

# **The Sustainable Development of Young Surveyors: An Update on Network Satus and Needs**

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## **SUMMARY**

This paper will provide a status update, not simply of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Young Surveyors Network, but more broadly on progress towards a connected network of young surveyors across disciplines and cultures internationally. Many papers have been written on the surveying crisis, and the need for young surveyors to be better engaged and involved with their professional organisations. Yet many young surveyors are struggling with the vast disciplinary size of the surveying profession and there appears a disconnect between the services provided by professional organisations and the needs of young surveyors and broader communities. In this paper, we will firstly review attitudes towards and support for young surveyors internationally, cataloguing the broad set of existing international and regional organisations and groups that specifically cater to young surveyors (eg. FIG Young Surveyors Network, ISPRS Student Consortium, Young GNSS, etc.). We will comment on the success so far of these organisations and limitations they may be facing – as well as future opportunities for better integration and cooperation. In the second part of the paper we will present the findings of a survey of national young surveyor organisations. A few of these are well established, but many more are in their infancy, and this survey will provide a broad overview of the support that national professional bodies and international organisations such as the FIG can provide to ensure the youth of today are engaged now, and enabled to become leaders now and in the future.