



Economic Commission
for Africa



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
(UNECA)
AND
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYING
(FIG)**

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Memorandum of understanding between the Economic Commission for Africa (hereafter referred to as “ECA”) and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), (collectively referred to as here in the “parties”)

1. The parties to the present Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) reaffirm their desire to work together in areas of mutual interest in the service of the developing countries through the present MoU.
2. UNECA was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN) in 1958 as one of the UN's five regional commissions. ECA's mandate is to promote the economic and social development of its member States, foster intra-regional integration, and promote international cooperation for Africa's development. ECA's dual role as a regional arm of the UN, and a part of the regional institutional landscape in Africa, positions it well to make unique contributions to member States' efforts to address their development challenges. ECA's work programme focuses on achieving results in two related and mutually supportive areas: Promoting Regional Integration in support of the African Union vision and priorities; and Meeting Africa's special needs and emerging global challenges. ECA deploys several modalities and services to support its member States: policy analysis and advocacy; enhancing partnerships; technical assistance; communication and knowledge sharing; and supporting sub regional activities.
3. ECA is implementing the subprogramme, under the ICT, Science and Technology (ISTD) division, “Harnessing Information for Development” geared towards supporting African countries to participate fully in the rapidly evolving people-centred, inclusive, development-oriented Information Society whereby Africans can create, utilize and share information and knowledge, based on Science and Technology (S&T), to attain sustainable development. The ISTD works in the areas of ICT, Geo-information and Science and Technology Innovation.
4. FIG is a Non-Government Organization that collaborates with UN agencies and other international organizations to support progress in all fields and applications of surveying. FIG represents academic, commercial and public and private surveyors world-wide and specializes in technical and professional areas including surveying education and professional standards, hydrography, positioning and measurement, surveying, mapping, engineering surveys, geographic information systems, cadastre and land management together with marine cadastre, land and environmental planning plus the development of coastal zones and property valuation and the management of real estate.

**Article I
Purpose**

5. As both parties are committed to improving access to information specifically geographic information and both promoting in geospatial science and technology for socio-economic development as a key objective, FIG and ECA plan to work together:
- a) In maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional as well as academic and educational exchange between the parties,
 - b) Through a continuing programme of cooperation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the advantage of both organizations,
 - c) Promoting the geospatial science and technology and use of geospatial information in African countries.

Article II

FOCUS OF JOINT ACTIVITIES

6. It is envisaged that the areas of focus for joint priority activities will be mutually agreed upon and may be amended from time to time with written consent of both parties.

Article III

PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS

7. The parties recognize that it is important to convene periodic consultations to review what is being planned, what is being implemented and achievements in terms of results as well as to discuss new challenges, opportunities and problems. The parties agree to hold such consultations periodically as required once every two years.

Article IV

RESPONSIBLE UNITS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MOU

8. FIG and UNECA agree to designate as responsible units for the activities under this MoU:

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Article V
PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF JOINT WORK
ACTIVITIES

9. The parties will maintain the following information:
- a) A list of all current operational cooperation activities between the parties and status of implementation;
 - b) A list with a brief description of all planned cooperation activities between the parties for the next budget year; and
 - c) An indicative list of planned cooperation activities between the parties for two subsequent years.
10. The parties agree that:
- a) The appropriate programme managers in FIG and ECA will be responsible for the implementation of cooperation activities within their areas of responsibility;
 - b) The appropriate programme managers will provide brief reports annually to their heads of organizations on the status of implementation of all cooperation activities listed within their areas of responsibility as well as results achieved; and
 - c) These assessments will be reviewed by FIG and ECA in considering further cooperation activities.

Article VII
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

11. It is understood that neither organization can commit the other to any expenditure, save that from administering this agreement, without the specific written agreement of both organizations.


Article VIII
LEGAL STATUS

12. This Memorandum does not create a legal link between the two organizations who will maintain their mutual independence.
13. The MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of the parties.
14. The MoU may be terminated by either party on six months notice in writing.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, acting on behalf of their respective institutions, have signed the present MOU in English.

SIGNED atthis.....day of, Two Thousand and Eleven in two original copies.

For the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)	For International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
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