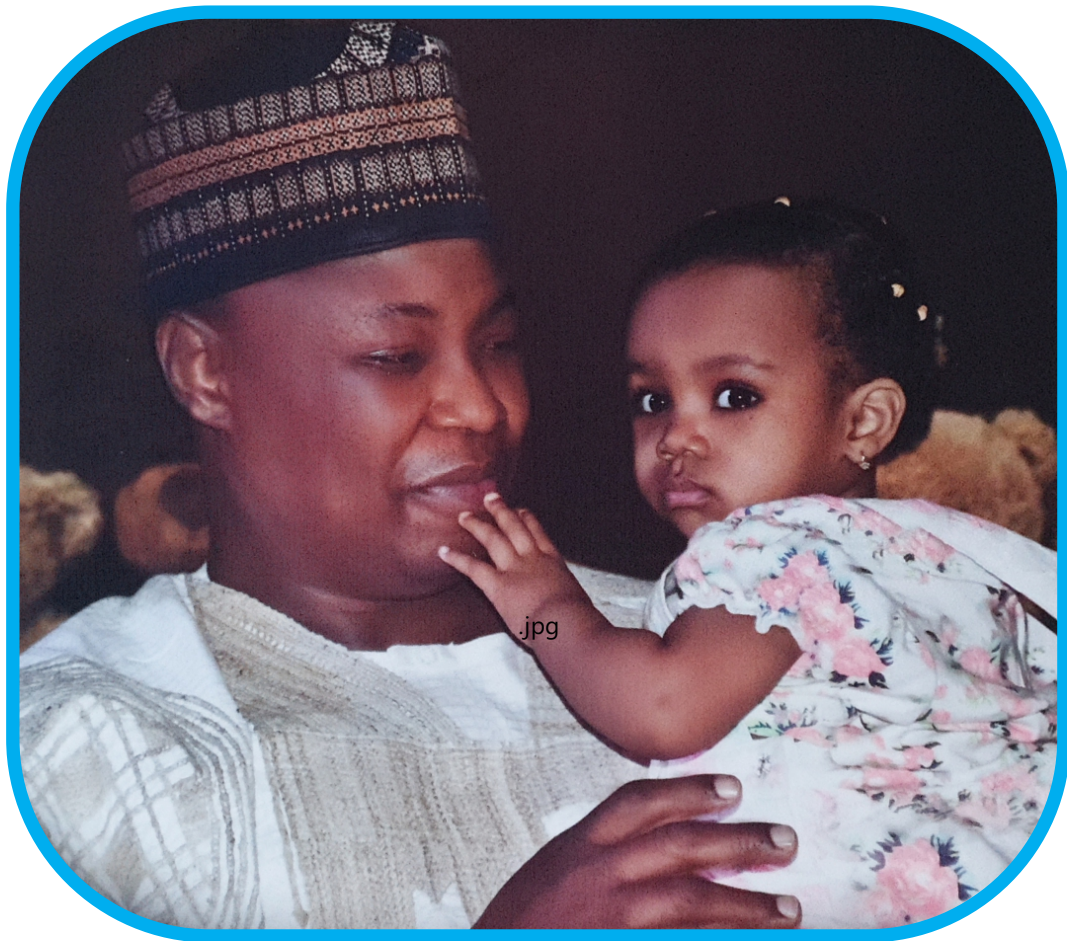
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YOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT  
LE PARTENARIAT DE LA JEUNESSE POUR LE DEVELOPPMENT  
DE L'AFRIQUE. (PARJIDEA)  
شراكة الشباب من أجل تنمية إفريقيا

**VOTE FOR ME...TOGETHER WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WIN**

**I am Polished; Experienced; Excellent Team Player**

***I have better things in store for you  
than you see in this showroom...!!!***





*Thank you all*