

## 14th Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors Board Meeting

# Facing the Challenge - Building the Capacity Towards Betterment of the Society, Environment and Profession

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## "Building the Capacity"

A broad concept – including societal, institutional and individual level.

Addressed through FIG activities at all levels, council, task forces, commissions. Providing guidance for government, members associations and individual surveyors on capacity development.











"Few will disagree that inappropriate land policies *(land sector practices)* can constitute a serious constraint on economic and social development . . . . .

. . . . However, the complexity of the subject and the fact that change is often fiercely resisted by vested interests benefiting from the status quo have historically frustrated many efforts to bring about policy change."

(World Bank)



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### Good governance is:

§ Sustainable and locally responsive: It balances the economic, social, and environmental needs of present and future generations, and locates its service provision at the closest level to citizens.

§ Legitimate and equitable: It has been endorsed by society through democratic processes and deals fairly and impartially with individuals and groups providing nondiscriminatory access to services.

§ Efficient, effective and competent: It formulates policy and implements it efficiently by delivering services of high quality

§ Transparent, accountable and predictable: It is open and demonstrates stewardship by responding to questioning and providing decisions in accordance with rules and regulations.

§ Participatory and providing security and stability: It enables citizens to participate in government and provides security of livelihoods, freedom from crime and intolerance.

§ Dedicated to integrity: Officials perform their duties without bribe and give independent advice and judgements, and respects confidentiality. There is a clear separation between private interests of officials and politicians and the affairs of government.

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(Adapted from FAO, 2007)





#### MoU signed 2002

**Strong partnership** (from 2007) within the Global land Tool Network (GLTN) on developing pro-poor land tools. Member of the GLTN International Advisory Board

Project on **Informal Development in Europe** Case study on Albania and Greece

Project on Gender Evaluation Criteria and Social Tenure Domain Model.

**Partnership on the Global Agenda ahead** – Land Governance and Transparency, Sustainable Settlement facing the mega challenges of climate change, disasters, rapid urbanisation, etc.

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Partnership: UN-Habitat





Climate Change \* Food Shortage \* Access to Water \* Energy Scarcity \* Rural - Urban Migration \* Urbanization \* Mega Cities \* Environmental Degradation \* Natural Disasters \* Global Financial Crisis

All these challenges relate to good governance and good management of the land sector (land tenure, land value, land use, land development) and Professionals within the natural and built environment have a **key and significant role** 

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Facing the Challenges





Proposal to intensify co-operation for mutual advantage and in service of the people and the profession with the following:

Regular contact is to be established between the two organizations in order to institute and maintain rapport and continuing engagement to address matters of common interest;

7 Each organization should inform the other of all Commissions, Working groups, etc. that it has established and invite representation from the other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate;

7 Each organization should inform the other of its programme of proposed seminars, workshops, etc. to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit and inform its members of these events as appropriate;

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7 Each organization should invite a representative from the other organization to attend respective Congresses/Conferences;

P Both organizations confirm their commitment in the work to advance the science, knowledge and practice towards sustainable cost management, construction and developments, promotion of green buildings and structures, sustainable and liveable cities; and

Both organizations should identify opportunities to organize specialized seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship.

