

Annual Report: Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals

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Inputs are expected from targeted cooperation with UNGGIM, FAO, UN-Habitat, World Bank, JBGIS and other recognized key stakeholders. Dedicated sessions during FIG events and congresses could be supportive in analyses and setting realistic milestones and deliverables – of course, with involvement of the commission chairs, the young surveyors network, delegates, and participants to work jointly towards a synthesis publication in 2022.

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In the Hanoi a first special session was organised to inform the participants about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the indicators that are related to the surveying profession. This was followed by interactive discussions.

In the 1st year the focus has been on the alignment of the Task Force with the other FIG and global initiatives, the identification of relevant SDGs for FIG and its commissions and A preliminary assessment of needs, requirements and opportunities for FIG. As well as to provide an overview of solutions, approaches, curricula and tools to boost the achievement of the SDGs.

During the FIG Working Week 2020 the SDGs are chosen by LOC and FIG as one of the subthemes: “Ten years to go to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”:

The countdown begins, only one decade to go to accomplish the Sustainable Development Goals. The SDGs are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all and surveying professionals have a key role to play. How did we, as surveyors, contribute to ending poverty, improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests? In addition, what will be our role for the coming 10 years?

This subtheme will be highlighted on the 3rd day of the Technical Programme. The 3 plenary speakers are closely related to the achievement of the SDGs. And technical sessions will be focused as much as possible to this subtheme on this day to present examples and best practices from all over the world.

In addition to that there will be a special session focussing on the work of the Task Force. Also there will be attention to the SDGs throughout the whole event.