



5th FIG Regional Conference for Africa  
Promoting Land Administration and Good Governance

Accra, Ghana, March 8–11, 2006

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# Closing Ceremony

**FIG President Univ.Prof.Dr.-Ing. Holger Magel**

*Summary of the Conference*



## ***Was the 5th FIG Regional Conference in Accra a success?***

*About 650 participants from 50 countries  
(20 African, 30 Overseas);*

*More than 150 papers;  
Many UN Partners, the World Bank and*

*Members of the JBGIS;  
High political and public awareness;  
Wonderful social events;*

## ***And what about the output?***



# ***The Role of FIG, the Mother of all Surveying and Surveyors***

***To help local organisations to build their  
capacity in:***

- Professional Development***
- Institutional Development***
- Local and Global (Glocal) Development***

***And to advise politics, politicians and the  
public at the global and national level***



# ***FIG is Committed to Africa***

***“Our humanity will be decided  
by the fate of Africa”***

***German President Prof. H. Köhler***



## ***Our Host Country***

*“Ghana aims to be a middle income country within 10 years”*

*Senior Minister J.H.Mensah*

*“We want to achieve a balanced development of urban and rural areas”  
...but how can this happen?*



# ***Our Challenges***

*The challenges for FIG and Surveyors  
can be considered as the 3 P`s...*

*Politics - Places - People*

*Are we prepared enough?*

*Do we have everywhere enough skills  
and competencies?*



## ***Are we still too “Timid” or lacking in self confidence ?***

The point was made that FIG should raise issues but FIG must be realised that when it departs, the brave decisions still need to be made.

*FIG can help Member Associations and Surveyors to become more involved in dealing with Politics and the Local Challenges.*

***Life is local !!***



**In the past surveyors were only regarded as technical people who were not involved in the solution of social and political issues;**

*"Those of you who are responsible for managing our physical environment are also involved in resolving the most profound moral problems of contemporary human existence"*

***His Excellency J.A. Kufour, President of Ghana***



# ***Challenges around Politics***

*Indigenous Approaches (e.g. respect for stools and customary rights)*

*Public Administrative Approaches*

*Good Governance*

*Public Private partnership*

***Making them work in Parallel***



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*"Of all the ills that kill  
the poor, none is as  
lethal as bad  
governance."*

*The Economist*



# Governance

*"The exercise of economic, political, and administrative authority to manage a country's affairs at all levels in the interest of its citizens. It is the complex of mechanisms, relationships, and institutions through which citizens and groups articulate their interests, exercise their rights and obligations and mediate their differences. In this respect, it includes, and transcends, the state."...*

Source: United Nations Development Programme – NHDR Unit (2001)



*Good Governance is mainly  
based on good land  
administration and needs  
both civil society and  
committed professionals*



# ***Challenges around Places***

*Space and Resources for People*

*Rapid Urbanisation*

*Sustaining Rural Communities*

*Environmental Degradation*

***Making the inter-relationships work***



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# ***Challenges around People***

*Appropriate Levels of Education and CPD*

*Ethical and Cultural Behaviour and Values*

*Services to the Public*

*Facilitating in Decision Making and Conflict Resolution*

*Enhancing Civil Society and Inclusive Cities*

*What about Pro-Poor Activities,  
such as the Social Tenure Domain Model?*

## ***Building the Capacity***



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*"The dignity of the individual, which comes from God, and the call to freedom, that is the original basis for all human rights, for the rule of law, for justice, for solidarity, which also finds its expression in the modern social state, for **subsidiarity**. In other words for the virtue of **self-determination**, instead of the delegation of personal freedom to institutions."...*

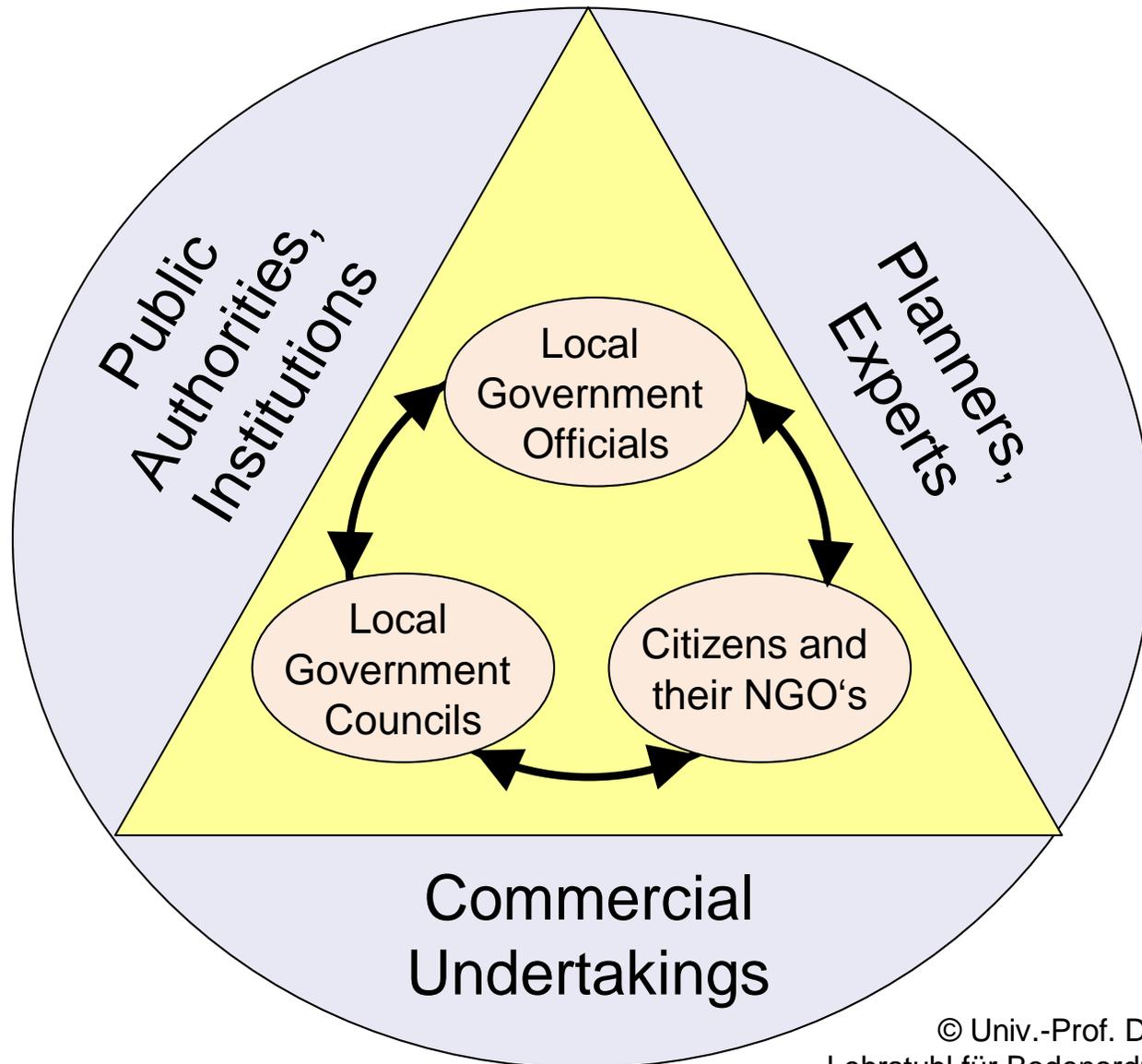
(Source: Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel on *European Values in a Global World*)

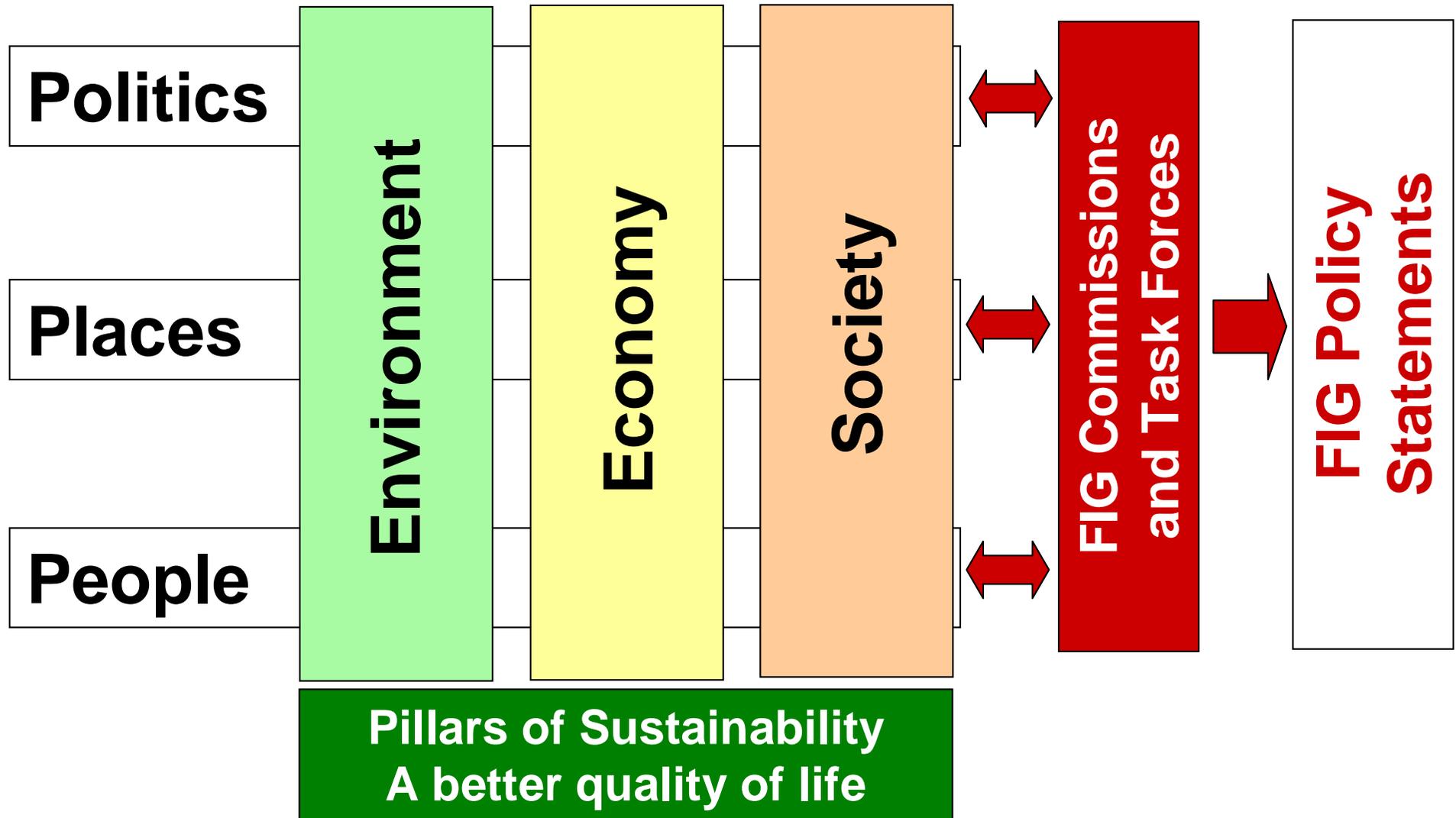


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# Recommendations

*for succeeding to fulfil our role  
serving society and our divine creation*



- 1. From cadastre, registry, land use planning, valuation etc,  
towards an integrated land management based on GDI/GIS and modern Geodetic reference framework  
Think big, start small, but come to an end with cadastre. Respect the needs of society!**
- 2. From Country Reference Frames,  
toward an African Reference Frame (AFREF Project)**
- 3. From a tendency to focus on land issue and land management,  
toward integrating with marine and coastal management**



- 4. From state survey,  
towards more privatisation, balancing public-  
private partnerships**
- 5. From single activities,  
toward expanding Coordination, Cooperation,  
Communication (locally, nationally and globally-  
(We are not alone!))**
- 6. From a base in sectoral education,  
toward a comprehensive education; “well grounded  
specialized generalists“, at technical, managerial  
and policy levels**



**7. From (only) measuring and documenting,  
toward active participation in making strategic and  
planning decisions in environmental, urban and rural  
development.**

**(“How to make urbanization a force for social  
advancement rather than deterioration ? How to  
strengthen the small and medium sized towns in  
rural areas?)**

**8. From nice and many words,  
toward reality of the lowlands and the consequential  
need to implement, monitor and assess**

**9. From too many seperated authorities  
toward a single, land sector agency ?  
(Ghana Cabinet’s decision, to make survey  
department a functional department)**



## **10. We need**

- **Inspired and best educated students and young surveyors – they are our future!**
- **Excellent teachers, professors and researchers**
- **Open minded directors of survey authorities**
- **Courageous entrepreneurs in survey companies**
- **Attentive, listening politicians and the public interest**
- **Cooperating sister organisations and administrations**

**We need....**



*...to build mother Ghana and  
to make Ghana and the  
world a happy place to  
stay.*



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*See you  
again in  
Munich!*

*Yebeshyia bio  
wo Munich!*

*Wobaakpe  
ekonn ye  
Munich!*