

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS FIG 47th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# Sunday 19 May 9:00 – 15:00 and Thursday 23 May 9:00-11:30 in Plenary Tent, La Palm Conference and Hotel Accra, Ghana

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this 47th FIG General Assembly which will take place in Accra, Ghana.

The programme is as follows (time is shown in local time in Accra, Ghana - GMT):

Sunday 19 May			
9:00-15:00 GMT	General Assembly I		
17:00-18:30	Opening Ceremony		
18:00	Voting 1 <sup>st</sup> round 1 <sup>st</sup> vote STARTS		
Monday 20 May			
11:45–13:15	Traditional Leaders Meeting: The Quest for Good Land Governance in Africa: Connecting the Modern and Traditional Land Administration Systems to Bridge the Chasms		
14:00	Voting 1 <sup>st</sup> round 1 <sup>st</sup> vote ENDS		
16:00	Voting 1 <sup>st</sup> round 2 <sup>nd</sup> vote STARTS (or 2 <sup>nd</sup> round 1 <sup>st</sup> vote)		
14:30-16:00	FIG Director Generals Forum		
16:30-18:00	Forum of Regional Bodies		
Tuesday 21 May			
12:15-13:15	Annual Meetings of FIG Commissions		
12:00			
14:00	Voting 2 <sup>nd</sup> round 1 <sup>st</sup> vote STARTS (or 2 <sup>nd</sup> round 2 <sup>nd</sup> vote)		
14:30-16:00	FIG Academic Forum		
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Wednesday 22 May			
7:30 – 9:00	Presidents meeting by invitation only		
10:00	Voting 2 <sup>nd</sup> round 1 <sup>st</sup> vote ENDS (or 2 <sup>nd</sup> round 2 <sup>nd</sup> vote)		
12:00	Voting 2 <sup>nd</sup> round 2 <sup>nd</sup> vote STARTS (if needed)		
14:30-16:00	FIG Corporate Members Meeting		
Thursday 23 May			
08:00 AM	Voting 2 <sup>nd</sup> round 2 <sup>nd</sup> vote ENDS		
9:00-11:30	General Assembly II		

See the overall schedule of the Working Week and the overall technical programme here: <u>https://fig.net/fig2024/program.htm</u>

- Dive into the detailed technical programme: <u>https://fig.net/fig2024/technical\_program.htm</u>
- Read more about the Working Week here: <u>https://fig.net/fig2024/index.htm</u>
- Go to the <u>online version of the agenda</u>

### **ROLL CALL AND REGISTRATION FOR VOTING**

All members are encouraged to participate in person in the General Assembly. This year the General Assembly will be an on-site event and will take place in Accra, Ghana on 19 and 23 May 2024.

Each member must appoint in advance an official representative for voting. Voting will take place online. In the roll call document members with online official representative will be recorded. There will be onsite roll call and all members that are present will be recorded in the roll call document.

**Eligible to vote are member associations (MA) in good standing.** The official representative will be the person who will receive the emails with the link to voting and who will cast the vote on behalf of the association.

All member associations are asked to appoint their official delegate the latest on **10 May** 2024. This will be done through this google form:

https://forms.gle/ing4sACb8M1e1gtVA

If you cannot access the google form, please contact FIG-Director Louise Friis-Hansen to receive the form directly (in .doc format) LFH@fig.net

Please note that only *member associations* in good standing will be able to vote at the General Assembly. This means that the association does not have unpaid arrears from 2023 or earlier. FIG Office will send out reminders to all members in arrears. If you are in doubt whether your association has unpaid, please contact FIG Office at <u>FIG@fig.net</u>. Payment of arrears must be received by bank transfer or credit card the latest on **12 May** 2023 in order to be included in the voting. Later payments will be considered as not received in due time. In case a bank transfer is not possible, as an exception and if agreed beforehand it will be possible to pay onsite, the latest on 29 May 12:00 noon GMT. The name and delegate of the official representative must be shared beforehand to be included in the voting. Roll call (to be added)

### REGISTRATION

The General Assembly will take place in Accra, Ghana, at La Palm Hotel and Conference in the Plenary Tent. We encourage you to attend in person. Register here for the full Working Week: <u>https://fig.net/fig2024/registration.htm</u>

### **VOTING PROCEDURE AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Since the General Assembly and Working Week will take place in Accra, Ghana, all times mentioned are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Adoption of agenda items will be done onsite among the onsite delegates.

### In this General Assembly agenda there will be election of two Vice Presidents.

This voting will start on Sunday 19 May at 18:00/6PM GMT and will end on Thursday 23 May at 8:00AM GMT (if all four rounds are needed).



Voting will be online. Official delegates who attend onsite in Accra will also vote online. Please make sure that you have access to your email. When the voting starts an email is sent to the official delegate from SimpyVoting.com with instructions on how to logon. For those associations with more than one vote, separate emails for each vote will be sent. There will be given 20 hours for each voting round to cast your vote.

We will be using the online voting system Simply Voting (<u>https://www.simplyvoting.com/</u>) which is the same system we have used each year since 2021. In order to make sure that each member association can vote (due to the different time zones and possible unstable internet connections) we will give you sufficient time to cast your vote (20 hours per voting round). In case a delegate is not able to access the system the tellers can confidentially assist with the cast of vote. When the voting ends FIG Director and the appointed tellers will get a certified report from Simply Voting with the result.

All member associations are asked to appoint an official representative for the voting. Submission of the official representative must be done here: <a href="https://forms.gle/ing4sACb8M1e1gtVA">https://forms.gle/ing4sACb8M1e1gtVA</a>

**Please note**: It is important that we get a valid email address for the official representative. The links to the voting sheets will be sent to the email address that you provide to us, and only to this one email address. You cannot enter more than one email address.

Members who have two or three votes will receive two or three emails – please note it is possible to vote separately in each of the voting sheets.

For members who do not attend the General Assembly, the presentation material will be made ready when possible. We encourage you to read the bids carefully before you make your decision and cast your vote.

*Special information to member associations*: Please submit through this form the name and contact details of your **official delegate**. This is needed in order to vote. Deadline is 10 May 2024. <u>https://forms.gle/ing4sACb8M1e1gtVA</u>

For the full Working Week programme check: <u>http://www.fig.net/fig2024/program.htm</u>

Go to the online version of the agenda: <u>https://www.fig.net/organisation/general\_assembly/agendas\_and\_minutes/2024/agenda.asp</u>

### FIG 47th GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

for the meetings to be held on Sunday 19 May and Thursday 23 May 2024 in Plenary Tent at La Palm Hotel and Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana.

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## FIG GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 1 19 MAY 2024 AGENDA

### **1. OPENING PROCEEDINGS**

President Diane A Dumashie to open the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Both official members and persons with an interest in FIG are encouraged to participate in the General Assembly.

The roll call will be done for member associations only.

Each member must appoint in advance an official representative for voting. Voting will take place online. In the roll call document members with online official representative will be recorded.

All member associations are asked to appoint their official delegate the latest on **10 May** 2024. This will be done through this google form:

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It is important that you register your official delegate for voting. This official delegate does not necessarily have to attend in Accra in order to vote. We do hope that you will send a representative to follow the General Assembly and the presentations of the nominated VP candidates, however, if not we encourage that you are reading the nominations carefully before you cast your vote. The recording of the first General Assembly Day incl presentation material will be posted soonest possible after the meeting but not before the first round of voting starts.

Please note that only *member associations* in good standing will be able to vote at the General Assembly. This means that the association does not have unpaid arrears from 2023 or earlier. FIG Office will send out reminders to all members in arrears. If you are in doubt whether your association has unpaid, please contact FIG Office at <u>FIG@fig.net</u>. Payment of arrears must be received the latest on **12 May** 2024 in order for the member association to register and to be included in the first voting on general matters. Later payments will be considered as not received in due time.

**Appendix to item 2 & 23:** <u>Roll Call</u> (added 11 May, updated 18 May) including information on member associations that are not allowed to vote at the General Assembly because of unpaid membership fees for 2023 and earlier.

**Motion**: That member associations that are present at the first General Assembly day are recorded in the minutes.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

The General Assembly shall appoint two persons as tellers for the entire General Assembly. Since voting will take place online through a secure voting system, SimplyVoting, a certified report from SimplyVoting with the results will be published.

The voting sheet will be prepared by FIG Office and two appointed tellers will apart from FIG Director have access to the SimplyVoting system.

### Security, Reliability and Transparency of the Electronic Voting

It is important to note that nobody within FIG including the two tellers will have access to details\*\* on *what* each delegate has voted. The voting itself runs fully automatic and is under the external control of *Simply Voting Inc., 5160 Decarie Boulevard Suite 502, Montreal, QC H3X 2H9, Canada*.

\*\*The voting system allows the tellers to see *who* has cast a vote and *when* this has been done, but they cannot see any details on *what* each delegate has voted, nor can they see any results until the voting is finalised and a report has been created by SimplyVoting. Once the voting is over the overall result will be published by the system.

FIG Council suggests to appoint per tradition two tellers from preceding, current or upcoming events:

- Ganesh Prasad Bhatta, Nepal, Chair of the upcoming FIG Regional Conference in Nepal
- Peter James, Australia, Chair of the local organising Committee in Brisbane, FIG Working Week 2025

Motion: That the General Assembly appoints the two tellers:

- Ganesh Prasad Bhatta, Nepal, representing the upcoming FIG Regional Conference in Nepal)
- Peter James, Australia, Chair of the local organising Committee in Brisbane, FIG Working Week 2025)

### Decision:

### 4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The General Assembly was announced through the newsletter and on FIG website, and the full Agenda for the General Assembly was published in April on the web site and sent by email to all members.

Motion: That the agenda for 2024 will be adopted

### Decision:

### 5. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 46<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The minutes from 2023 have been circulated previously.

### Appendix to item 5:

The minutes of the General Assembly held in May 2023 are available on the FIG web site: <a href="https://fig.net/organisation/general\_assembly/agendas\_and\_minutes/2023/minutes.asp">https://fig.net/organisation/general\_assembly/agendas\_and\_minutes/2023/minutes.asp</a>

Motion: That the minutes are adopted as recorded.

### Decision:

### 6. MEMBERSHIP

FIG has received two four (updated 1 May 2024) new applications for membership since the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

### 6.1. Admittance of new Member Associations

### 6.1.1. Association of Consulting Surveyors in Australia – MA-10140

The Association of Consulting Surveyors in Australia, CNS, has sent an application for membership. They have 400 members. Since there is already one member association from Australia, Geospatial Council of Australia, they have been consulted and support this membership. Their letter is attached.

Appendix to agenda item 6.1.1: <u>Application form</u> | <u>Letter from GCA</u>

### 6.1.2. Valuers Registration Board Tanzania – MA-

FIG Office has received an application for member association membership from Valuers Registration Board, Tanzania. The association has existed since 2017 and has 160 fully registered valuers and 340 provisional registered valuers as members, in total 500.

Appendix to agenda item 6.1.2: Application form

6.1.3.<u>Alliance of Hong Kong Authorized Land Surveyors, Hong Kong MA-</u> FIG office has received an application for Member Association membership from Alliance of Hong Kong Authorized Land Surveyors.

The association has 20 members and was founded in 2008.

Since there is already a member from Hong Kong, according to the FIG Statutes and internal rules, FIG has informed and sought the opinion of HKIES, and they have sent information of their support.

Appendix to agenda item 6.1.3: <u>Application form | Statement from HKIES</u>

6.1.4.<u>International Association of Assessing Officers IAAO, USA – MA-</u> FIG office has received an application from the International Association of Assessing Officers, IAAO. The association was formed in 1934 and claim 381 members.

Since there are already two members from the US their opinion has been asked for and a letter from AAGS has been received supporting the association.

Appendix to agenda item 6.1.4 Application form | Letter from AAGS

Motion: That the General Assembly admits:

- Association of Consulting Surveyors in Australia
- Valuers Registration Board Tanzania
- Alliance of Hong Kong Authorized Land Surveyors
- International Association of Assessing Officers, IAAO

to become association members of FIG.

### 6.2. Other Member Association Issues

Iranian Society of Surveyors (ISS) has been in suspended status because of the international ban on online payments from Iran. They have now asked to be moved to active membership status as they can pay in Accra.

Motion: That the General Assembly notes the update.

### Decision:

### 6.3. Expulsion of member associations

The General Assembly has power to expel from the Federation any member association whose fees are in arrears and shall under normal circumstances expel any member association whose fees are three years in arrears. (Article 4.3 of the Statutes).

- Egypt: Egyptian Committee of Surveying and Mapping MA-10026
- Lebanon: Ordre des Géomètres-Topographe du Libanon MA-10051

The FIG office has sent information to these associations informing that if their membership fees are still in arrears at the time of the General Assembly the General Assembly shall expel the above member associations at its meeting on 19 May 2024 unless FIG Office receives payment from the associations.

After acceptance of the new member associations and before expulsions, the number of FIG member associations is 98 100 from 84 countries. (amended 1. May 2024)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes that at this General Assembly there are two members to expel, unless FIG office will receive payments by the start of the General Assembly.

- Egypt: Egyptian Committee of Surveying and Mapping MA-10026
- Lebanon: Ordre des Géomètres-Topographe du Libanon MA-10051

### Decision:

### 6.4. Suspended status 2024

In accordance with its administrative measures, FIG Council, has deferred to continue for 2024 the issuance of a membership subscription invoice to the following members and FIG Council deems their membership to be in suspension:

- Palestine: Licensed Surveyors Association in Palestine; effort to maintain contact
- Russia: Noncommercial partnership "Self-regulated organisation of activity of cadastral engineers" MA-10121 (Danish banks do not accept payment from Russia)
- Syria: the Order of Syrian Engineers and Architects, OSEA as all efforts to maintain contact with them
  has not yielded results and will deem their membership in suspension giving due consideration to its
  internal situation.
- Ukraine: Ukrainian Society of Geodesy and Cartography MA-10088 (due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine)

Iranian Society of Surveyors (ISS) has in 2024 been moved to active member.

The situation with these associations will be reconsidered by Council again in 2025.

Motion: That the General Assembly notes the members in suspension.

Decision:

### 6.5. Other membership issues

### 6.5.1.<u>Affiliate members</u>

There have been three applications for affiliate membership since the General Assembly 2023.

- Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (UESI), AF-20075
- Instituto Geográfico de Militar, BoliviaAF-20076
- Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Tonga, AF-

Two affiliate members have been expelled:

- Anguilla: Department of Lands and Surveys, Anguilla AF-20068
- Montengro: Real Estate Administration of Montenegro AF-20071

After these changes the number of Affiliate members is 43 from 42 countries.

### 6.5.2.<u>Corporate members</u>

FIG Council has admitted five applications for corporate membership:

- Al-Qotr Professional Consulting Company Category E Basic level CM-30081
- Whitestar Category E Basic level CM-30082
- City Survey & Engineering Consultants, Pakistan Category F (regional) CM-
- Multigeomatics Limited, Ghana Category F (regional) CM-
- Zimbabwe national Geospatial and Space Agency (ZINGSA) Category F (regional) CM-

The following member has been expelled due to lack of payment of membership fee:

NEH Vietnam, Category E (CM-30056)

After these changes, the number of corporate members is now 25.

Carlson Software (CM-30074) Silver level member has unfortunately announced that they want to terminate their membership by the end of 2024.

### 6.5.3.<u>Academic members</u>

FIG Council has admitted one two (added 1 May 2024) new Academic member since the General Assembly 2023:

- University of the West of England, UK AC-40079
- University of Environment and Sustainable Development UESD, Ghana AC-

AC-40089 Land Management Training Centre, Nepal was expelled but has paid its arrears and has now been reinstalled. (added 17 May 2024) The payment structure of the Academic Members was changed in 2013 so that Academic Members would be invoiced every 4 years instead of every year. The four-year payment will reward the members with a 50% discount. Academic members were invoiced in 2014, 2018 and again in 2022.

The following Academic Members have arrears from before 2022 and have therefore been expelled:

- AC-40003 Australia RMIT University
- AC-40121 Nigeria ABIA State Polytechnic, ABA
- AC-40140 Nigeria University of Nigeria Nsukka Enugu Campus
- AC-40071 Turkey Istanbul Technical University

The Land Management Training Centre of Nepal AC-40089 was expelled, but have now paid their arrears and have been reinstalled. (updated 1 May 2024)

The number of Academic Members after these changes is 79 81 from 53 countries.

#### 6.5.4.<u>Correspondents</u>

The number of correspondent members are five. The current correspondents are coming from Maldives, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tonga and Venezuela.

**Motion:** That the General Assembly notes the actions that the Council has taken with other membership matters.

#### Decision:

### 7. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY MEMBERS

No applications have been recieved at the time of the first publication of the General Assembly agenda.

FIG office has received a letter from the Italian Member Association, CLGeGL with a proposal for nomination of Mr Enrico Rispoli for Honorary member of FIG.

According to the Statutes paragraph 3.1.7 an individual who has materially assisted the development and promotion of the surveying profession at the international level can be appointed as an honorary member. Nomination for this appointment shall be made by a member association or the Council, which will consider it and submit it to a vote of the General Assembly.

The Council has considered the proposal and decided to propose to the General Assembly that it appoints Mr. Enrico Rispoli as Honorary Members of the Federation for the outstanding services he has provided to the Federation over many years.

Appendix to agenda item 7: The nomination letter for Mr Enrico Rispoli, CLEeGL

Motion: That FIG General Assembly appoints Mr Enrico Rispoli as Honorary Members of FIG.

### 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Diane A Dumashie has prepared the President's report on the activities of the Federation since the General Assembly in 2023 that was held in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Appendix to item 7:

Presidents report 2024 (hand out of presentation, to be added)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the President's report 2024.

Decision:

### 9. CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD BANK

FIG has continued to collaborate with the World Bank and various agencies and structures within the United Nations.

**Appendix** to agenda item 9-10: <u>Report on the FIG Cooperation with United Nations, World Bank and</u> <u>Professional Organisations</u>.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report on the co-operation between FIG and the United Nations, its agencies and the World Bank and records its thanks to all those who have contributed to this co-operation

### Decision:

### **10. LIAISON WITH INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

FIG continues work closely together with international professional organisations.

Appendix to agenda item 9-10: <u>Report on the FIG Cooperation with United Nations, World Bank and</u> <u>Professional Organisations</u>

Motion: That the General Assembly records the report on the liaison with other international associations.

### Decision:

### 11. NEW PUBLICATIONS

Since the last General Assembly agenda in May 2023, FIG has published <del>no further publications</del> one publication (added 1 May 2024) Publication 82: Mapping the World a Better Place: The FIG's Volunteer Community Surveyor Program (VCSP)

Motion: That the General Assembly notes the new publications.

### Decision:

### 12. FIG ACCOUNTS FOR 2023 AND AUDITOR'S REPORT AND BUDGETS 2024-2027

in cooperation with UN-Habitat GLTN

The financial report will be presented to the General Assembly. This report includes the auditor's report from 2023, official accounts (income statement 2023) and balance sheet at 31 December 2023, an updated budget for 2024 and proposals for budgets 2025-2027.

### Appendix to item 12:

Appendix:

Report on Financial Issues (including 2023 accounts and budgets 2024-2027) (added 1 May 2024)

### Annexes:

- <u>12A</u> Auditor's Report, Income Statement for 2023 and Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023.
- FIG Result 2023 and FIG Budgets 2024-2027
- List of member associations whose membership fees are in arrears for 2023 and earlier and that are not allowed to vote - to be published on the FIG web site **10 May 2024** (in roll call).

Motion: That the General Assembly

- adopts the audited accounts for 2023
- adopts the Finance Reports from 2023, and
- adopts budgets for 2024–2027

### Decision:

### 13. SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2026

The General Assembly has to set levels of fees for member associations two years in advance of the year in which they become payable. Fees are payable in respect of each individual member up to a maximum of 5,500 members. Membership fees have been discussed as part of the finance report, **appendix to item 12**.

The 2023 General Assembly approved membership fees for 2025 as follows:

Year	Per capita fee	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
2025	<ul> <li>€4.80 per member up to a maximum of 5,500 members</li> <li>Member associations from countries listed by the World Bank as low-income economies or lower-middle-income economies shall pay €2.40 per member up to a maximum of 5,500 members.</li> </ul>	20 members or €50 (whichever is greater)	5,500 members (€26,400)

The World Bank lists of the low-income economies and the lower-middle-income economies are available at: <u>http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups</u>

The General Assembly decided in 2017 to increase subscription fees by 8% for 2019 after subscription fees have been kept at the same level for the years 2012-2018. This level has been kept in the following years.

FIG Council has discussed the fees in the light of the current inflation and the decrease in FIG subscription income. Last year council suggested to keep the fees for 2025 but to present to the General Assembly 2024 the scenarios going forward. This work is still ongoing, and the agenda will be updated in April with the suggestion from Council to the member association fees for 2026. (updated 1 May 2024).

At their meeting in April 2024 FIG Council discussed the fees seen in the light of the result from 2023 as well as the inflation and prospectives.

Council proposes to **increase the fee to €5.20 per member** instead of the current €4.80. This is an increase of 8.33%. The rationale behind this increase is that there has been no increase since 2017 (effectuated in 2019) and since then inflation has been high. This increase will be implemented in 2026 and therefore FIG Council found it necessary to take this step now.

Council proposes that the maximum fee will not be affected, and will remain unchanged at €26.400, which corresponds to 5,077 national members.

The Minimum fee of €50 has not been increased for many years (was not touched at the last increase), so Council agreed to amend this to €70 EUR.

<mark>Year</mark>	Per capita fee	<mark>Minimum fee</mark>	<mark>Maximum fee</mark>
<mark>2026</mark>	€5.20 per member up to a maximum	20 members or €70	<mark>5,500 members</mark>
	of 5,077 members	(whichever is greater)	<mark>(€26,400)</mark>
	Member associations from countries		
	listed by the World Bank as low-		
	income economies or lower-middle-		
	income economies shall pay €2.60		
	member up to a maximum of 5,077		
	members.		

The fees for the other membership categories are a decision of council, and is in most years reported at the General Assembly. Due to the ongoing work on subscription fees this will be decided at a later Council meeting in 2024.

In 2018, Council agreed to increase the membership fees for Affiliate Members from 2019 to € 790 EUR (from 760) which was a 6% increase. Council has kept the Academic member fee and Corporate member fee unchanged. Academic members were in 2022 invoiced for a 4-year term, 2022-2025.

FIG Council will later in 2024 decide on the fees for 2025 for these member categories.

It must be noted that in 2021 FIG Council granted a 20% reduction of fee to all members due to the difficulties during the Covid19 Pandemic.

Motion: That the General Assembly adopts the membership fees suggested by FIG Ccouncil

<mark>Year</mark>	Per capita fee	<mark>Minimum fee</mark>	<mark>Maximum fee</mark>
<mark>2026</mark>	€5.20 per member up to a maximum	<mark>20 members or €70</mark>	<mark>5,500 members</mark>
	<mark>of 5,077 members</mark>	<mark>(whichever is greater)</mark>	<mark>(€26,400)</mark>
	Member associations from countries		
	listed by the World Bank as low-		
	income economies or lower-middle-		
	income economies shall pay €2.60		
	member up to a maximum of 5,077		
	members.		

### **14. FIG FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. Bryn Fosburgh, President of the FIG Foundation, has prepared a written report on the FIG Foundation activities in 2023. He will make a brief report orally at the General Assembly.

### Appendix to item 14:

- Written report of the FIG Foundation activities 2023
- Financial result 2023

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report of the President of the FIG Foundation and records its thanks to the President and members of the Board of Directors of the FIG Foundation for their past year's work.

### Decision:

### 15. FIG COMMISSIONS UPDATE REPORTS

At the General Assembly 2023 the Commission Chairs presented their Commission Work Plans for the term 2023-2026. The Commission Chairs have prepared a written update report for each commission which are attached to this agenda item.

At the General Assembly time has been reserved for the members to discuss the work plans and Commission activities with the Commission Chairs. This discussion will be chaired by Vice President Mikael Lilje, Council representative to ACCO, together with Mr Tim Burch, the ACCO representative to council (2023-2024).

### Appendix to item 15:

Commission reports 2024:

- Commission 1 | Report | web site
- Commission 2 | <u>Report</u> | <u>web site</u>
- Commission 3 | Report | web site
- Commission 4 | <u>Report</u> | <u>web site</u>
- Commission 5 | <u>Report</u> | <u>web site</u>
- Commission 6 | <u>Report</u> | <u>web site</u>
- Commission 7 | <u>Report</u> | <u>web site</u>
- Commission 8 | Report | web site
- Commission 9 | <u>Report</u> | <u>web site</u>
- Commission 10 | <u>Report</u> | <u>web site</u>

All commissions have established LinkedIn pages under the main FIG Linked in page (<u>https://www.linkedin.com/company/fig---international-federation-of-surveyors</u>). Members, delegates and interested are encouraged to follow the FIG main LinkedIn page as well as the commission pages (accessible from the main page)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the reports of the Commission Chairs and records its thanks to the chairs and other officers of the Commissions for their ongoing contributions.

### Decision:

### 16. FIG NETWORKS

### 16.1. Young Surveyors Network

FIG Young Surveyors Network was in 2023 chaired by Ferah Kökhsal, Turkey. Per 1. January 2024 Ferah handed over this position to Shirley Tendai Chapunza, Zimbabwe. FIG Council thanks Ferah for her contributions to the Young Surveyors Network and welcomes Shirley Tendai Chapunza. FIG Young Surveyors have prepared a report to the General Assembly which will be presented at the General Assembly.

### Appendix to item 16.1

Young Surveyors report (to be added)

**Motion**: that the General Assembly adopts the report and the change of leadership of FIG Young Surveyors, and thanks all the many active Young Surveyors.

### Decision:

### 16.2. Standards Network

The Chair of the network, David Martin has prepared a written report to the General Assembly of the activities 2022-23. The report will be presented at the General Assembly.

### Appendix to item 16.2 –

<u>Standards Network Report</u>

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report from the Network and records its thanks to the Chair of the Network and its members.

### Decision:

### 16.3. FIG Regional Capacity Development Networks

At the General Assembly in 2023, a group of regional representatives suggested to FIG Council and General Assembly to establish a Regional Network in the Americas region. FIG Council supported this initiative and the network has now been established. Chair of the Network is Dan Roman, USA. The network has prepared a report to the General Assembly and will present a short oral report to the General Assembly of the progress of the network.

The Chair of the Asia/Pacific Network, Rob Sarib will present a short oral report to the General Assembly and Surv. Mohmmed M Kabir, Chair of FIG Africa Regional Network ARN will present in brief the Work Plan for the term 2023-2026.

### Appendix to item 16.3 –

- Africa Network Report (Mohammed M Kabir)
- Asia/Pacific Network report (Rob Sarib)
- <u>Americas Network report</u> (Dan Roman)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the reports from the networks and the establishment of the Regional Network in the Americas region, and records its thanks to the Chairs of the Networks and their members.

### **17. FIG PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS**

# 17.1. International Office of Cadastre and Land Records (Office International du Cadastre et du Régime Foncier) OICRF

Dr. Eva-Maria Unger, Director of OICRF has prepared a report on the OICRF activities and will present at short oral report at the General Assembly

Appendix to item 17.1: OICRF report (added 18 May 2024)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report and records its thanks to the Director and the members of OICRF for their past year's work and contributions.

Decision:

# 17.2. International Institution for the History of Surveying and Measurement, Permanent Institution of FIG

Mr. Jan de Graeve, Director of the IIHSM and Mr. John Brock have prepared a report on the IIHSM. Representatives of the Permanent Institution will present a short oral report to the General Assembly.

Appendix to item 17.2:

IIHS&M report (to be added)

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the report and records its thanks to the Director and the members of the permanent institution for their past year's work and contribution.

Decision:

### **18. TASK FORCES**

### 18.1. TASK FORCE ON FIG AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (Agenda 2030)

In 2019 FIG Council established a Task Force to focus on FIG and Agenda 2030 articulated by the Sustainable Development Goals. This Task Force has been chaired by Ms. Paula Dijkstra from the Netherlands. Due to the importance of the role of the Surveyors and the SDGs the Task Force continues during this term. In the technical programme there will be several sessions that include the role of Surveyors on the SDG's. After each plenary session there will be a special discussion with the plenary speakers on the role of the plenary topic in regard to the SDG's.

Task Force web site: <u>https://fig.net/organisation/tf/sdg/index.asp</u>

Appendix to item 18.1: Update report for the Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution

# 18.2. TASK FORCE ON THE ROLE OF FIG IN INTERNATIONAL TRENDS AND FUTURE GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION ECOSYSTEM

This Task Force, established for the term 2023-2026, is looking into the role of FIG in international trends and future geospatial information ecosystem. This Task Force is chaired by Prof. Abbas Rajabifard, Australia. The task force has prepared a written report to the General Assembly.

Task Force web site: <u>https://fig.net/organisation/tf/geospatial\_information\_ecosystem/</u>

### Appendix to agenda item 18.2: Update report

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution.

### Decision:

### 18.3. TASK FORCE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE SURVEYING PROFESSION

This Task Force, established for the term 2023-2026, is an outward facing task force to encourage young people into the profession. This task force is led by Mr Stephen Djaba, Ghana. There will be a special Task Force session in the technical programme of the Working Week. Task Force web site: <u>https://fig.net/organisation/tf/evolutionary\_diversity/index.asp</u>

Appendix to agenda item 18.3: Update report

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution.

### Decision:

# 18.4. TASK FORCE ON REIMAGINING THE CLIMATE ACTION AGENDA FOR THE GLOBAL SURVEYOR COMMUNITY THROUGH FIG

This Task Force, established for the term 2023-2026, is a FIG Climate Compass Task Force – the Surveying Profession's Global Response to Tackling the Climate Agenda. Co-chairs of the Task Force are Ms. Roshni Sharma and Ms. Clarissa Augustinus.

Task Force web site: <u>https://fig.net/organisation/tf/climate\_compass/index.asp</u>

### Appendix to agenda item 18.4: Update report

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the update and thanks the chair and members of the Task Force for their past year's work and contribution.

All task forces have a LinkedIn page which delegates and others are encouraged to follow according to interests.

### **19. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

According to FIG Statutes:

5.3 The Council is composed of the president of the Federation and four vice presidents.

5.4 Additional ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Council may be appointed by the General Assembly. These will include an ACCO representative, the Director and the Office Manager.

Council suggests to include as additional ex-officio members to council:

### **One Young Surveyor representative**

In the current Work Plan FIG Council has set the following objective:

Council will facilitate the voice of young surveyors across all of FIG's structures, in particular inviting each of the regional young surveyors' chairs to take part in council meetings as observers.

Council suggests that a Young Surveyor sits one year in Council leading up to the following Working Week/Congress. Council has during this past year included Shirley Tendai Chapunza, Zimbabwe, as young surveyor representative in its council meetings leading up to the Working Week taking place in Ghana. As the following Working Week will take place in Asia/Pacific council suggests that the Young Surveyor representative to council will be from that region.

### One FIG Corporate Representative

Currently FIG has four Corporate Platinum Members, Esri, Trimble, Leica and Bentley.

FIG Council suggests to include an ex-officio representative from the Corporate Members to FIG Council with the same observer status as Young Surveyors and the ACCO representative. Council proposes Brent Jones, Esri to be the first representative. The representative and FIG Council will define the role and conditions.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly adopts the proposal by Council to include an ex-officio representative to FIG Council respectively from Young Surveyors and from the FIG Corporate Platinum Members.

### Decision:

### 20. ELECTION OF TWO VICE PRESIDENTS FOR 2025-2028 - PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FIG Council has received five proposals for the two open posts of FIG Vice President for the term 2025-2028 (mentioned in the alphabetic order of their family name):

- Stephen Djaba Licenced Surveyors Association of Ghana LISAG, Ghana
- Michail Kalogiannakis Technical Chamber of Greece, Greece
- Tomasz Malinovski Association of Polish Surveyors, Poland
- Volker Schwieger German Association for Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management DVW, Germany
- Qin Yan Chinese Society for Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography CSGPC, China

The nominations of each candidate is included in this agenda.

Each of the candidates will be given time to present themselves in this General Assembly session.

The elections will take place online and will start Sunday evening at 18:00 (GMT) after the General Assembly session. Each election round will be open for 20 hours. The election will follow the FIG Statutes and internal rules. The election will take place one position at a time. If there will be no absolute majority in the first voting, a second vote will be organized between those two candidates that have most votes. Hereafter there will be another voting round between the remaining four candidates for the last post. The appointed delegates from each member association eligible to vote will receive an email when each of the voting rounds starts, and one reminder if no vote has been cast.

First voting round	Start: Sunday 19 May 18:00 GMT End: Monday 20 May 14:00 GMT	
Second voting round *	Start: Monday 20 May 16:00 GMT End: Tuesday 21 May 12:00 GMT	
Third voting round **	Start: Tuesday 21 May 14:00 GMT End: Wednesday 22 May 10:00 GMT	
Fourth voting round ***	Start: Wednesday 22 May 12:00 GMT End: Thursday 23 May 08:00 GMT	
20 hours per round * with EITHER 2nd round for the 1st candidate OR first round for the second candidate among the four remaining candidates. ** with EITHER first round for the second candidate among the four remaining candidates, OR 2nd round for the 2nd candidate among the two candidates with the most votes *** if needed		

The appointed delegates from each member association eligible to vote will receive an email from <u>www.simplyvoting.com</u> with a link to the voting sheet when each of the voting rounds starts, and one reminder if no vote has been cast.

### Appendix to item 21 and 27: Nominations and letters

Stephen Djaba Licenced Surveyors Association of Ghana - LISAG, Ghana	<u>Nomination</u>	Support letter
Michail Kalogiannakis Technical Chamber of Greece, Greece	<u>Nomination</u>	Support letter
<b>Tomasz Malinovski</b> Association of Polish Surveyors, Poland	<u>Nomination</u>	Support letter
<b>Volker Schwieger</b> German Association for Geodesy, Geoinformation and Land Management DVW, Germany	<u>Nomination</u>	Support letter
<b>Qin Yan</b> Chinese Society for Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography CSGPC, China	<u>Nomination</u>	Support letter

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the presentations of the candidates, makes its careful consideration for the online election and elects two Vice Presidents for the term 2025-2028.

### Decision:

### 21. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRS ELECTS

### 21.1. Postponing the election of commission chairs elects for this term

According to the statutes and internal rules elections for Commission Chairs Elects should take place at the General Assembly in 2024. This is 2 years prior to the elections as Chair which will take place in 2026 with official start of their term of office on 1.1.2027.

During the past two FIG terms the election of commission chairs elects have been postponed for various reasons specified in attached paper and proposal.

The current chairs have discussed succession planning and have found it difficult to consider this shortly after their own start and while they were still preparing their 4-year Work Plan. FIG Council has been attentive to this and has decided to postpone the election to FIG Working Week 2025 in Brisbane, Australia.

It is now the third time that an exception has been made. Even though there have been good reasons for each of the exceptions, it is not optimal to continuously not follow the statutes.

This has brought Council to consider a change of FIG Statutes and Internal Rules that the election of Commission Chairs elects will take place in year 3 of the term instead of year 2.

Council would like to outline to the General Assembly the rationale as specified in the attached paper. Consideration to this change will be discussed during the Presidents meeting.

General Assembly is to note that if actioned, this will be subject to a General Assembly vote at the General Assembly in 2025.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the Council decision to postpone the current election of the ten Commission Chairs Elects, and,

To discuss the consideration for a permanent change to elect Commission Chairs Elects in year 3 of a term instead of year 2.

### Decision:

### FIG PRESIDENT'S MEETING

### WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024 - 07:30 - 09:00, ACCRA, GHANA

### 22. FIG PRESIDENT'S MEETING

The Presidents Meeting is convened by the FIG President and is reserved for Presidents or Heads of delegations of Member Associations (or their representatives). The meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 07:30 – 09:00.

Appendix to agenda item 22: <u>Paper on the election of commission chairs</u>. (added 1 May 2024)

# FIG GENERAL ASSEMBLY DAY 2 23 MAY 9:00 - 11:30 ACCRA, GHANA

### 23. ROLL CALL

There will be a roll call for members attending in person in Accra, Ghana.

**Appendix to item 2& 24:** Roll Call (<u>amended 23 May</u>) including information on member associations that are not allowed to vote at the General Assembly because of unpaid membership fees for 2023 and earlier.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly notes the members who are present in person on day 2 of the General Assembly.

### Decision:

### 24. ELECTION OF TWO VICE PRESIDENTS - RESULT

The General Assembly has been presented to the candidates for the two posts on General Assembly day 1. Online election will take place between Sunday 19 May 18:00 and Thursday 23 May 8:00AM GMT.

The result of the voting will be presented by FIG Council.

Motion: That the General Assembly notes and adopts the voting result.

### Decision:

### 25. MEMBERSHIP

The Council will decide on other membership issues, if any, considered in Accra and bring them to the General Assembly for decision or information as necessary.

### Added 23 May 2024:

### 25.1. Admittance of new Member Associations

25.1.1. <u>Ordre des Géomètres Experts du Mali</u> Ordre des Géomètres Experts du Mali Mali has applied for membership. The association has 114 members.

### Appendix: Application

### 25.1.2. Association of Licenced Surveyors, Sierra Leone

Association of Licenced Surveyors, Sierra Leone has applied for association membership. The association was founded in 2014 and has 24 members.

### Appendix: Application

Motion: That the General Assembly admits:

- Ordre des Géomètres Experts du Mali MA-
- Association of Licenced Surveyors, Sierra Leone MA-

To become Association Members of FIG

### Decision:

### 25.2. Further member association updates

The following association members have paid their arrears and have been reinstated:

- Ordre des Géomètres du Togo (OGT), Togo
- Order of the Expert Geometricians of Benin, Benin
- Order of Surveyors Lebanon

### 25.3. Other member categories

New Corporate member: MENA3D category D

New Affiliate member: Ministry of Lands, Housing and Country planning, government of Sierra Leone

Motion: That the General Assembly decides on the membership issues based on the proposal of the Council.

### Decision:

### 26. REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATION, AFFILIATE, ACADEMIC AND CORPORATE MEMBERS FORUM

During the Working Week there will be Member Association Forum, the Director General's/Affiliate Members Forum, Academic Members Forum, Forum of Regional Bodies and Corporate Members Meeting. They may report back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly.

Motion: That the General Assembly records the report(s)

Decision:

### 27. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS

FIG Commissions will have their annual meetings, administrative meetings and technical sessions during the Working Week. They may report back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly. Any other activities from the Working Week may be reported back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records the report(s).

### Decision:

### 28. REPORTS FROM TASK FORCES

The task forces will be involved in various sessions and meetings and will have the opportunity to report back to the General Assembly on any issue that are of general interest to or may need endorsement of the General Assembly.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records the report(s).

### Decision:

# 29. REPORTS FROM NETWORKS, PERMANENT INSTITUTIONS, FIG FOUNDATION AND OTHER WORKING WEEK ACTIVITIES

Networks, Permanent Institutions and others will have meetings and technical sessions in Orlando. They may report back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly. Any other activities from the Working Week may be reported back to the General Assembly on any issues that may need the endorsement of or are of general interest to the General Assembly.

**Motion**: That the General Assembly records the report(s).

Decision:

### **30.0THER ISSUES**

Any other issues that the members want to raise for discussion.

Motion: That the discussion will be recorded, and the Council will consider action that will be required.

### Decision:

### 31. 9<sup>™</sup> FIG REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN KATHMANDU, NEPAL

FIG Council has decided to organise a Regional Conference in Nepal, 14-16 November 2024. Representatives from the local organisers will give a short presentation on the preparations of the Regional Conference.

Motion: That the General Assembly records the report.

### Decision:

### 32. REPORT OF THE FIG WORKING WEEK 2028 IN PARIS, FRANCE

The FIG Working Week 2028 will include the celebration of the 150 anniversary of FIG. Representatives from the Local Organising Committee from the two French member associations OGE and ATF will give a short presentation on the preparations of FIG Working Week 2028

Motion: That the General Assembly records the report.

### Decision:

### 33. REPORT ON THE FIG WORKING WEEK 2027 IN STAVANGER, NORWAY

Representatives from the Local Organising Committee from the Norwegian Member Association will give a short presentation on the preparations of FIG Working Week 2027.

Motion: That the General Assembly records the report.

Decision:

### 34. REPORT ON THE FIG CONGRESS 2026 IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Representatives from the Local Organising Committee from South African Geomatics Institute (SAGI) will give a short presentation on preparations of FIG Congress 2026.

Motion: That the General Assembly records the report.

Decision:

### 35. REPORT ON THE FIG WORKING WEEK 2025 IN BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Representatives from the Local Organising Committee from Geospatial Council of Australia will give a short presentation on preparations of FIG Working Week 2025.

Motion: That the General Assembly records the report.

Decision:

### **36. CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**