

# The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

***What and who is FIG?***

***What can FIG do?***

***FIG AP CDN on Geospatial / Geodetic  
Infrastructure Modernisation***

*Rob Sarib - Chair FIG Asia Pacific  
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Geospatial and GNSS CORS Infrastructure Forum  
KL, Malaysia 16-17 October 2016*

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*Established in Paris 1878;*

*Federation of national associations;*

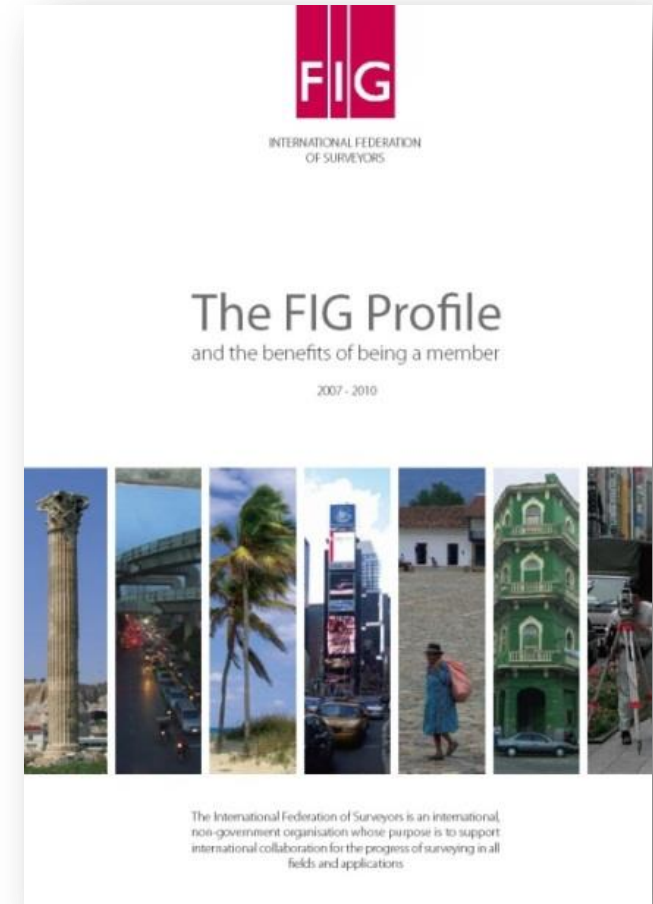
*Represents all surveying disciplines;*

*UN-recognised non-government organisation (NGO);*

*Its aim is to ensure that the disciplines of surveying and all who practise them meet the needs of the markets and communities that they serve;*

*It provides an international forum for discussion and development aiming to promote professional practice and standards*

*Liaise with like minded organisations - UN GGIM, IAG*

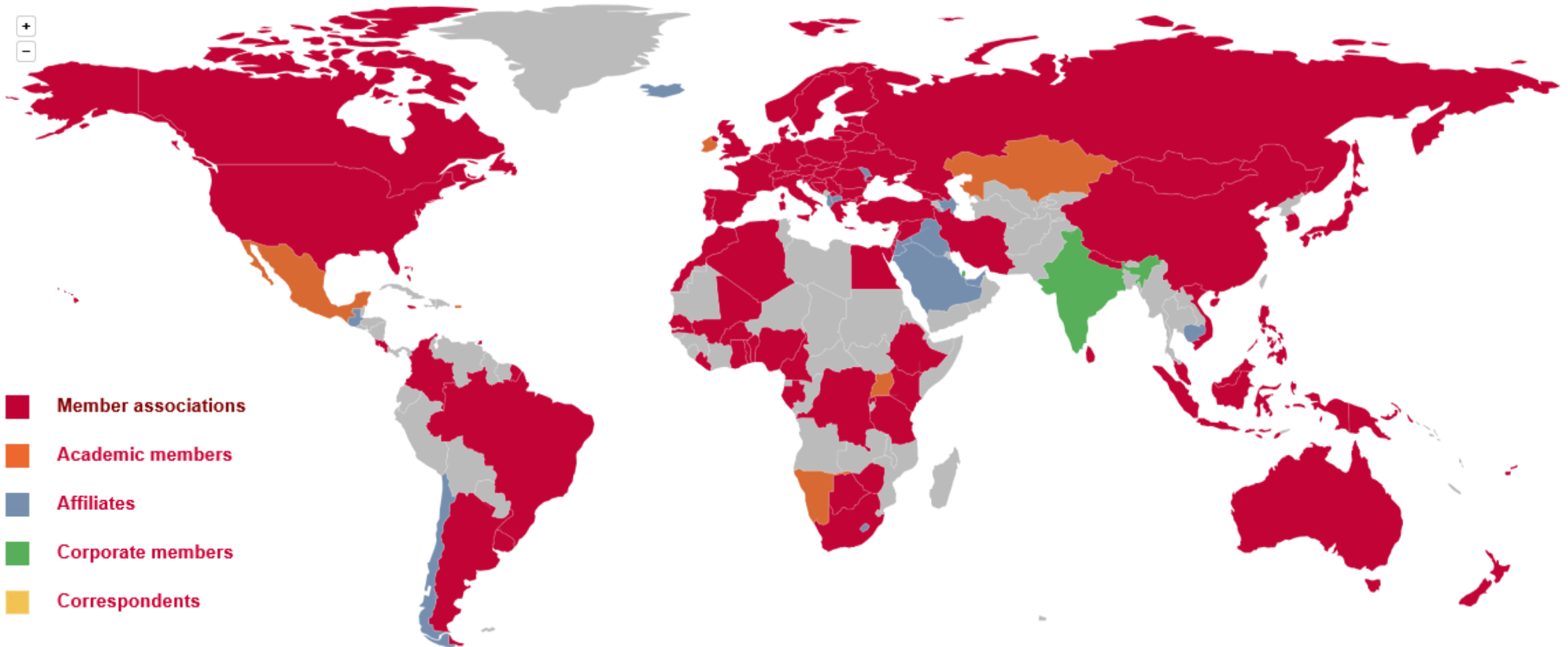


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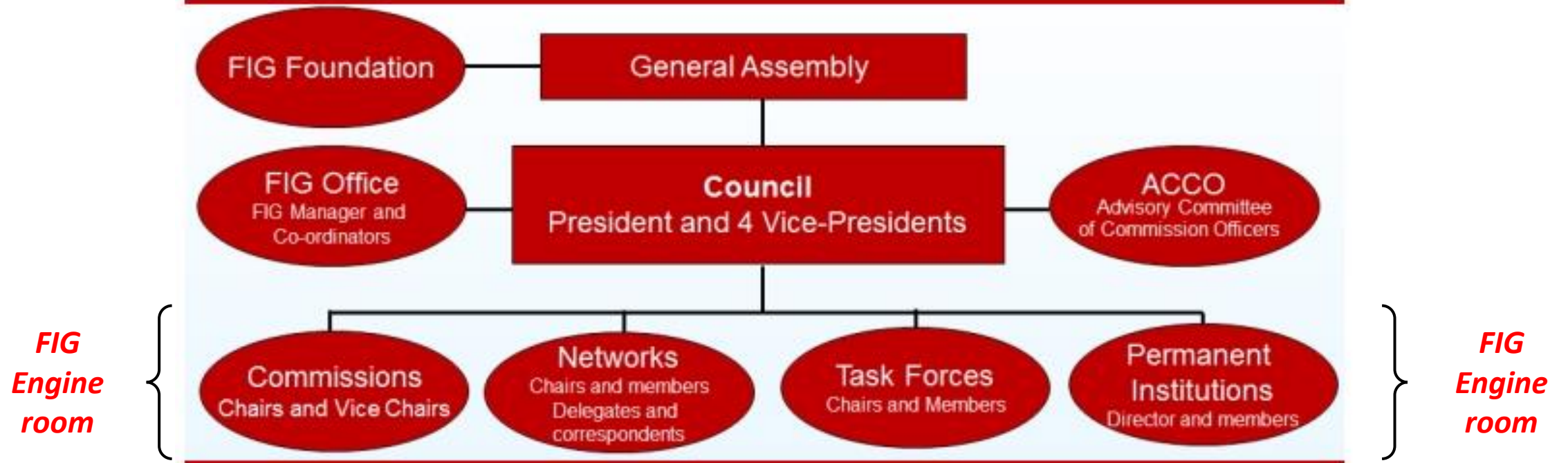
FIG Member Associations  
2016



Through different membership categories 121 countries are represented in FIG

# The FIG Organistaion

## FIG ORGANISATION



# The FIG Council



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# The FIG Vision

*“A modern and sustainable surveying profession in support of society, environment and economy by providing innovative, reliable and best practice solutions to our rapidly changing and complex world, acting with integrity and confidence about the usefulness of surveying, and translating these words into action.”*



# The FIG Council Workplan

*Based around a theme of*

## ***Ensuring the Rapid Response to Change Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow***

- ***Promote and Enhance*** the Role of FIG within the Global, Regional and Local Environment
- Accomplish Internal FIG Structural Improvements
- ***Support building the capacity of surveyors to manage technical, societal and economical changes and challenges.***



# FIG Council Workplan

*Based around a theme of*

## ***Ensuring the Rapid Response to Change Ensuring the Surveyor of Tomorrow***

- *Contribute to the global sustainable development agenda by focusing on three pillars:*
  - ***providing fit-for-purpose solutions for security of tenure land administration,***
  - ***providing support on property markets assessment and improvement and***
  - ***providing technical support in developing technical specifications on the above topics.***
- ***Continue to provide a global forum for discussion, communication and exchange of experiences and new professional developments.***
- ***Continue to strengthen cooperation and to build partnerships with the relevant international organizations and regional professional bodies.***

# Ten FIG Commissions

*Commission 1 – Professional Standards and Practice*

*Commission 2 – Professional Education*

*Commission 3 – Spatial Information Management*

*Commission 4 – Hydrography*

***Commission 5 – Positioning and Measurement***

*Commission 6 – Engineering Surveys*

*Commission 7 – Cadastre and Land Management*

*Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development*

*Commission 9 – Valuation and the Management of Real Estate*

*Commission 10 - Construction Economics and Management*

# FIG Commission 5

## ***The Mission of FIG Commission 5 - Positioning and Measurement***

- Focus on modern technologies, technical developments, methods, instruments applications
- Follow technical developments through collaboration with other FIG Commissions and other international organisations
- Support research, development and stimulate new ideas
- Collaborate with manufacturers on the improvement of instrumentation and associated software.
- Present and promote the work of the Commission and FIG

# FIG Commission 5



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# FIG Task Forces



**FIG Task Force on Real Estate Market Study**



**Internal Task Forces**

**FIG Task Force on Commission Structure**

**FIG Task Force on Scientific Journal**

**FIG Task Force on Corporate Members**



**FIG Africa Task Force**



**FIG Task Force on Mutual Recognition of Qualifications**



**FIG Task Force on Surveyors and the Climate Change**



**FIG Task Force on Property and Housing**

# FIG Task Forces



**FIG Task Force on Institutional and Organisational Development**



**FIG Task Force on Spatially Enabled Societies**



**FIG Task Force On Developing Global Land Tools for Pro Poor Land Management**



**FIG Task Force on Under-Represented Groups in Surveying**



# FIG Networks



**FIG Regional Capacity Development Network**



**Africa FIG Regional Network (ARN)**

**Asia/Pacific FIG Capacity Development Network**



**FIG Young Surveyors Network**



**Eva-Maria Unger,**  
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**FIG Standard Network**

# FIG Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network

Outputs of AP CDN -

- Professional geospatial scientists and surveyors, ***have the capability to address the regional social, economic, environmental and technological challenges*** associated with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Regional capability and their activities have progressed through ***alliances and relationships with*** FIG, UN GGIM AP, relevant ***like-minded bodies other agencies and / or development partners.***

Sustainable Development Goals



# FIG Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network

Outputs of AP CDN -

- Regional geospatial and survey community are ***self-reliant*** and have a ***culture and environment of learning, innovation, a blend of mature and young professionals, and a gender equity base.***
- Regional geospatial and surveying challenges are ***resolved by a regional, unified, coordinated and collaborative*** approach.



# FIG Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network

*Collective FIG / UN GGIM “Capacity Development Network” (CDN) outcome -*

***“Responsible governance frameworks and integrated administrative systems of tenure (rights and interests) for land and marine, are underpinned by sustainable fit for purpose geospatial and survey infrastructure and information management”***

# FIG Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network

*What is capacity development?*

***It is about understanding the challenges / obstacles that hinder an individual / organisation / community from accomplishing their objectives and then developing the necessary knowledge / skills / abilities / competencies / frameworks to achieve them.***

# FIG Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network

*What is capacity development? It is also about .....*

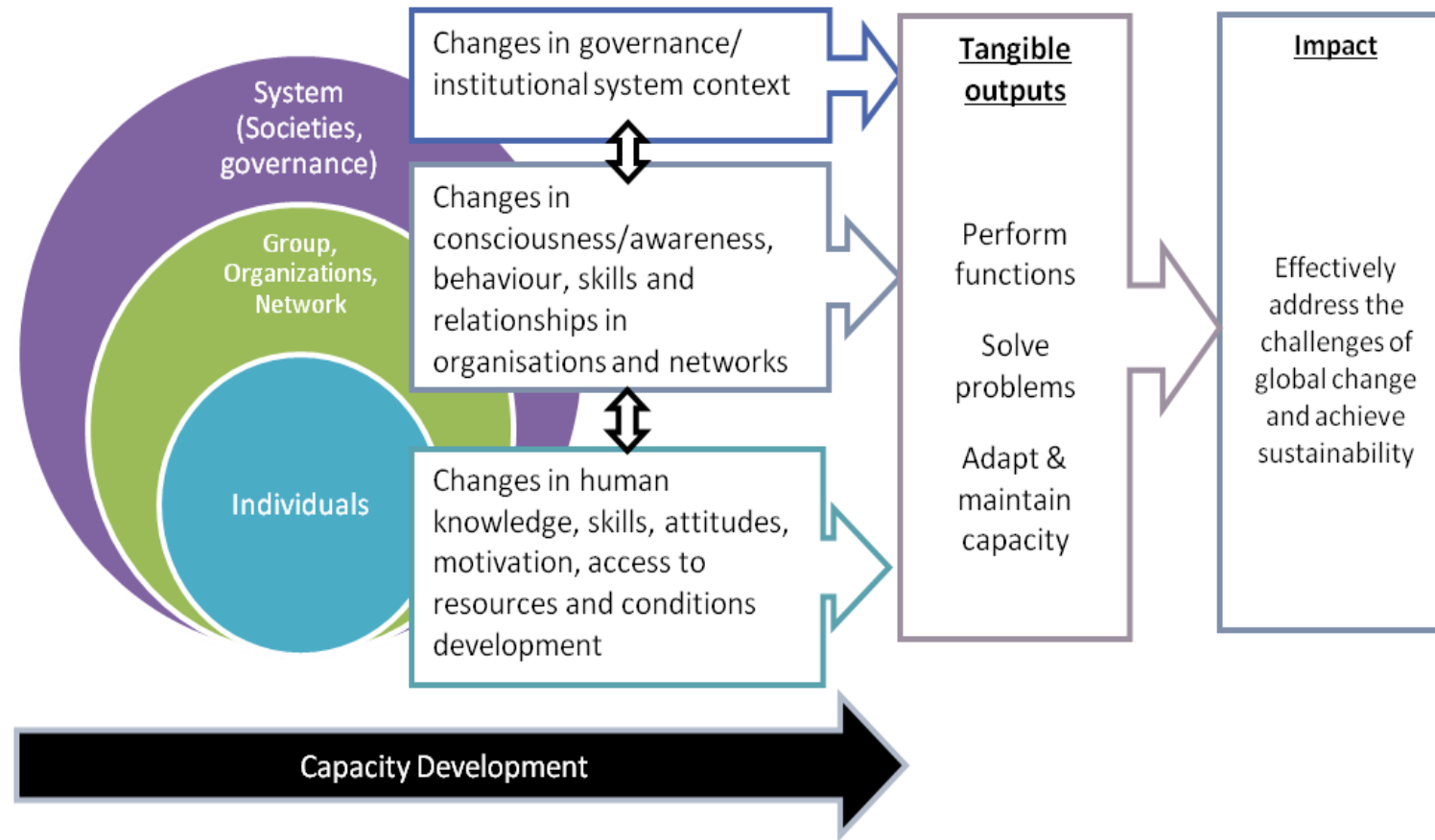
***The process of learning to adapt to change....  
(or shifting the paradigms of practice)***

***Who and how and where the decisions are made***

***Being supported by a sustained resource and political  
commitment to yield longer term results***

*Source : Allan Kaplan*

# FIG Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network



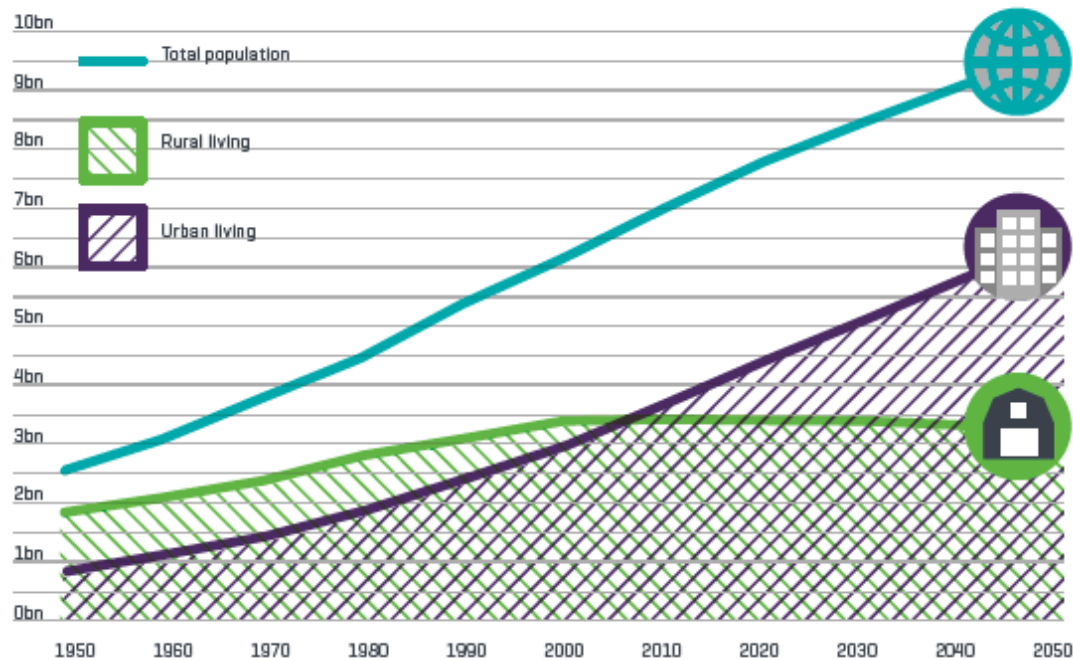
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<http://www.apn-gcr.org/programmes-and-activities/capable/>

# What are the Capacity Challenges?

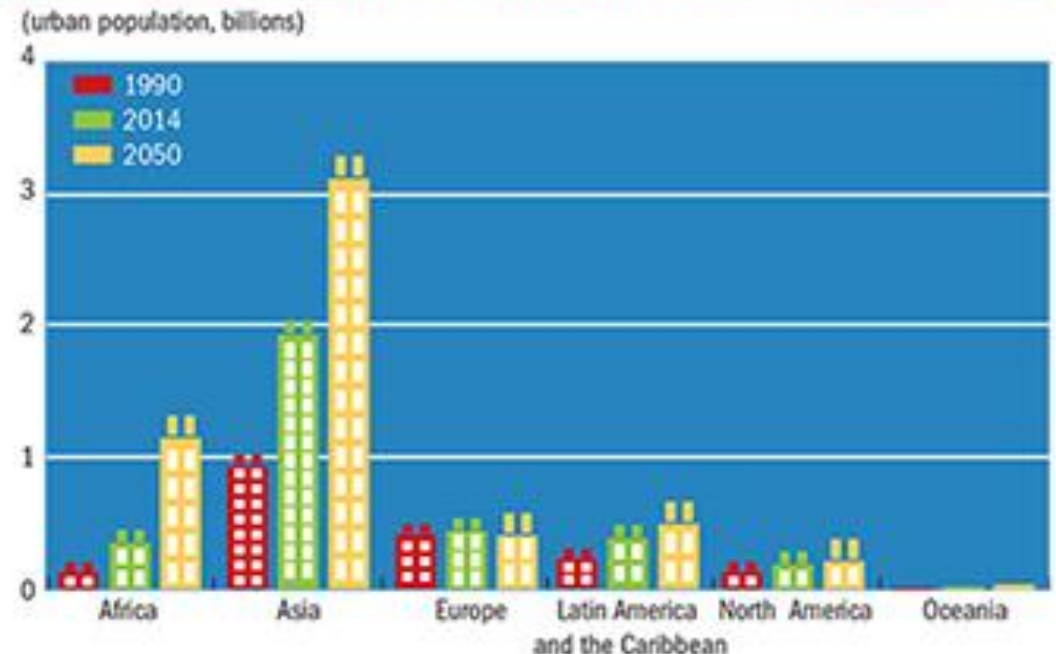
- **Capability to respond and manage our changing land, marine and built environment -**
  - Mega-cities , smart-cities - **rapid urbanisation** ; “2/3 in cities by 2050”

Figure 2.1 World population: total, urban and rural



Source – [rics.org/futures](http://rics.org/futures)

## NUMBER OF URBAN RESIDENTS VARIES GREATLY BY REGION



Source – <http://www.imf.org>



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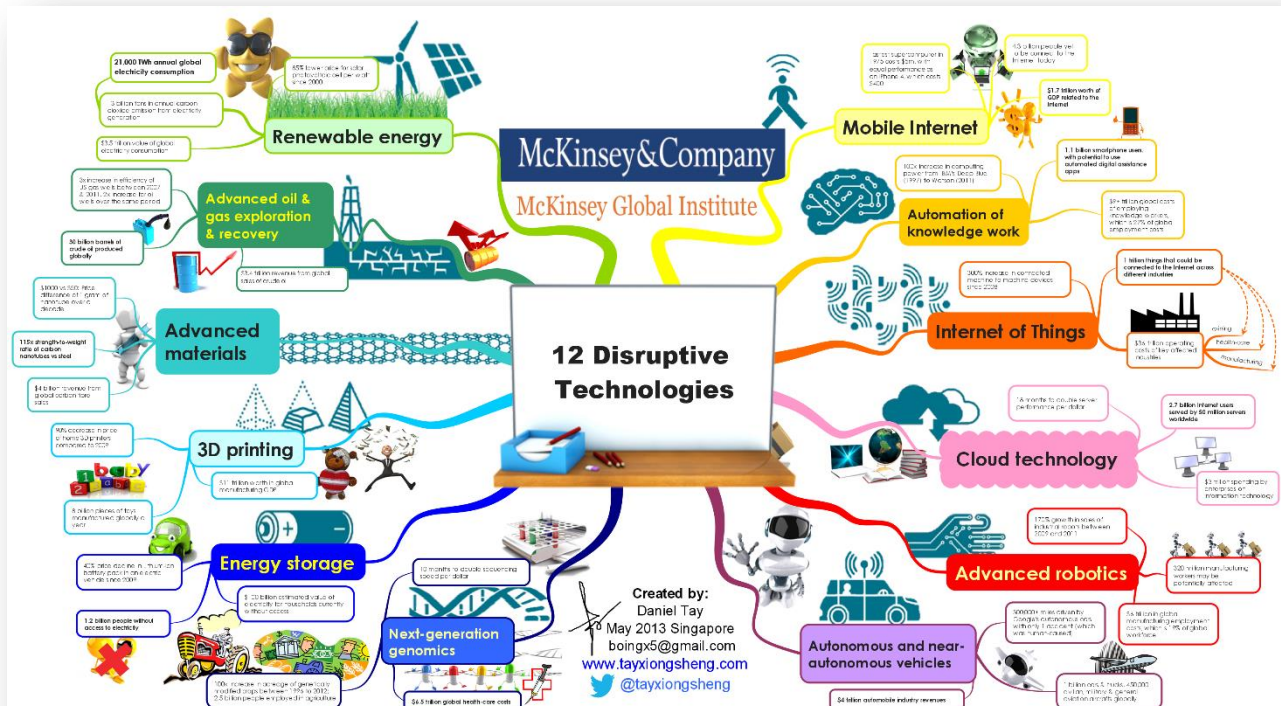
- ***Capability to respond and manage our changing land, marine and built environment -***
  - ***Sectors – housing; transport; utilities; asset, real estate and natural resource management.***



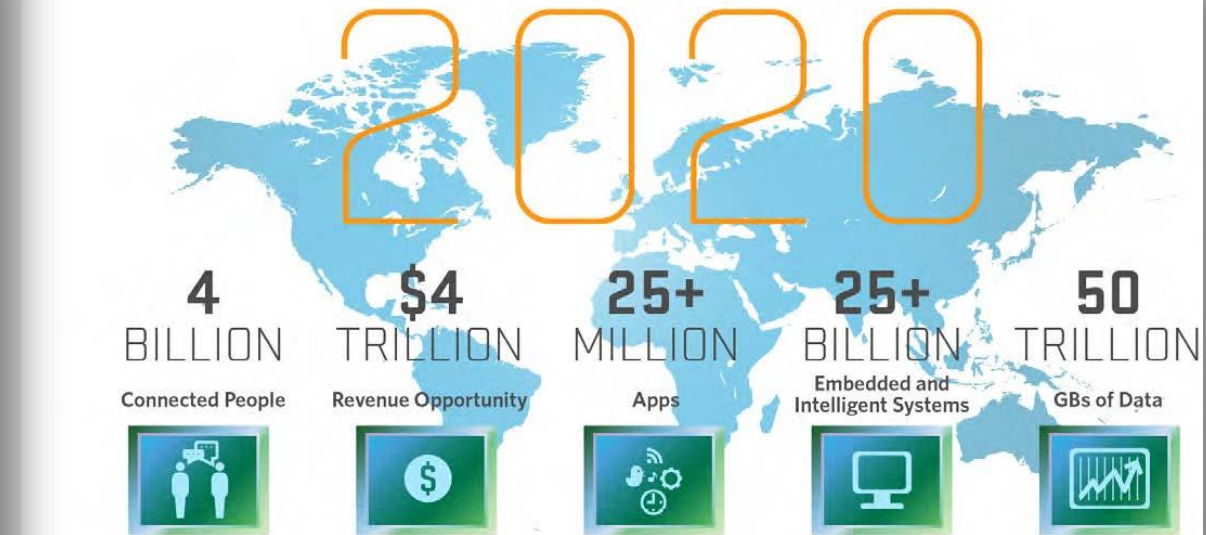
# What are the Capacity Challenges?

- **Capability to respond and manage our changing land, marine and built environment -**

➤ Disruptive technologies – mobile internet, automation of knowledge work, IoT, cloud, robotics, autonomous vehicles (biggest impact 2025)



The source of information in this Mind Map comes from [http://www.mckinsey.com/insights/business\\_technology/disruptive\\_technologies](http://www.mckinsey.com/insights/business_technology/disruptive_technologies)

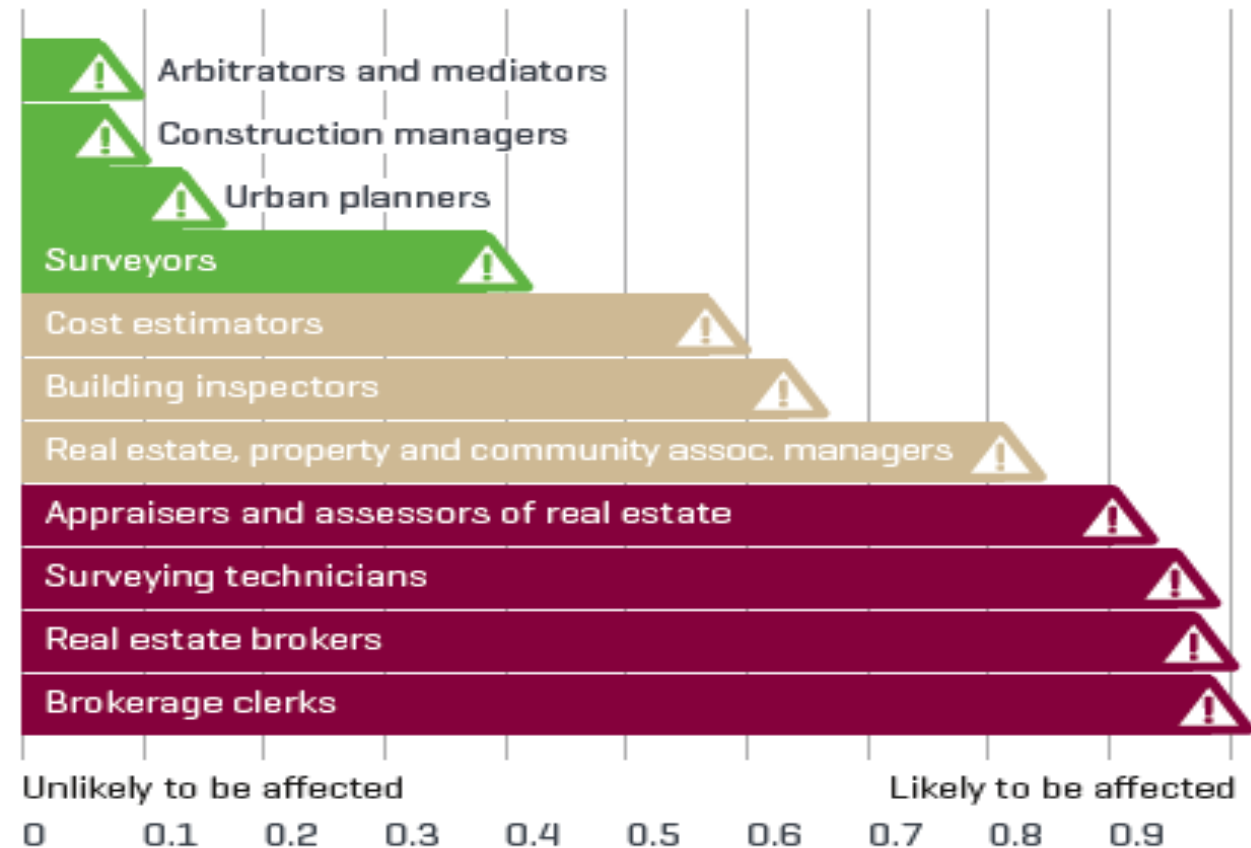


Source: Mario Morales, IDC

# What are the Capacity Challenges?

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Figure 4.2 Probability of professions being affected by technology



Source: Frey and Osborne 2013

# What are the Capacity Challenges?

- ***Capability to respond and manage our changing land, marine and built environment -***
  - Climate change, sea level rise, earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, disaster and relief management



# What are the Capabilities?

The ability (skill sets) to –

- ***Provide reliable, accurate and interoperable technical / administrative geospatial information*** for better informed decision making – “24 / 7 and real time”?
- ***Collect, calculate, analyse, record, and visualise*** geospatial information – via “disruptive technologies”?
- ***Convey professional advice*** to support - design, risk assessment, investment analysis, asset and resource deployment – broadening of skills?
- ***Innovate in multi disciplinary teams*** – “connecting / pooling” talent to facilitate doing more with less consumption of diminishing resources

# What are the Capabilities?

The ability (skill sets) to –

- **“Lead, negotiate, influence, collaborate, and understand commercial influences”** – source [rics.org/futures](https://www.rics.org/futures)
- **“Advocate, promote and communicate relevance”** – leaders, decision makers, politicians, attracting young professionals

What's decreasing	What needs to increase
Transactional activity	Leadership
Administrative tasks eg bills of quantities	Client focus
Residential valuation	Collaboration
	Ethical behaviour
	Sustainability
	Data analysis
	Improving productivity of assets
	Risk management

What's not desirable	What's needed today
Silo working	Outcomes focus
Early specialisation	Communication
Conflicts of interest	Integrated programme and cost management
	Skills for handling greater complexity
	Interdisciplinary working
	Change management
	Advisory services
	Understanding new technology

***How skills and work in surveying are changing***

*Source – [rics.org/futures](https://www.rics.org/futures)*

# What can FIG do to enhance Capacity?

***Organise, facilitate and actively participative in -***

- Discussion forums
- Meetings
- Seminars
- Workshops
- Technical Sessions

***Advocate co-operation and collaboration***

at FIG Working Weeks, FIG Regional Conferences and other related FIG symposiums or events.

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Regional Case Studies ; IGS Services ; APREF Status and Determination ; Reference Frame Infrastructure ; Gravity and the World Height System ; Multi-GNSS Environment ; Going Geocentric ; Dynamic Datums ; The Role of Manufacturers Geodetic Infrastructure



# Special Technical Forums and Sessions – Kuala Lumpur June 2014



Reference Frames - The Future; Next Generation Positioning Infrastructure ; Global Geodetic Reference Frame and CORS ; Geoid, Gravity and Vertical Datum Determination ; Multi-GNSS Environment and PPP ; Ubiquitous Positioning and Kinematic Measurements ; Cost Effective Positioning ; Standards and Recommended Practices for Positioning and Measurement

# Vertical Reference Frame In Practice Seminar – Singapore July 2015



Vertical Reference Frames technical overview ; Time Dependence and Transformations ; Airborne Gravity Data Collection and Analysis ; International GNSS Service ; Vertical Deformation ; GNSS Heighting ; Case Studies

# Datum Unification and Kinematics Technical Seminar – Christchurch May 2016



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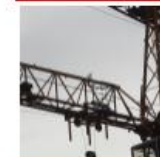
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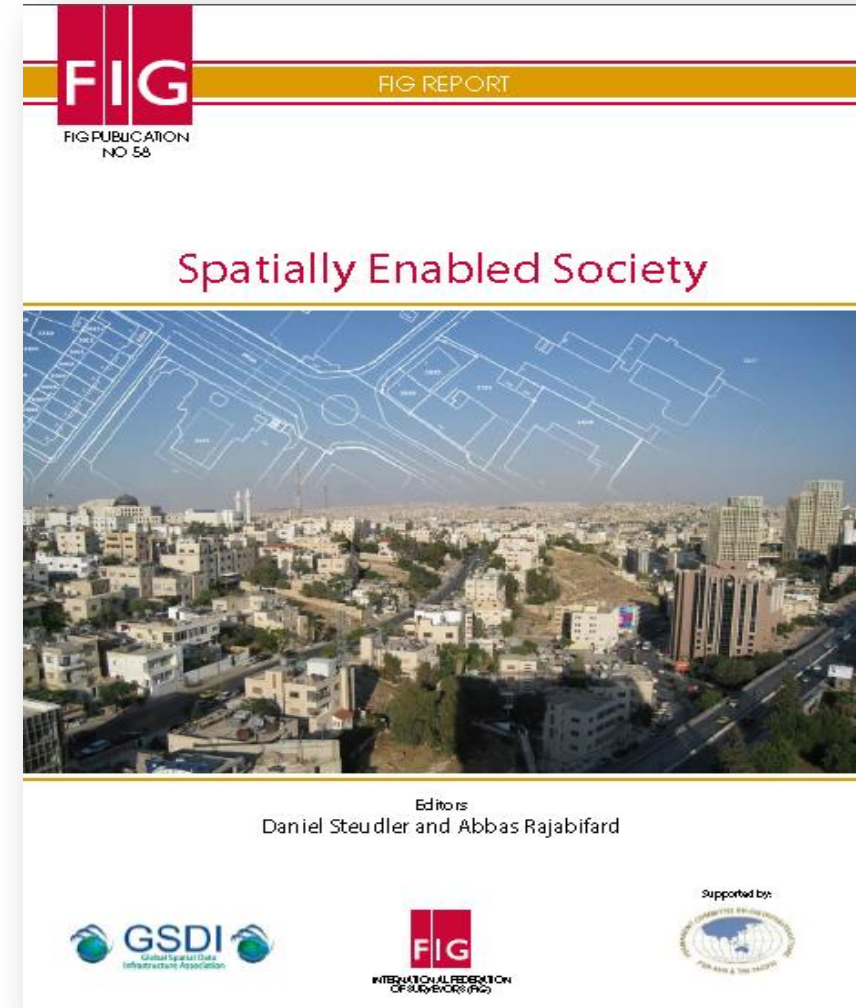
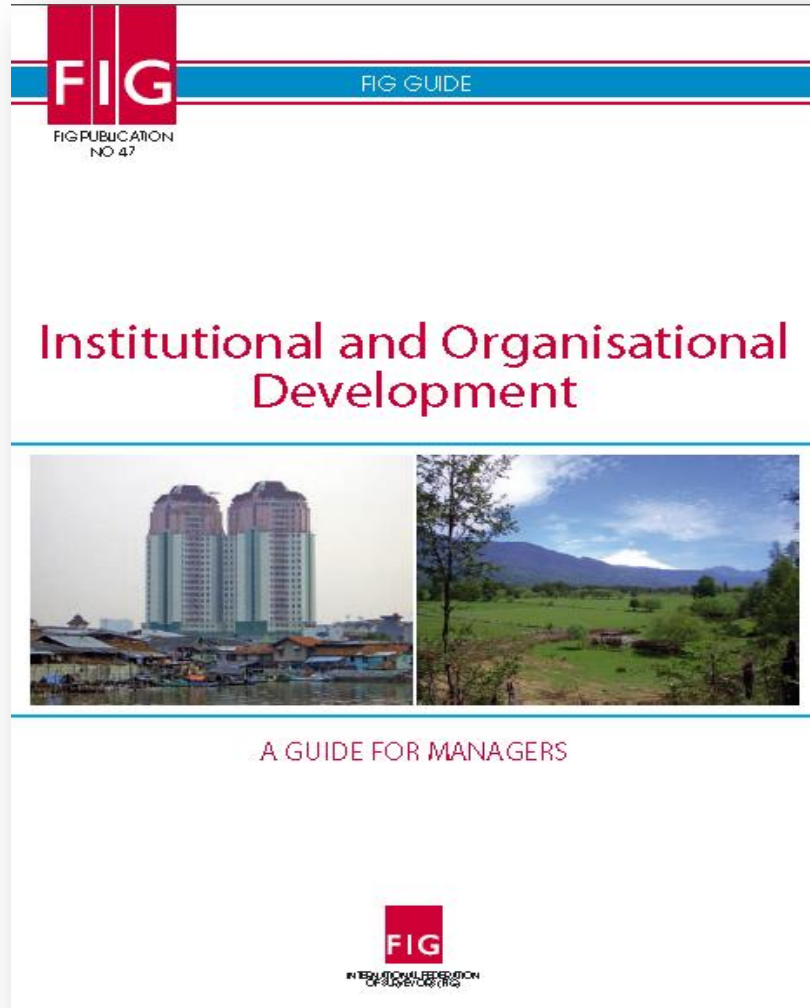
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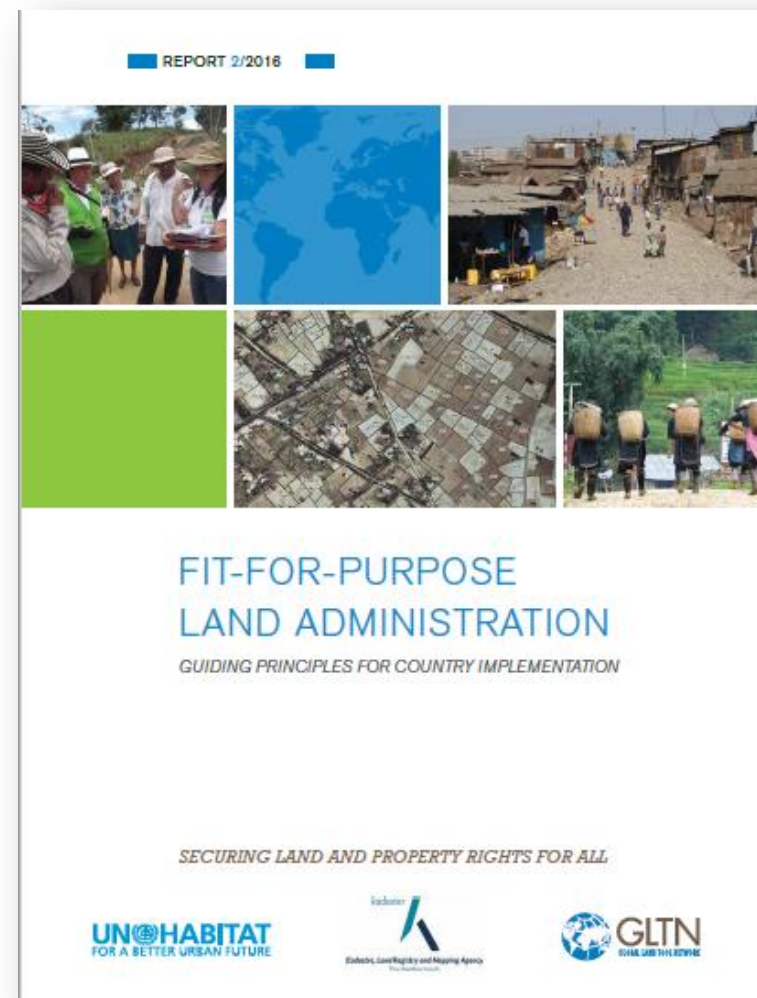
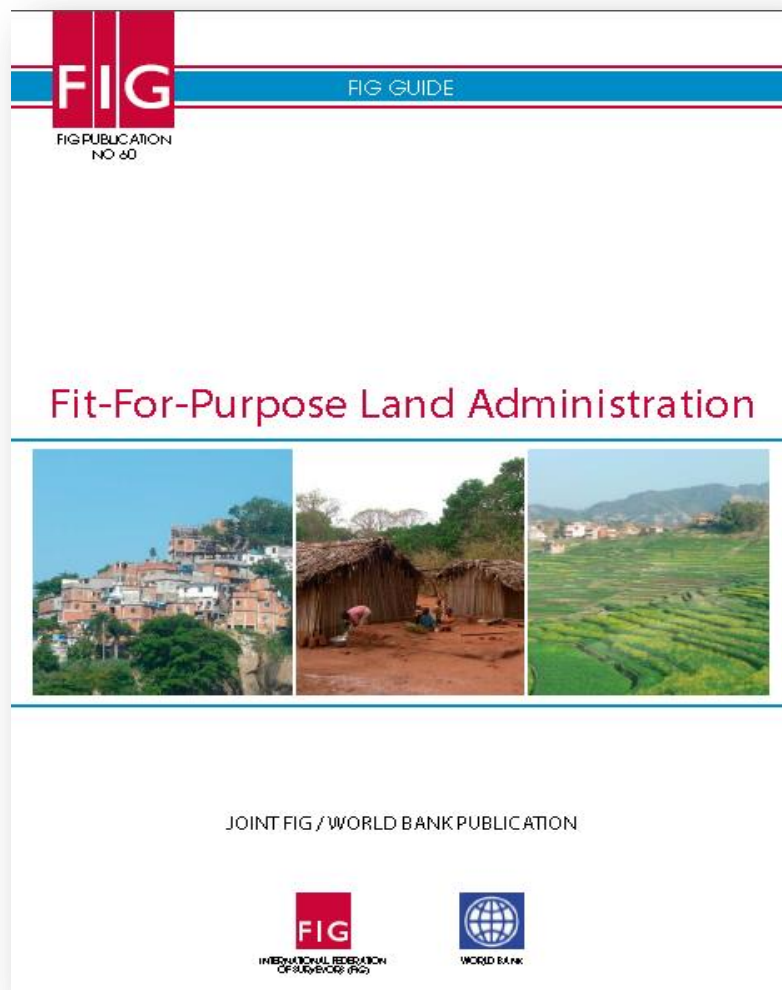
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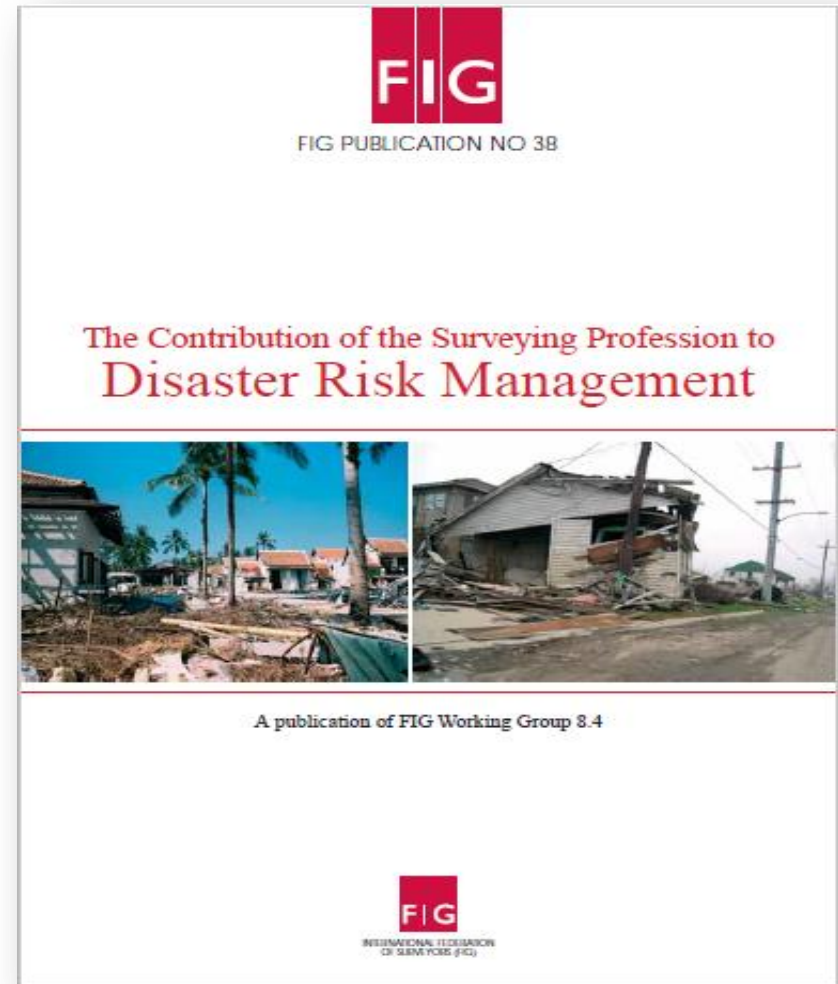
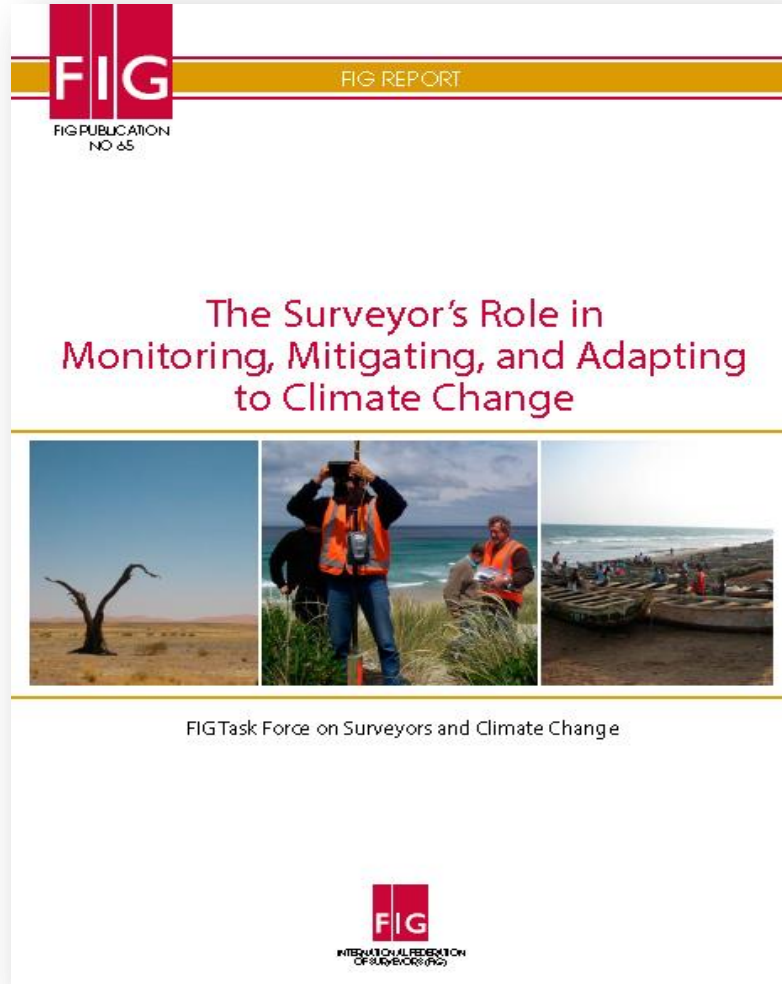


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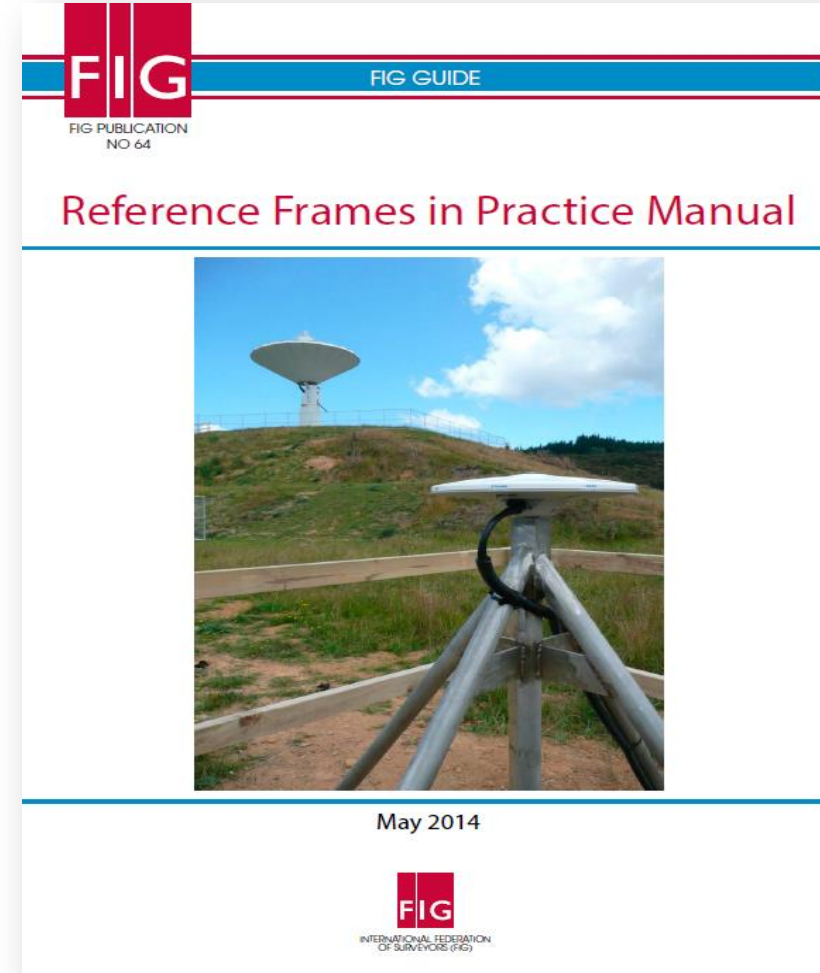
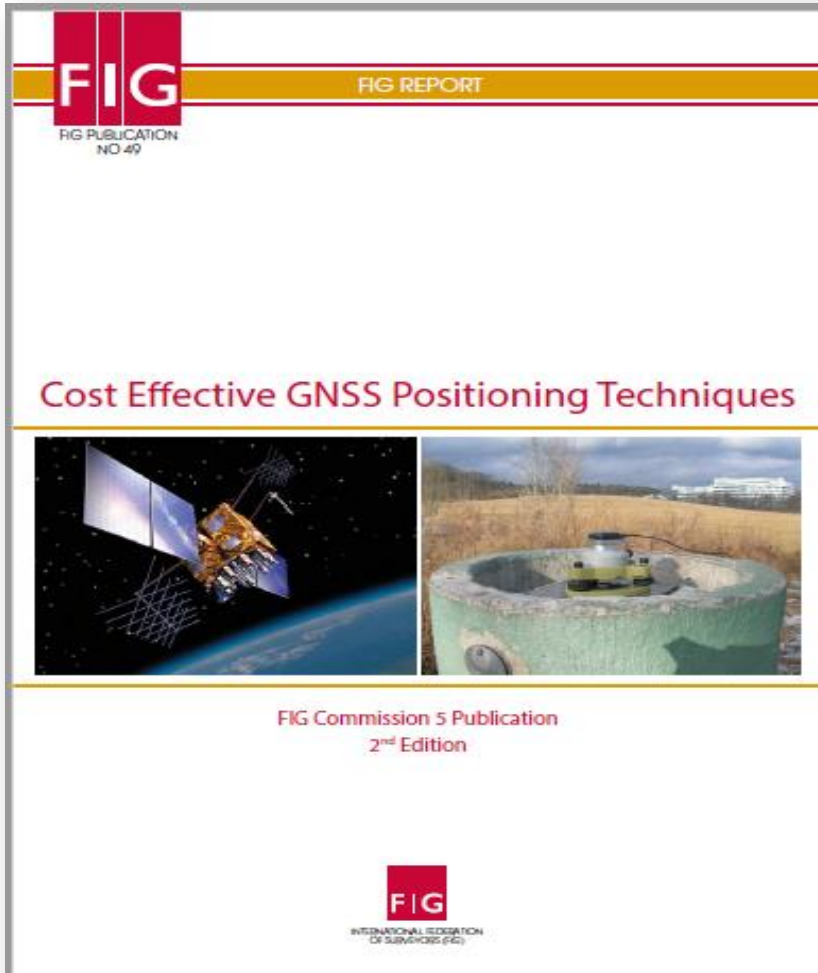




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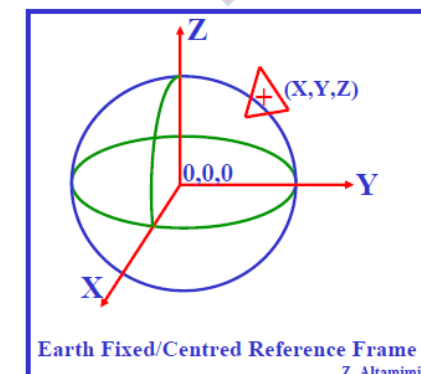
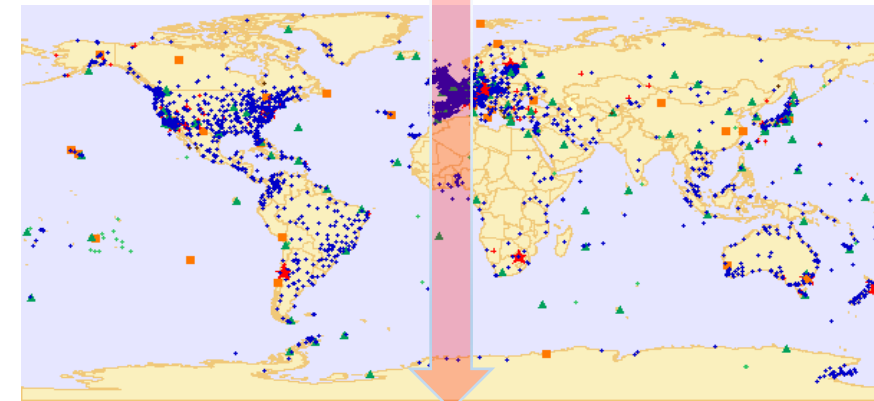
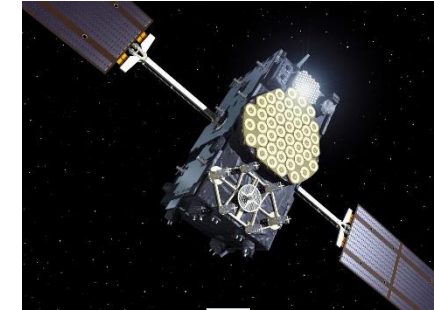


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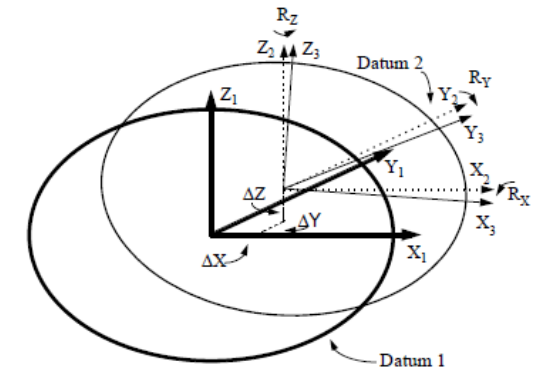
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- Foreword / Introduction - Matt Higgins, Australia and Graeme Blick, New Zealand
- ***Geodesy and Global Reference Frames*** – Prof. Chris Rizos, Australia
- ***Global Terrestrial Reference Systems and Frames*** – Dr. Neil D. Weston and Dr. Tomás Soler, USA
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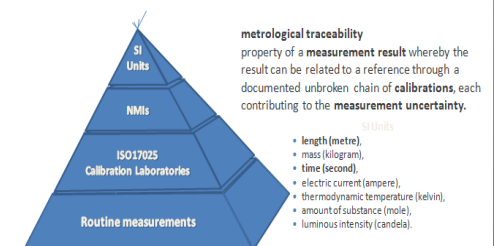
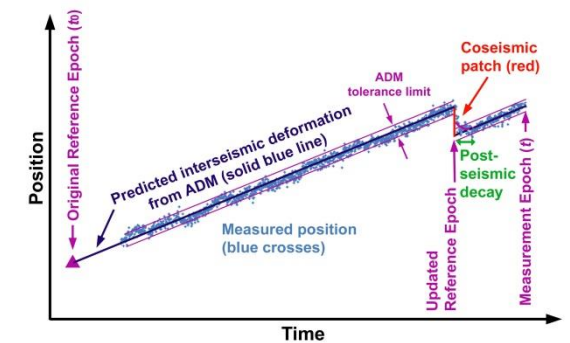


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- **Reference Frame Parameter Estimation and Testing via the technique of Least Squares ; Testing Measurements and Least Squares Parameter Estimates** – Dr. Roger Fraser, Australia
- **Global Navigation Satellite Systems** – Prof. Chris Rizos, Australia
- **GNSS CORS Networks and Linking to ITRF** - Rob Sarib, Australia, Mikael Lilje, Sweden
- **The International GNSS Service (IGS)** - Nic Donnelly, New Zealand
- **Standards and Traceability of Terrestrial Reference Frames** - David Martin, France



$$w = v^T V_m^{-1} v \rightarrow \text{minimum}$$



# Capacity Building Options for Geospatial / Geodetic Infrastructure Modernisation?

## 1. *Assessing the status and condition of your geospatial / geodetic infrastructure and systems - SWOT your “geospatial data model / framework”*

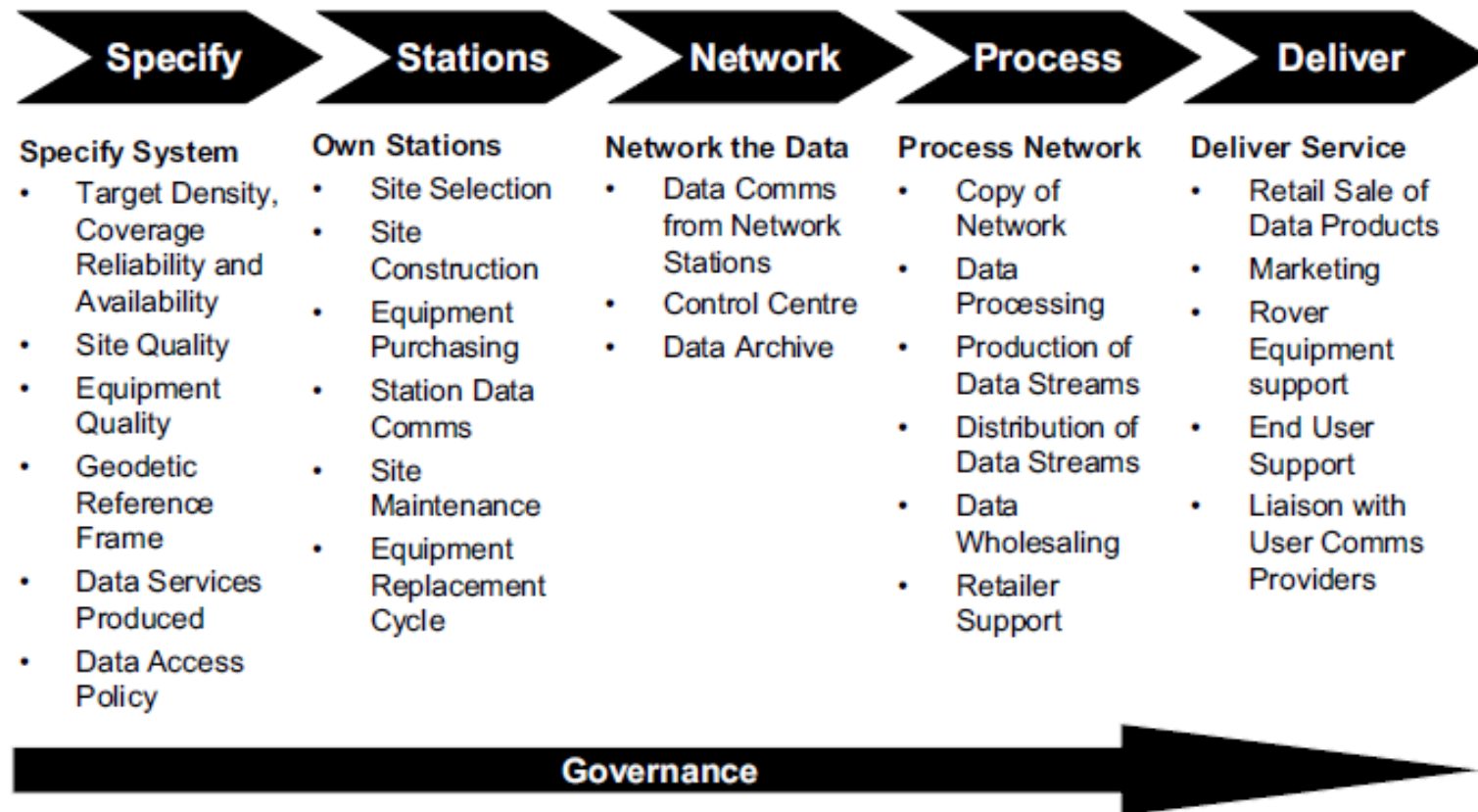


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## 2. *Understanding the role / responsibilities of your agency in the various elements of geospatial and geodetic infrastructure management*



Source - Matt Higgins "A model for organisational roles within a Positioning Infrastructure"

# Capacity Building Options for Geospatial / Geodetic Infrastructure Modernisation?

**3. Developing Strategic / Operational (incl. capacity building) plans that are aspirational but realistic, achievable, focused on national / regional challenges and flexible to accommodate a rapidly changing industry.....**



# Capacity Building Options for Geospatial / Geodetic Infrastructure Modernisation?

*Geospatial / geodetic infrastructure strategy considers –*

- **Sustainability** - *meeting the needs of current and future generations*
- **Useability / Accessibility** *to the whole community on reasonable terms and open to a growing user base, including those requiring new approaches to data delivery*
- **Collaboration** – *established, managed and maintained in cooperation with International, Regional, National, State, Local Authorities, and with industry*
- **Innovation** – *capitalise on the latest research and development*
- **Accuracy** – *capable of meeting the accuracy and quality requirement of users*



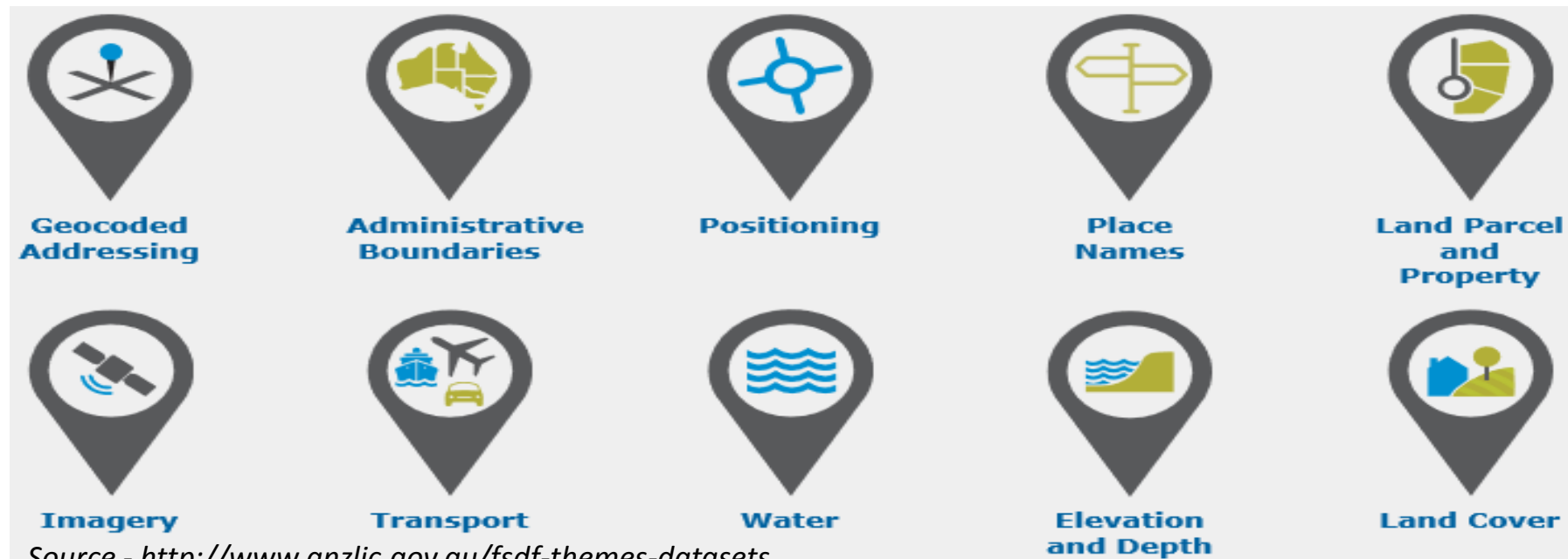
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*Geospatial / geodetic infrastructure strategy considers –*

- **Digital Enablement** – *capable of meeting common operating standards and the needs of users through enhanced digital infrastructure / systems*
- **Multi-dimensions** – *integrate horizontal, vertical and time varying components*
- **Extensibility** – *architecture to accommodate changes so as to extend its capability and function*
- **Open Standards** – *Support the use of open standards and interoperability with other jurisdictions and industry where appropriate.*

# Capacity Building Options for Geospatial / Geodetic Infrastructure Modernisation?

4. **Ensuring Geospatial Reference System (GRS) / geodetic framework are integral to a nation's "fundamental or foundation" datasets .... underpins / enables !**
- "common asset" of location information to make decisions that affect people's safety, prosperity, and environment
  - comprising of the best available, most current, authoritative source of foundation spatial data which is standardised and quality controlled

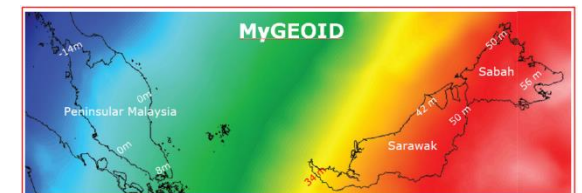
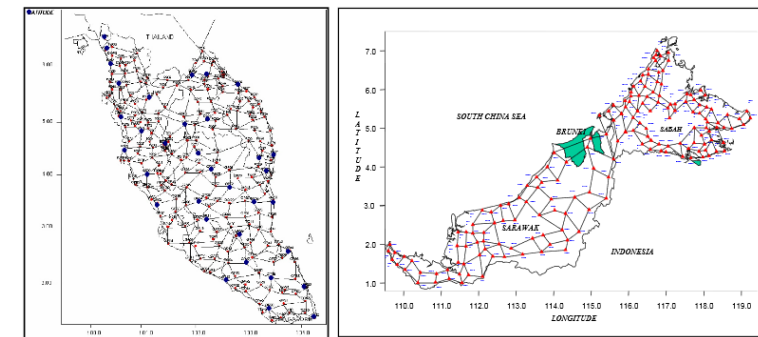


Source - <http://www.anzlic.gov.au/fsdf-themes-datasets>

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## 5. **TECHNICAL components GRS / geodetic framework**

- **IGS compliant GNSS CORS** that are the spine of a GRS ; contribute to **ITRF / APREF**.
- **GRS mathematically aligned with ITRF / APREF realisations**
- **Control networks are a hierarchy of rigorously propagated co-ordinates and uncertainties - integrity, reliability and accuracy are “fit for purpose”**
- **Geoid model and / or defined height system to integrate vertical surfaces**



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- Utilising and benefitting from the **multi GNSS environment** and space based measurement technology

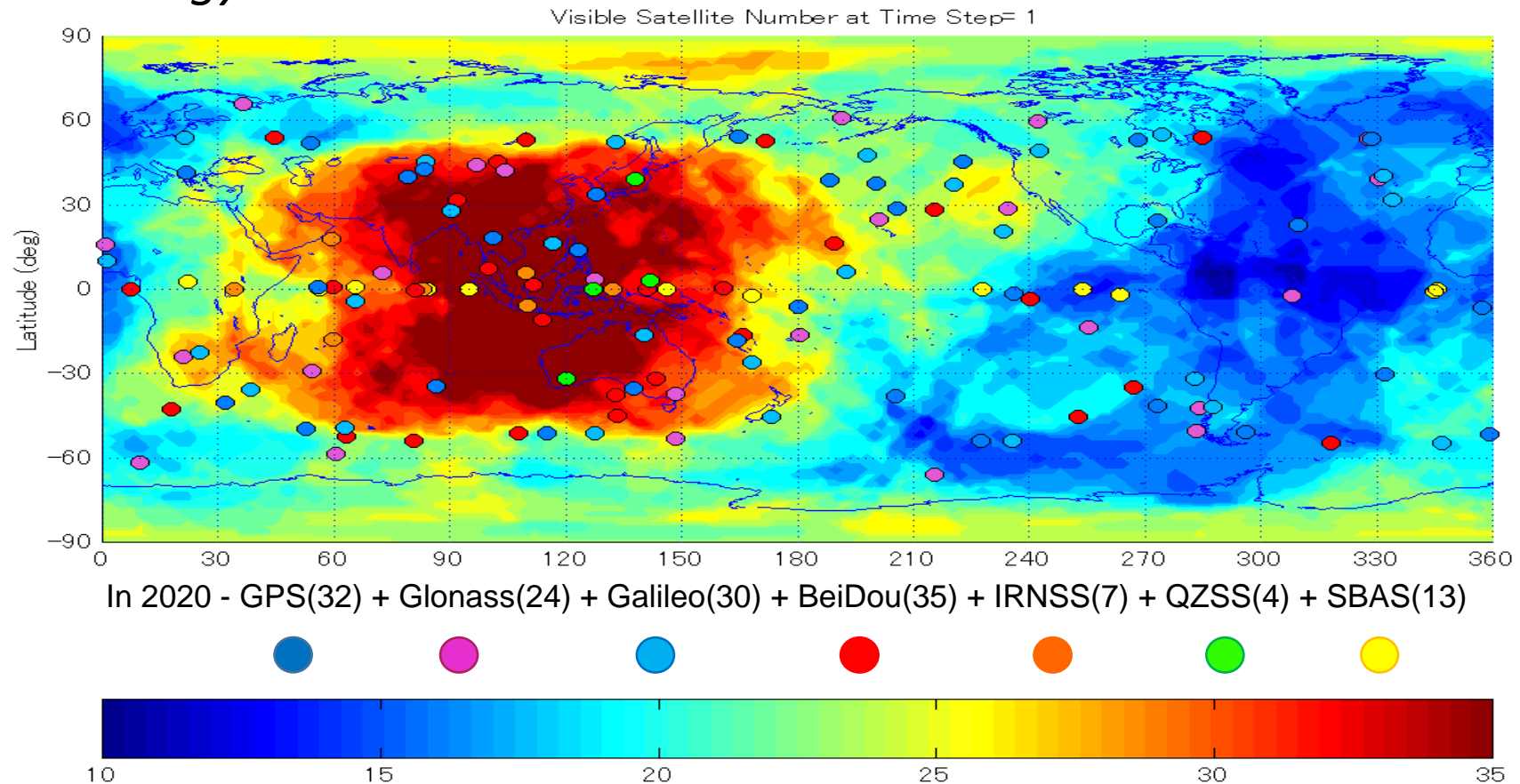


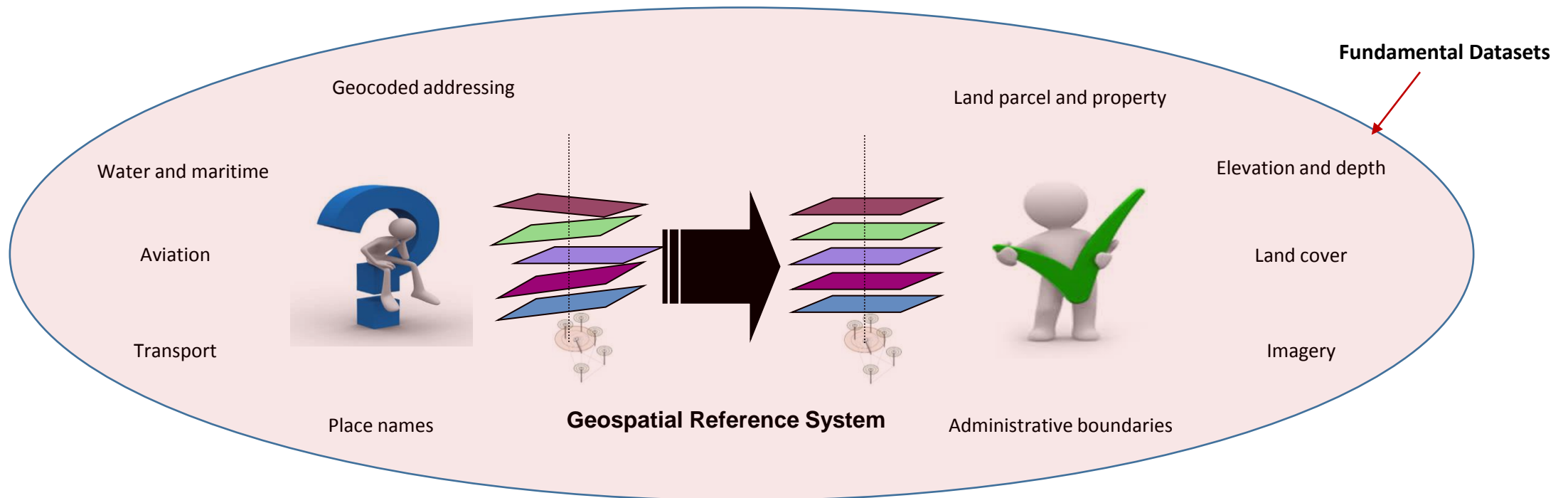
Figure courtesy Prof Chris Rizos, UNSW

# Capacity Building Options for Geospatial / Geodetic Infrastructure Modernisation?

- *Adhering to international standards, guidelines and practices*
- *Facilitating interoperability and unification amongst geospatial information datasets and systems at all levels – local, national, regional, and global*

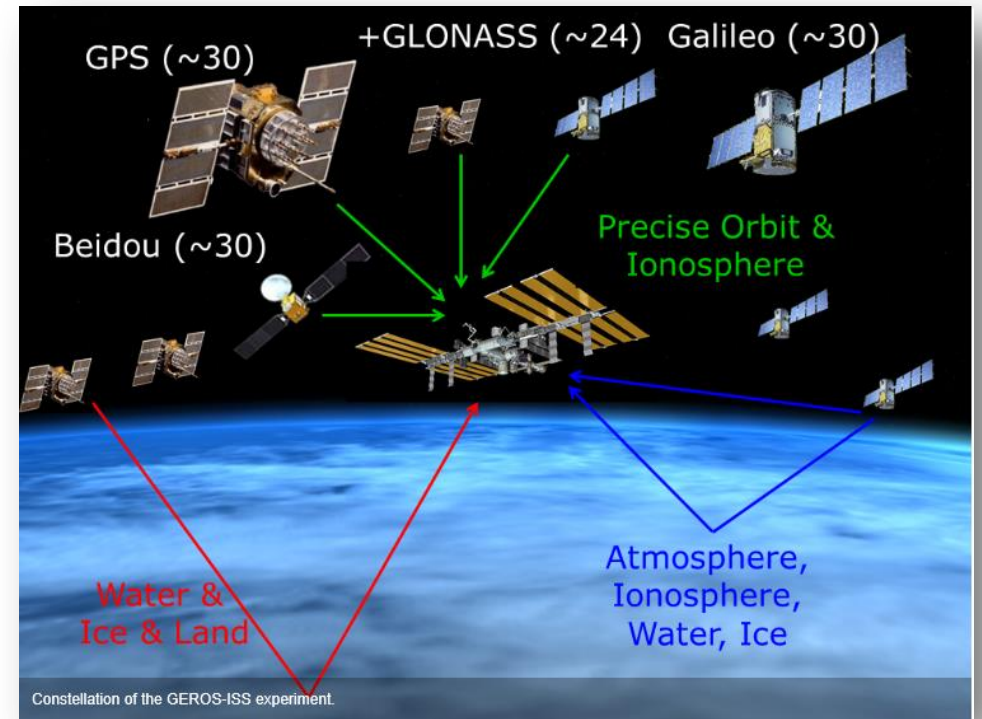
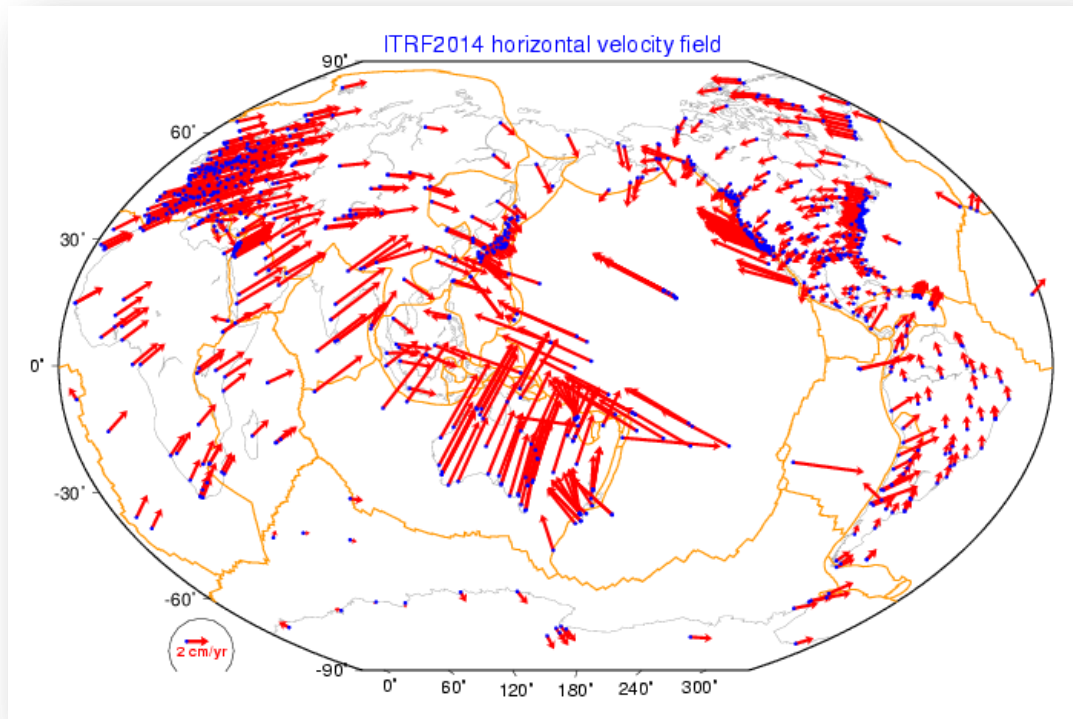


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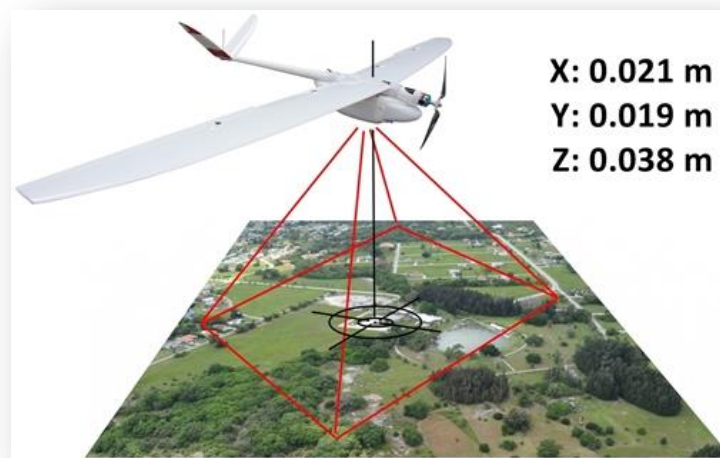
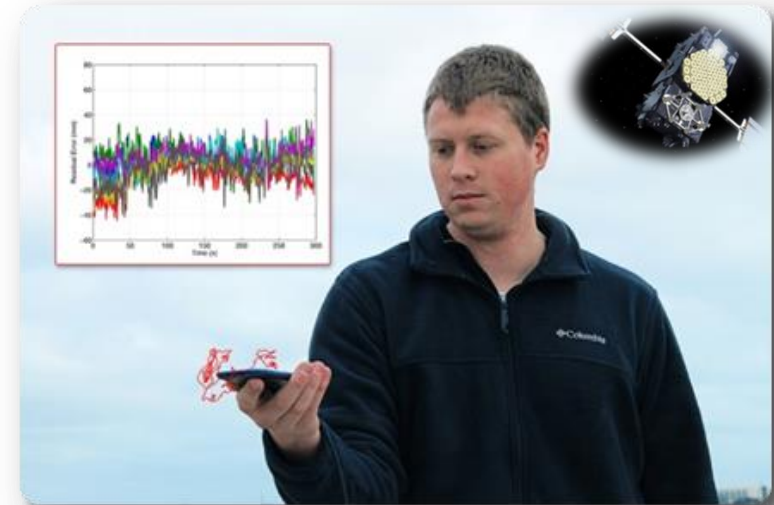
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- *The capability to support global observing systems for accurate scientific research modelling - inter / intra tectonic plate deformation, sea level monitoring, climate change, atmospheric*



# Capacity Building Options for Geospatial / Geodetic Infrastructure Modernisation?

- *Aligning with new mass-market wide area positioning technology and applications i.e. regional and global real time positioning services delivered by satellite, digital communications, and the Internet*
- *Utilising or benefiting from quality imagery / satellite data, the development of new mapping technologies and products*



# The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

## The quest for capacity development – making it work

“Don’t start what you can’t sustain”

Provisions for ongoing updating and possible upgrading are crucial and must be established up front.

Capacity development relates to societal awareness, institutional and organisational reform, and education and training of human resources.



The way forward includes understanding and cooperation between UN-agencies, professional organisations, and national governments

To drive and manage the change process there must be effective knowledge-sharing to ensure that lessons learned and good practice are widely implemented.

*Stig Enemark FIG African Capacity Development Network  
Nairobi 2015*

*“Good co-ordination begins  
with good co-ordinates”*

*Dave Doyle FIG Regional Conference Costa Rica  
2007*