



# Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals

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## Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides us the road towards a sustainable world. 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets guide the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

The developments in the past years related to health, climate change, conflict, migration show the need to transform our world into a more sustainable environment. The pressure on land and sea is urgent and requires faster and at the same time sustainable solutions by national and local governments and for citizens and society. We are now in the decade of action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. There is a sense of urgency. We are the generation to end extreme poverty and to address climate change, injustice and gender inequality. We all have to take action, individually, collectively, locally and globally.

Also FIG has a responsibility towards the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. At the General Assembly, during the FIG Working Week in Hanoi in 2019, the FIG council recognised the task ahead and established the Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals. An FIG Task Force is intended to be dedicated to a specific task for a limited amount of time.

During the term 2019 - 2022 The Task Force has raised awareness on the relevance of the SDGs and the indicators for FIG, the commissions and the delegates. Due to the sense of urgency and the professional obligation towards the 2030 Agenda, it was recommended during the General Assembly at the FIG Congress in 2022 to continue the Task Force during the next term.

Providing leadership as FIG, as well as increasing the impact on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs is an important element in the FIG 2023-2026 theme **“Serving society for the benefit of people and planet; tackling the global challenges”** for the term 2023-2026. FIG has the capacity to provide the platform to inform, discuss, exchange and act towards a more sustainable world and to ensure that our community meets the needs of the markets and communities that we serve. The Task Force on FIG and the SDGs will support FIG council, the commissions and networks to provide leadership and increase impact towards the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. As well as provide a platform for the FIG community to raise awareness and to inform and inspire the FIG community on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and, towards the end of the current term, begin to position FIG for the next iteration

of sustainability within the UN habitat agenda (ie. Post 2030). **The aim is that by the end of the term the relevance of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs is embedded within FIG.**

## Objectives of the Task Force

The main objective of the Task Force is to ensure that **'in 2026 the understanding of the 2030 Agenda and the relevance of the SDGs for our profession are embedded within FIG'**.

The target groups of the Task Force are the FIG delegates, Member Associations, delegates & partners of FIG and the formal FIG representatives (President, council, commission and network chairs).

To achieve the overall objective, the following specific objectives are determined:

- Increasing understanding of the 2030 Agenda
- Raising awareness of the importance on the 2030 Agenda and SDGs for FIG
- Informing & Inspiring the FIG Community
- Assessment of needs & measuring the progress

## Outcome

To achieve the objectives the following outcome is expected in 2026 for each of the target groups:

- FIG representatives
  - Provided leadership, by showing the relevance of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs on behalf of the FIG Community
  - Have actively involved and engaged the FIG community by sharing how their (technical) work contributes to achieving the 2030 Agenda and SDGs
  - Encouraged Member Associations & Partners to share best practices and lessons learned during FIG events
  - Inspired with implementation examples to leave no one behind
- FIG Member Associations & Partners
  - Have increased knowledge and comprehensive understanding of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs
  - Are inspired and informed by FIG events, publications etc through the FIG website
  - Shared actively their best practices and lessons learned to inspire the FIG Community
- FIG Delegates
  - Have increased knowledge and understanding of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs
  - Shared actively their best practices and lessons learned to inspire the FIG Community
  - Are inspired and informed by FIG events, publications etc through the FIG website
  - Became active ambassadors to take on the challenge, big or small, and be the change

Through an annual survey the progress on the achievement of the objective will be reported.

## Proposed activities for this workplan

The activities of the Task Force are linked to each of the specific objectives.

## 1. Increasing understanding of the 2030 Agenda

Under this activity source materials will be developed and shared to link the 2030 agenda and the SDGs to the mission and vision of FIG and the theme for the council workplan 2023-2026. These activities will give FIG a common language with source materials that can be used in presentations, and support the FIG representatives to provide leadership.

- a. Preparation of source materials on the 2030 Agenda and the 5P's (People, Planet, Profit, Prosperity, Peace, Partnership) linked to the mission and vision of FIG and the theme for the council workplan 2023-2026.
- b. Preparation of source materials on the SDGs, targets and indicators
  - i. Explanation of SDGs, targets and indicators
  - ii. Linking the SDGs to the mission and vision of FIG and the theme of the workplan
  - iii. Overview of relevant SDGs for FIG and the commissions and networks (published in 2021)
- c. Preparation of source materials and further reading focused on the 2030 Agenda, SDGs and the following themes;
  - i. Role of Land
  - ii. Role of Geo-Information
  - iii. Connection with UNGGIM
  - iv. Key documents published by UN, UNGGIM and FIG Partners
  - v. Connection with the climate agenda (Task Force)

Result:

- Dedicated webpage(s) updated with source materials at least twice per year.

## 2. Raising awareness of the importance on the 2030 Agenda and SDGs for FIG

This activity supports the FIG commissions and networks to raise awareness on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. It also includes actions of the Task Force to ensure that the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs are included in FIG events with dedicated sessions.

- a. Commissions & Networks
  - i. Determine relevant SDGs for each commission (linked to activity 1.b.iii)
  - ii. Integrate the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the work plans (linked to activity 1.a, 1.b, 1.c)
  - iii. Ensure promotion of 2030 Agenda and the SDGs during commission and network events
  - iv. Jointly appoint SDG ambassadors / liaisons for each commission / SDG
- b. Including the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in FIG events
  - i. Ensuring embedding of SDGs in the themes of upcoming FIG Working Weeks and Congresses
  - ii. Organise dedicated session and support SDG related sessions of commissions and networks during FIG Working Week 2023 in Orlando
  - iii. Organise dedicated session and support SDG related sessions of commissions and networks FIG Working Week 2024 in Accra
  - iv. Organise dedicated session and support SDG related sessions of commissions and networks during FIG Working Week 2025 in Brisbane
  - v. Organise dedicated session and support SDG related sessions of commissions and networks during FIG Congress 2026 in Cape Town

## Results:

- Commission workplans with attention to 2030 Agenda and SDGs
- Inclusion of 2030 Agenda and SDGs within FIG events, and in specific the themes of the FIG Working Weeks / Congress
- 4 dedicated sessions and several SDG related sessions during the annual FIG events.

### 3. Informing & Inspiring the FIG Community

This activity focuses on informing and inspiring the FIG community on a regular basis about the role of the SDGs in the day-to-day work of surveyors.

- Including the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs as structural element in the FIG Newsletter
  - Article series on SDGs and the commissions (achieved in 2021/2)
  - Proposed* Article series on best practices from Member Associations and Partners towards 2030 Agenda and SDGs
  - Proposed* Paper of the month linked to the SDGs
- Create an overview of FIG Proceedings related to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs
  - 2020, 2021 (achieved in 2022)
  - FIG Congress 2022
  - FIG Working Weeks 2023
  - FIG Working Week 2024
  - FIG Working Week 2025
  - FIG Congress 2026
  - Determine solution to share the overview (e.g. through OICRF, website)
- Collect and share publications, examples and best practices from Member Associations related to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs
- Collect and share publications, examples and best practices from Partners related to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs

## Results

- Each newsletter in 2023-2026 contains a fixed element related to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
- Overview of proceedings related to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs, accessible through a FIG channel
- Overview of publication, examples and best practices related to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, accessible through the FIG website

### 4. Assessment of needs & measuring the progress

This activity is dedicated to the monitoring of the progress of achieving the objective through an assessment and survey.

- Assessment of the needs of FIG Representatives towards achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
- Update activities 2, 3 and 4 to meet the needs of the FIG representatives
- Conduct an annual survey on the embedding of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

## Results

- Assessment of needs
- (Updated) Terms of Reference to align with the needs of the assessment
- 4 surveys on the embedding of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

## Members of the Task Force

Besides a small team focused on the executing and monitoring of the activities, it is key to have liaisons within each commission and network, as well as with FIG partners. This will ensure that the relevance of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs is embedded in the work of FIG.

- Chair: Paula Dijkstra, the Netherlands
- Vice Chair: Ronald Ssengendo, Uganda
- Members:
  - o Marisa Balas, Mozambique
  - o Søren Brandt Pedersen, Denmark
  - o Rosario Casanova, Uruguay
  - o Kenneth Norre, Denmark
  - o Ganesh Prasad Bhatta, Nepal
  - o Shirley Tendai Chapunza, Zimbabwe
  - o Winston Ayeni, Nigeria (request pending)
- Liaisons with commissions (proposed by commission chairs, to be confirmed)
  - o Commission 1:
  - o Commission 2:
  - o Commission 3:
  - o Commission 4: Gordon Johnston (United Kingdom)
  - o Commission 5:
  - o Commission 6:
  - o Commission 7: Marisa Balas (Mozambique), Ganesh Prasad Bhatta (Nepal)
  - o Commission 8: Charles Atakora (Germany)
  - o Commission 9:
  - o Commission 10:
- FIG Young Surveyors Network:
  - o FIG Regional Capacity Development Network
  - o FIG Standards Network: David Martin
- Liaisons with FIG partners
  - o GLTN
  - o Stand for her Land
  - o UNGGIM (regional networks)
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