



In 2019 FIG Council established a Task Force that will focus on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals. This Task Force is chaired by Ms. Paula Dijkstra from the Netherlands. The Task Force has organised a special session in the technical programme at the Congress. Over the past six months the Task Force has published a news item each month with focus on a commission or network chair and their approach to the SDG's. With this work done, and still more areas to focus on in regard to FIG and the SDG's the Task Force recommends that the Task Force will continue during the next term. The Chair of the Task Force will be ready during general assembly session 1 to respond to questions and comments from the delegates. A summary of the activities and achievements of the Task Force can be found below.

Report General Assembly Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals

By Paula Dijkstra

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides us the road towards a sustainable world. We are now in the decade of action. There is a sense of urgency. We are the generation to end extreme poverty and to address climate change, injustice and gender inequality. We all have to take action, individually, collectively, locally and globally.

Also FIG has a responsibility towards the SDGs. At the General Assembly, during the FIG Working Week in Hanoi, the council established the Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals. The developments in the past years related to health, climate change, conflict, migration show the need to transform our world into a more sustainable environment. The pressure on land and sea is urgent and requires faster and at the same time sustainable solutions by national and local governments and for citizens and society.

Within FIG members and delegates are motivated to push boundaries and to address the challenges to make our world a better place. The FIG Task Force support FIG in it's responsibility to:

- Raise awareness on the relevance of the SDGs and the indicators for the FIG, the commissions and the delegates
- Contribute to the achievement of the SDGs
- Facilitate discussions to deliver (meta) data enabling SDG-related performance to be measured

The aim of the Task Force

Since the establishment of the Task Force the following results have been achieved:

- Identified the relevant SDGs for FIG and its commissions
- Raise awareness of the importance of the SDGs for FIG, the commissions and Member Associations during events
- Inform & Inspire FIG Community on SDGs on FIG website and FIG Communication channels
- Alignment with other global initiatives with UNGGIM and GLTN

Activities of the Task Force 2019 - 2022

In the last 3 years several activities were executed by the Task Force. Due to the impact of the pandemic, the character of the activities changed. As well as the impact.

Ensured that SDGs were included as (sub) themes for the FIG Working Week

For both the FIG Working Week in 2020 as the FIG e-Working week the SDG's were one of the subthemes. By doing so the SDG's were one of the 3 read threads throughout the event.

- Each subtheme was linked to a dedicated Conference day
- Keynote sessions were linked to one of the subthemes
- Each commission meeting was linked to one of the subthemes
- Red thread in the communication before, during and after the events

The focus on the SDG's contributed to increased awareness among the participants about the role of FIG and themselves towards the SDG's.

Identification of relevant SDGs for FIG and its commissions

An overview is prepared by the Task Force on FIG and the SDGs together with the commission chairs, to identify the relevant SDGs for each FIG commission

SDG & FIG Commission overview

The table below highlights how and which SDG's the individual Commission is involved with. To know more about their work, click on the icons.

 In cases where the FIG Commission can play a role in creating awareness and contribute to achieving the SDG's, this icon is present.

 In cases where the FIG Commission can play a role in measuring the Indicator, this icon is present.

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1 NO POVERTY							 								
2 ZERO HUNGER			 				 	 							
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING															
4 QUALITY EDUCATION															
5 GENDER EQUALITY							 								
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION															
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY															
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH															
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE															
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES															
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES			 				 	 							
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION															
13 CLIMATE ACTION															
14 LIFE BELOW WATER			 	 											
15 LIFE ON LAND			 				 								
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS															
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS															

<https://www.fig.net/organisation/tf/sdg/sdgsandthecommissions.asp>

Webpage

Within the FIG Community a lot is being achieved and developed in relation to the SDGs. Role of FIG to give the FIG community access to the latest updates, relevant publications and information about the work of the FIG members and the FIG partners on the SDGs. Taking the above in account, resulted in the decision to prepare a special section of the FIG Website for a 'virtual publication' with regular updates on the SDG's for and from the FIG Community.

On this page the FIG community can find information about the relevant SDGs:

- Relevance of the SDGs for the FIG community
- How the SDGs and the work of commissions are connected, including inspiring articles from each commission and network.
- Overview of papers and contributions during FIG events (not published yet)
- Overview of relevant partners and stakeholders, specifically on the SDGs (under construction)
- Links to relevant publications from FIG members (not published yet)

The SDG's have become a structural element in the FIG newsletter attracting the attention of the readers to the SDG's.

<https://www.fig.net/organisation/tf/sdg/index.asp>

Article series

To inspire and inform the FIG community each commission and network chair has delivered an article that describes their connection with the SDG's and how they have incorporated this in their

year plan and daily work as chair. Also FIG Member Associations have been approached and provided recommendations and best practises. Each month a new article is published.

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Request for continuation

With this work done, and still more areas to focus on in regard to FIG and the SDG's the Task Force recommends that the Task Force will continue during the next term.

Due to the pandemic the Task Force has not been able to be as impactful as anticipated. The Task Force missed the momentum to build up a stable base of volunteers to contribute on a structural level to the work of the Task Force.

Also the global sense of urgency and the pressure on land have showed an increase of the relevance of surveying and geo-information towards the achievement of the SDG's. Providing leadership as FIG on the SDGs will be of great added value for the Member Associations. FIG has the capacity to provide the platform to inform, discuss, exchange and act towards a more sustainable world and to ensure that our community meets the needs of the markets and communities that we serve. The Task Force can and is willing to provide the support to the council and GA.

Therefore the Task Force asks the support of the council to continue to work of the FIG Task Force on FIG and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The focal points for continuation are:

- Provide Leadership on the importance of SDGs towards FIG Community
- Continue to raise awareness on the relevance of the SDGs and the indicators for FIG, the commissions and the delegates
- Contribute to the achievement of the SDG's
- Sustainability of the work of the Task Force
- Extension of the members of the Task Force on FIG and the SDG's