

Mutual Recognition

- FIG Publication No. 27 (2002):
 - Mutual recognition is a process which allows the qualifications gained in one country to be recognised in another country

- Recognition does not relate to "getting a job"
- Recognition may relate to becoming a member of the professional association of the host country
- Recognition becomes important when a foreigner wants to practise - setting up a company - in the host country
- Recognition becomes crucial when a foreigner wants to practise within a licensed area - e.g. cadastral surveys - in the host country

Mutual Recognition in the Region and Internationally

- 2007 ASEAN Mutual Recognition Framework Arrangement for Surveying Services
- 2015 ASEAN project to develop a roadmap to establish mutual recognition agreements (MRAs)
- Longstanding agreements within and between Australian states and New Zealand

Internationally

- CLGE
- France/Quebec
- East Africa and Southern Africa

Mutual Recognition: Problems and Challenges

- Extent to which cadastral surveying is included.
- Different levels of development, education, registration and licensing systems
- **Information sharing between countries**
- **Institutional capacity development**

Typically mutual recognition is already technically operational

..... think engineering surveys, companies working internationally

But – information is not always accessible, young surveyors particularly disadvantaged.

Mutual Recognition: Needs moving forward

- Mechanism and support for information sharing
- Developing and sharing common standards: surveying education, institutional and professional association models
- Improved information availability

Mutual Recognition: Next Steps

- Forum on Regional Bodies to take over Mutual Recognition within FIG (TBC)
- Update to FIG Publication on Mutual Recognition
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