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**2014 FIG Academic Members Forum
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Concept Note**

**Theme:
Academic responsibilities and the
Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT)**

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Introduction

The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security promote secure tenure rights and equitable access to land, fisheries and forests as a means of eradicating hunger and poverty, supporting sustainable development and enhancing the environment. The Committee on World Food Security officially endorsed the Guidelines on 11 May 2012. Since then implementation has been encouraged by G20, Rio+ 20, United Nations General Assembly and Francophone Assembly of Parliamentarians (<http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/voluntary-guidelines/en/>).

The 2014 FIG Academic Members Forum within the XXV FIG Congress will therefore dedicate its sessions to consider and discuss on the integration of the VG's in education and curriculum development: What has already been done? What needs to be done? And how to get there? as well as in research and knowledge development.

FIG and the VGGT

FIG embraces the Voluntary Guidelines and thus its membership has a responsibility to support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land Fisheries and Forests. Many states now are involved in processes and programs on how to implement the guidelines. Academic education and training are crucial at this stage. Knowledge building, skills training and proper attitude development of surveyors and other land professionals in support of responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests are required.

The 2014 FIG Academic Members Forum

The 2014 Academic Members Forum is considered the platform at the XXV FIG Congress for FIG Academic Members and other academicians to discuss and prepare actions on how the Voluntary Guidelines can be implanted in education and curriculum development, and in research and



knowledge sharing. The Forum will consist of two sessions: one with plenary presentations by FAO and invited key speakers on the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security; and a second session which allows for a guided discussion with a panel and peer-to-peer interaction. The outcome of the discussion will result in recommendations and suggestions for education and curriculum development, research, continuing professional development and partnership building in these areas. The outcome of the Forum will be reported to the 37th FIG General Assembly and to FAO's delegation at the XXV FIG Congress.

The first of the two sessions focuses mainly around presentations and discussions focussing on core areas of activity – teaching, research and partnerships; the second around a small number of breakout groups on these defined areas, with reporting-back and a panel review of the conclusions.

The sessions will be chaired respectively by the Chair and incoming Chair of Commission 2.

Outline program

Session 1. Presentations

- Proposed subject matters and speakers:
 - FAO Perspective: Tea Dabrundashvili (Land Tenure Officer, FAO, Rome)
 - Teaching and the Voluntary Guidelines: Jaap Zevenbergen (University of Twente)
 - Research and the Voluntary Guidelines: David Mitchell (RMIT and)
 - Continuing Professional Development and the Voluntary Guidelines – the RICS perspective: Gary Strong (RICS)
 - Academic Partnerships and the Voluntary Guidelines: Chryssy Potsiou (FIG Vice President)
- Q & A and peer-to-peer interactions

Session 2. Break-out discussions and Review Panel

- Participants will join one of the four sub-thematic break-out groups for guided discussion and peer-to-peer interaction with the aim to bring forth recommendations and suggestions for education and curriculum development, research, continuing professional development and partnership-building in the following areas:
 - Teaching and the Voluntary Guidelines
 - Research and the Voluntary Guidelines
 - Continuing Professional Development and the Voluntary Guidelines
 - Academic Partnerships and the Voluntary Guidelines
- A Review Panel composed of four to five eminent academics from the Forum and the facilitator will summarise, conclude and outline key recommendations and suggestions - the results and outcome of the 2014 FIG Academic Members Forum to be reported to the 37th FIG General Assembly and to FAO's delegation at the XXV FIG Congress.

Main resources



The guidelines

FAO (2012). Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security. Rome, FAO.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i2801e/i2801e.pdf>

The technical supporting guides

FAO (2013). Governing land for women and men. Governance of tenure technical guide 1.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/i3114e/i3114e.pdf>

FAO (2014). Improving governance of forest tenure. Governance of tenure technical guide 2.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i3249e/i3249e.pdf>

FAO (2014). Respecting free, prior and informed consent. Governance of tenure technical guide 3.

Rome. <http://www.fao.org/docrep/019/i3496e/i3496e.pdf>

FAO (2013). Implementing improved tenure governance in fisheries. A technical guide to support the implementation of the voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security- Preliminary version. FAO.

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i3420e/i3420e.pdf>

E-learning curriculum

Introduction to the Responsible Governance of Tenure. <http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/e-learning/en/>

Newsletter

Newsletter Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure Governance Initiatives

<http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/whats-new/march-2014-news-flash/en/>

You Tube

Responsible Governance of Tenure.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLqbi8xu3gw&feature=youtu.be>