

Action Statement FAO-FIG - How can land professionals support implementation of the VGGT?

1. FIG Members should not just adopt a narrow technical role in implementing the VGGT, but should also contribute to the wider policy topics being addressed by the VGGT, e.g. large scale land acquisitions.

Actions:

- Member Association engagement with VGGT policy initiatives, where appropriate.

2. A wide range of professions are actively implementing the VGGT, e.g. notaries have been very proactive and have produced several videos for their members. FIG should engage with a wider set of professions and learn from their experiences in promoting, disseminating and implementing the VGGT.

Action:

- FIG commissions & networks engage with professions that have been highly active with their membership in implementing the VGGT.

3. FIG needs to facilitate the use of the VGGT in the day-to-day actions of members at the operational level. There is a clear need to link the VGGT to the operational level of land professionals.

Actions:

- Encourage the promotion and dissemination of the VGGT in a form that can be easily interpreted and implemented from the perspective of land professionals.
- Raise awareness of the series of VGGT Technical Guides that can be used by members at the operational level.
- Encourage FIG participation in the drafting and reviewing of future VGGT Technical Guides.

4. National platforms are being created in many countries to make VGGT recommendations of change at the country level. These are multi-stakeholder platforms and land professionals need to contribute to implementing the VGGT in their countries.

Actions:

- FIG needs to encourage land professionals of member organisations to participate, influence and add value to their VGGT national platforms by promoting the opportunity.

5. UN-FAO is developing a capacity development suite consisting of Technical Guides, e-learning and structured learning programmes. This creates an opportunity for FIG to link and encourage the use of these products for their members.

Action:

- Engage with UN-FAO to ensure the appropriate web links to the VGGT e-learning packages for land professionals are featured on the FIG website.

6. The VGGT have a significant impact on the education and training for land professions and should be reflected in the corresponding curricula.

Actions:

- FIG academic forum and commission 2 should continue their work to influence courses of land professional to adopt and embed the VGGT into the corresponding curricula.

7. A response to the VGGT from FIG and land professionals is long overdue. FIG needs to consider a statement around the adoption and implementation of the VGGT by land professionals.

Actions:

- FIG should release a statement as their response to the VGGT. This should happen at the FIG Working Week in Helsinki 2017.