



News Brief | March 2023

Dear FIG C7 delegates and friends,

It's time for the March 2023 update on all things FIG C7. As always, if you have news items you think will be of interest to the C7 community, please send them to FIGCommission7@FIG.net.

1. Taking Shape! FIG Working Week Orlando 2023



The release of the draft programme is imminent – and it's looking good! It'll be perhaps the largest collection of C7 technical content ever assembled at a Working Week. Along with the regular C7 meeting and dinner (stay tuned for details), we'll have up to 15 dedicated or joint commission C7 sessions. This will include sessions on the UNGGIM Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA); Fit for Purpose Land Administration (FFPLA); 3D Land Administration; the ISO Land Administration Domain Model (LADM); Women's Access to Land (x2); Cybersecurity, Data Quality, and Openness; Land Administration Evaluation; AI and Remote Sensing for Land Administration; Laws, Policies and Land Reform; Land Administration Education; Digitalisation of Land Administration; Digital Transformation of Land Management; and Comparative Cadastres. Thanks already to the Working Group Chairs and volunteers who've put in the hard yards into shaping the program. If there is one Land Administration event to get to this year, this is the one. We look forward to seeing you there! Register here: <https://www.fig.net/fig2023/registration.htm>.

2. C7 Annual Meeting – Save the Date(s)

Worried that you'll still not have enough of a land administration fix after Orlando in May/June? Never fear – the 2023 FIG C7 Annual Meeting dates are here! A more formal invite will follow in the coming weeks, but to help you get your calendar organised, we can confirm that the event will take place from **02-04 October in The Netherlands**. We're looking forward to making more announcements about the event in terms of hosts, venue, technical content, tours and so on. This will come, but, we're really pleased that we'll be able to meet in one of the global 'hubs' of land administration (especially as many FIGers could not attend the online 2021 Working Week in person). You might also want to factor in that **Intergeo** is taking place in **Berlin, Germany** this year from **10-12 October** <https://www.intergeo.de/en/welcome-to-intergeo-2022>. Likewise, the **11th International Workshop on LADM/3D**, run by WG7.3, takes place on **11-13 October** in **Galve, Sweden** <http://www.gdmc.nl/3dcadastre/workshop2023/>. Good opportunity to link events!



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3. Women's Access - Claire Buxton attends CSW67, UN HQ, New York



Linked to C7's 'Women's Access to Land' Working Group, FIG Council's own 2023-26 Workplan, and supported by the Stand for Her Land Campaign (S4HL), former VSCP Lead and now regular FIG'er, Claire Buxton attended the 67th 'Commission on the Status of Women 67' in New York, between 6-17 March. You'll hear more about the event in the upcoming FIG newsletter. Claire has compiled a full report. But, in her own words: *"I joined thousands of representatives from around our globe at the Commission on the Status of Women 67 at UN HQ in New York. The experience was humbling, moving, and educational. As a representative of FIG, I personally shared some concrete ideas on how surveyors are key and will continue to be key as we embrace innovations and digital technology to advance gender equality and ensuring that secure women land rights and properties is central to the work we do towards a sustainable world ... Seek opportunities to bring women (especially marginalised rural women) to the table with you in your professional work. Join the working group on women's land rights, Commission 7 FIG, we need a few more people to join Marisa Balas, Kate Fairlie, and I".* Here, here! As mentioned above, these themes will be pickup upon in Orlando 2023.

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4. UNGGIM EG-LAM International Workshop on Geo-Enabled Effective Land Administration, February 14, Singapore



As part of the GeoConnect Asia 2023 Conference - taking place between 15-16 February 2023, Singapore - C7 was privileged to take part in the UNGGIM side event, international workshop on 'Geo-Enabled Effective Land Administration', hosted by our good friends at the Singapore Land Authority (SLA) on February 14. The workshop included speakers from OGC, World Bank, and the land administration and geospatial authorities from India (Survey of India), Japan (GGIA), Korea



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(LX), Indonesia (BIG), amongst many others. We (C7) presented our 2023-26 workplan intentions, including the 8 Working Groups - on FELA, FFPLA, 3D/LADM, AI&RS, Women's Access, DT&LM, LA Education and Comparative Cadastres. UNGGIM EG-LAM and C7 will collaborate directly on events and activities relating to the FELA Working Group. FIG also attended as Observer at the UNGGIM Asia Pacific Executive Board meeting, and took part on a panel, Chaired by Nadine Alameh (CEO of OGC), at the GeoConnect Asia conference, focusing on nurturing digital natives into the profession. For more details about the international workshop, see:
<https://www.geoconnectasia.com/conference/international-seminar>



5. UN-ECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)



For the 2023-25 period, FIG C7 confirms it will work closely with the The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's (UN-ECE) Working Group on Land Administration (WPLA). This is good news. WPLA have been influential in setting strategic and policy directions for land administration globally, including the development of guidelines on real property units and identifiers, and more recently, guidance on public private partnerships in land administration, and scenario development for future land administration systems. Vice Chair of FIG C7, Kirsikka Riekkinen will provide a direct link.

6. Next time...

- C7-specific updates on final planning for **FIG Orlando 2023**
- More on plans for the **2023 C7 Annual Meeting, Oct 02-04**
- **C7 Working Groups...** getting to work