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Promoting Land Administration and Good Governance

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Column

Committed to Africa?

What must happen to make the world recognize that the destiny of Africa is also the future of the whole world? "Our humanity will be decided by the fate of Africa" the German President Horst Köhler said when launching his "Initiative for Africa" in November 2005.

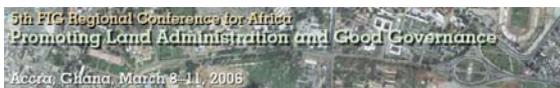
We have seen shocking TV reports about Africans climbing up the fences of the Spanish enclave in Morocco and pictures of stranded boats of African refugees. But what is happening besides nice and symbolic words and meetings?

It is said that since September 11, 2001 the world has finally given up looking at Africa. Additionally a lot of African rulers testify this attitude of developed countries arguing that it is nearly hopeless to spend millions of dollars on Africa because the money does not reach the poor. Incidents from Africa and international development agencies argue that entrepreneurial development is

courses in developed countries. The best way for self-aid would be that the Sub-Saharan countries should strongly be encouraged to offer academic surveying education supported financially and technically by the international community.

FIG together with the United Nations and partners like the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies have started their own African initiative. On the occasion of the FIG 5th Regional Conference in Accra, Ghana in March 2006 a full-day symposium "Surveyor Education in Africa" will be held. The goal is to present new initiatives for central and southern African countries on

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„To be a good technician
it is not enough
to be a good technician only“

Spanish writer Ortega y Gasset

UN Development Programme's (UNDP's) CHARACTERISTICS of GOOD GOVERNANCE

1. Participation
2. Rule of Law
3. Transparency
4. Responsiveness
5. Consensus Orientation
6. Equity
7. Effectiveness and Efficiency
8. Accountability
9. Strategic Vision
10. Subsidiarity
11. Security

Source: tugi@undp.org

„Good Governance is
perhaps the single most
important factor in
eradicating poverty and
promoting development.“

Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations

UN Millennium Development Plan – Goals

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

Source: UN Web Services Section, Department of Public Information, United Nations (2006)

EU Strategy for Africa: Towards a Euro-African pact to accelerate Africa's development

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Tackle the MDGs directly

... Africa's demographic boom, rapid urbanisation and large-scale migration pose new challenges. First, therefore, a more integrated approach to sustainable urban development is needed, based on the twin pillars of **good urban governance and good urban management, plus better territorial development and land use planning.**

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Improve sustainable territorial management through the development of an integrated approach to support sustainable *urban development*, based on the twin pillars of good urban governance and good urban management. In addition, the EU should support better *territorial development and land use planning*. Action in these fields is all the more necessary as the progressive emptying of the countryside has widened the gap between the haves and the have-nots in Africa.

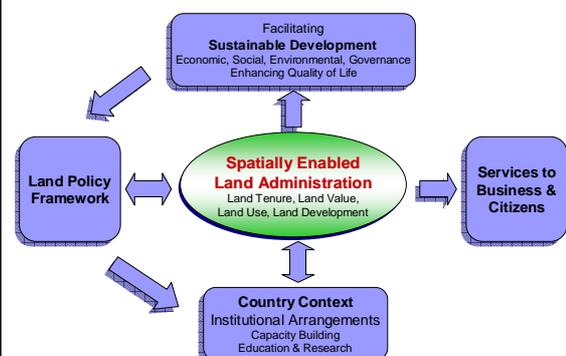
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Land reform will also play a vital role in bridging the social gap and the EU is determined to support it. In this endeavour, the EU is providing support to the timely access to Earth Observation data which has proven particularly well adapted to the African context.

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A Land Management Vision





Surveyors are specialists of low land reality and daily life

Surveyors should play a manifold role as

enablers for local people, CBO and NGO

mediators between citizens and authorities

advisors to politicians and state institutions