

**Report to the 33rd General Assembly
FIG Congress in Sydney, Australia 2010**

FIG Africa Task Force

Report of Activities 2009

The purpose of this report is to update General Assembly on the preparatory activities of the African Task Force. 2009/ 10 is the scoping and inception period which will be followed by implementing the activities of the task force properly underway after the 24th Congress in Sydney 2010.

Overall, Dr. Diane Dumashie can report that the task force administration is building solid foundations from which it can begin its activities shortly after the Congress.

The key milestones that have been reached to date are:

- Identifying the Task force core steering group for the period April 2010 to March 2011.
- Commencing project planning for the 2010 Workshop: Peri Urban Development
- Agreeing with Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) member association, and collaborating with the Kenyan LOC to hold the first workshop
- Organising administrative functionality of the Task Force including setting up FIG master web page and communicating with members and their associations

Each is briefly summarised below:

1. Steering Group members include: Chair Dr Diane Dumashie (UK), Professor Michael Barry (Canada), Kwame Tenadu (Ghana), and Mwenda Makathimo (Kenya). This team will be responsible for delivering the output for the first year of the task force
2. Project planning for workshop on Peri Urban Development: The objective will be to develop tools to assist land professionals to plan for access rights for sanitation and water in emerging informal settlements.

Following an invitation from CASLE and the Ghana Institution of Surveyors an opportunity has been taken to scope out the workshop theme by requesting commission 8 to organise a one day workshop at the CASLE regional Conference in February 2010. This will provide an opportunity to engage with West Africa Regional surveyors with the expectation that the output will inform the foundation questions for the planned task force workshop

3. Task Force Workshop 2010: In collaboration with the Institution of Kenyan Surveyors, a workshop is planned for the fourth quarter of the year 2010.

The Kenyan local organising committee (LOC) has been formed with preparations well underway to agree the workshop logistics. The dates and venue will be announced at Congress during the week proceedings.

The task force welcomes engagement with all interested delegates during the course of the congress week, and the Chair will also be participating in the special technical session on Africa scheduled for Thursday.

All queries, interest and input should be forwarded to the Chair, Dr Diane Dumashie (ddd@dumashie.co.uk) or the FIG office.

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