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Dear colleague

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I hope that you will be familiar with FIG, the International Federation of Surveyors (www.fig.net). The Federation is the premier international organisation representing the interests of surveyors worldwide. It has close working relationships with UN Agencies, the World Bank, and sister international organisations.

Over the last four years, FIG has been working to provide an arena in which the heads of government agencies responsible for surveying, mapping, spatial information, land registration, cadastres and valuation can contribute to and benefit from involvement with FIG. At the FIG Working Weeks in Stockholm (2008), Eilat (2009), Sydney (2010) and Marrakech (2011) we held Director General (DG) Forums which those who attended found provided a valuable opportunity to discuss challenges for their organisations and possible solutions. The participants were DGs and senior managers from different disciplines and different continents – the breadth of discipline and geographic coverage enables FIG to provide an opportunity to meet and work with all surveyors.

We are now planning a further DG Forum during the FIG Working Week in Rome (6-10 May 2012). The afternoon of Tuesday 8 May is set aside for the Forum, followed by a drinks reception to which other VIP guests will be invited.

As in previous years, the forum will be by invitation only and exclusively for DGs or their senior managers from national mapping and cadastral agencies. It will consist of a key note address by the host DG (Ms Gabriella Alemanno from the Agenzia del Territorio) followed by short presentations to stimulate discussion on different topics. A draft agenda is attached. We hope very much that you will be able to attend; if you are able to do so, it would be most helpful if you could inform the FIG Office at fig@fig.net so that we have an idea of numbers attending. We also invite you to consider adding your organisation to the FIG family as an Affiliate Member, if you have not already done so.

Further information about the Congress can be found at <http://www.fig.net/fig2012/index.htm> and about becoming an Affiliate Member at <http://www.fig.net/general/membinfo.htm#Affiliate>.

With best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Iain Greenway'.

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