



## Small Island Developing States Forum - FIG

**Building professional networks – the possible role of SSSI**

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## Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute



- Formed mid 2009
- Merger between Institute of Surveyors Australia & Spatial Sciences Institute
- Five commissions – land surveying, engineering & mining surveying, spatial information & cartography, remote sensing & hydrology
- Regions – all Australian states/territories & New Zealand

## SSSI Objectives



- Dynamic, influential and learned professional organisation operating at local, regional, national and international levels
- Provide quality services; advance the profession; and deliver professional development

## Continuing professional development



- Conferences, specialised CPD events, courses, special events, workshops, meetings
- Many events are recorded
- Local, regional, national, international focus
- WA example

## Outreach (beyond our shores) – opportunities for SIDS



- Indonesia's links with the Northern Territory
- New Zealand's role in the Pacific
- Queensland as alternative "parent" region

## SIDS opportunities



- SSSI Board keen to explore ways to support SIDS
- As part of a three-year plan:
  - Engagement as a professional group
  - Training needs
  - Sponsorship opportunities to SSSI events
  - "Visiting" professional events

## More ideas



- SSSI partnerships with Australian & New Zealand organisations (Landgate example)
- Register of SSSI members to assist in disaster relief
- Increase local engagement in surveying and spatial information as a career – STiS? (Christmas Island)

## Important



- What do you want?
- What do you need?
- SSSI provides benchmark professional standards, however focus is always on local need (legislative, regulatory, culture, etc)
- We are keen to listen and keen to work together to enhance professional opportunities and standards in the Pacific.