

FIG Young Surveyors Network Work Plan

2023 - 2026



FIG Young Surveyor Network

Who We Are

The FIG Young Surveyors Network (YSN) is a global platform for surveyors aged 35 or under, and young professionals within 10 years of graduation. We strive to amplify the voice of young professionals in the geospatial industry and create a bridge between generations of surveyors.

Who is a Young Surveyor?

To participate as a Young Surveyor at FIG and other affiliated events, you must be within the definition of a young surveyor or young surveying professional.

Young Surveyors (YS):

Surveyors aged 35 years or under, or students of surveying and all related studies.

Young Surveying Professional (YSP):

Young Professionals of surveying and all related studies within 10 years of graduation from a Bachelor or Masters degree.



Our Vision

Vision Statement

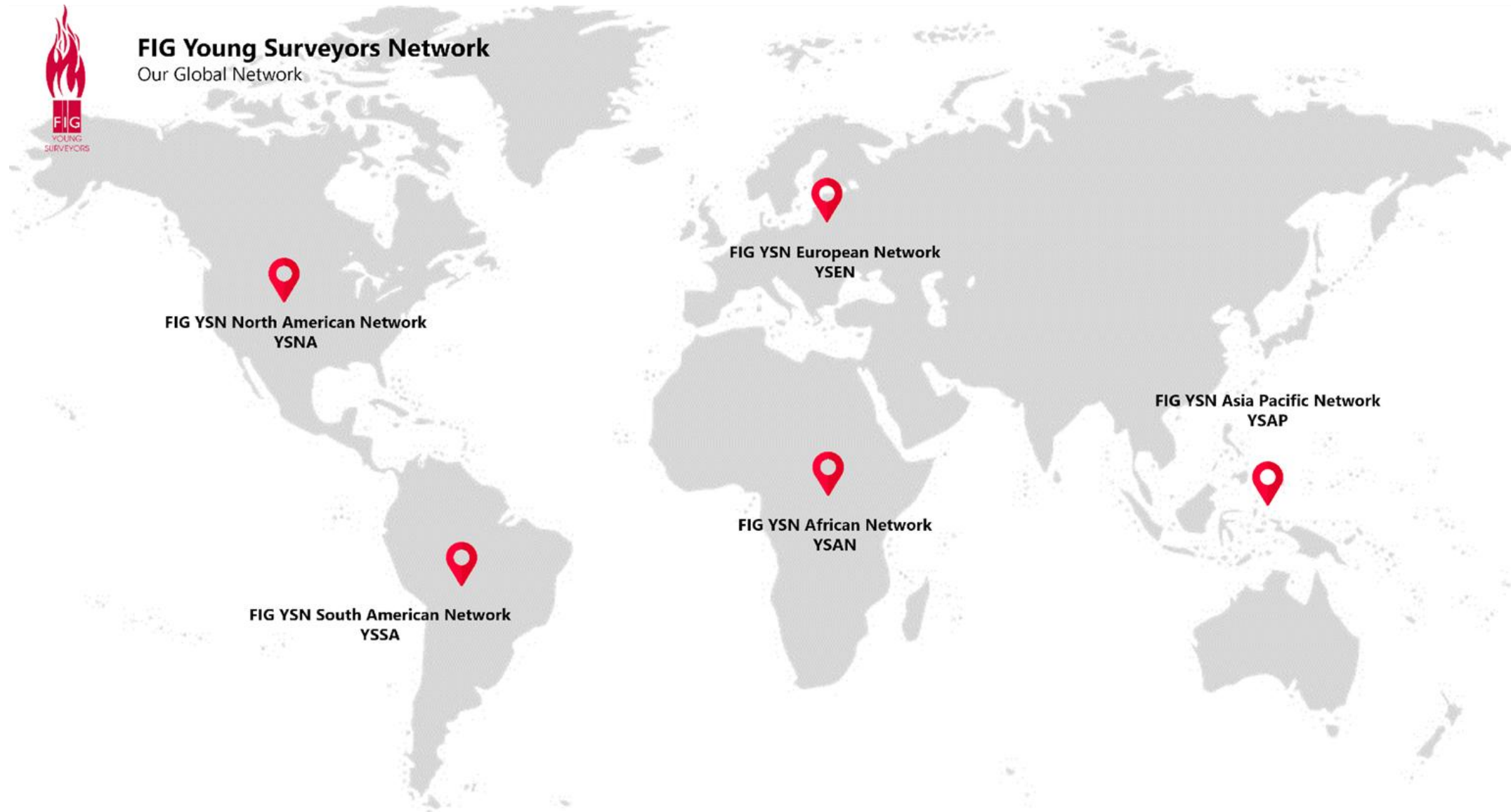
To inspire, empower, and connect the next generation of surveying professionals, shaping a sustainable, inclusive, and innovative future for the profession.

Strategic Objectives (2023–2026)

- Enhance participation of young professionals in FIG and affiliate platforms
- Strengthen regional networks and global representation
- Advance intergenerational dialogue and mentorship
- Build a sustainable and structured leadership pipeline
- Develop a clear transition pathway for young surveyors to grow into mid-career professionals within FIG, fostering continuity, institutional knowledge, and long-term engagement



FIG YSN Regional Networks



Our Initiatives

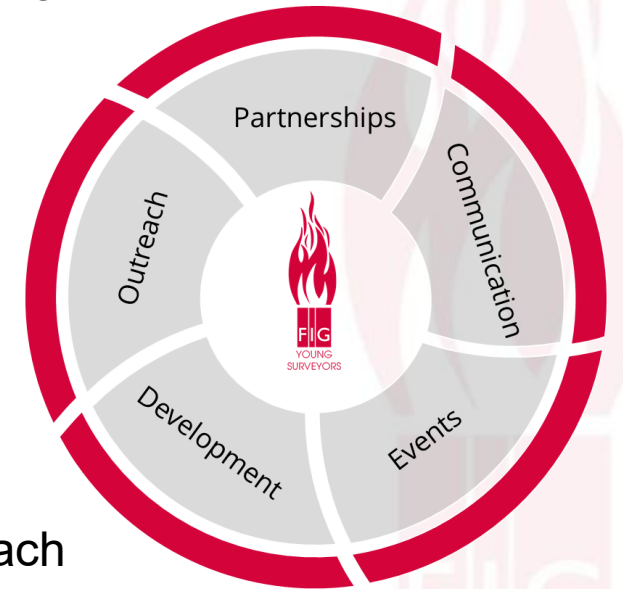
Since its inception, the FIG Young Surveyors Network has worked through five key pillars to drive engagement, impact, and professional growth.

These pillars:

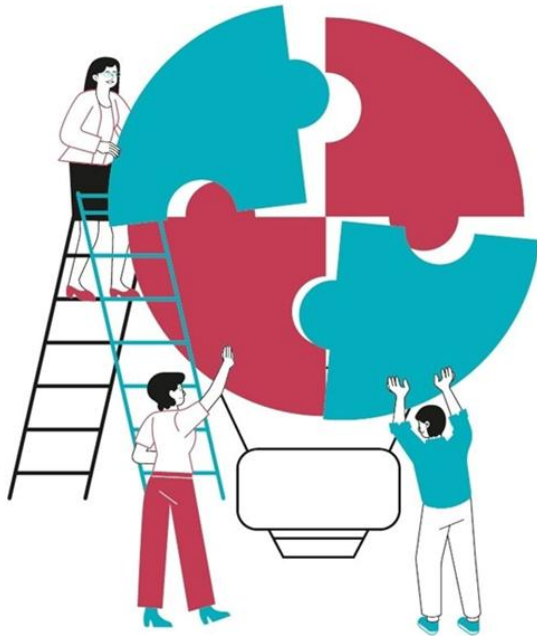
- **Communication,**
- **Events,**
- **Development,**
- **Outreach, and**
- **Partnerships**

will remain central to our work through **2023–2026**.

We will continue with this structure while expanding programs under each initiative to meet the evolving needs of young surveyors globally.



Partnerships



Building bridges that expand our impact:

- Strengthen collaboration with FIG Commissions, Task Forces and Council Initiatives
- Continue working with industry partners to support events and innovation
- Collaborate with youth focused non-profits, geospatial organizations and global institutions for real-world global impact.
- Work with the FIG Foundation to support the inclusion, participation and professional development of young surveyors especially from underrepresented regions.

Communication

Creating a unified and accessible global voice:

- Establish a dedicated YSN communication team to manage both internal and external communication—ensuring consistent messaging, regional coordination, and real-time updates
- Facilitate regular coordination calls and capacity-building workshops for regional communications reps
- Work with national and regional young surveyor representatives to translate key YSN communications into local languages, enhancing accessibility, inclusion, and reach
- Launch regional YSN social media pages and channels to communicate region-specific opportunities, events, and updates, while fostering closer engagement among local young surveyors
- Explore partnerships with student media, university newsletters, and youth-focused publications for extended visibility



Events

Bringing young surveyors together locally and globally

Global:

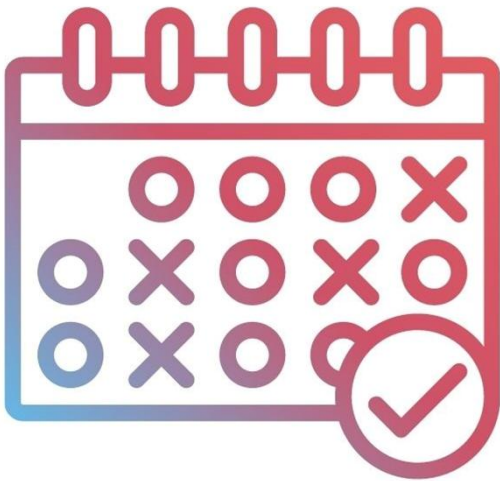
- Annual FIG YSN Conferences
- Technical sessions with FIG Commissions and Task Forces during FIG Working Weeks and Congress

Regional:

- African, European, Asia-Pacific, Americas regional meetings
- Joint events with member associations and other regional bodies

New Formats:

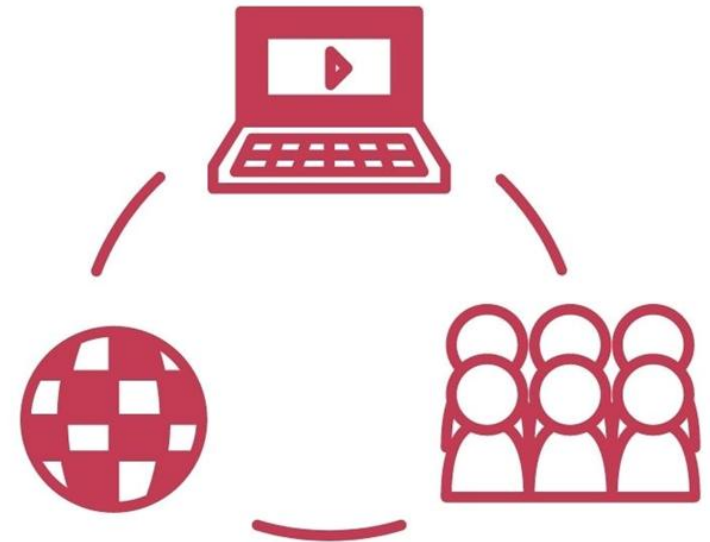
- Hybrid capacity-building workshops
- Collaboration with other youth-led groups (e.g. CLGE YSN, YILAA) to co-host forums, workshops, and social events that foster inter-professional dialogue and cross-sector innovation



Development

Investing in personal and professional growth of young surveyors:

- Scale the FIG Mentoring Program—piloted in Africa—to reach other YSN regions
- Introduce Leadership Transition Pathways to support young surveyors moving into mid-career roles within FIG and beyond.
- Promote targeted technical trainings in latest technologies, delivered via bootcamps, webinars, and peer-to-peer learning



Outreach



Serving communities and advocating for the profession

- Scaling the Volunteer Community Surveyor Program (VCSP)
- Strengthening collaborations with groups working on campaigns on climate resilience, land rights, and urban mapping

What's Next?

Timeline Highlights:

2023–2024:

- 8th FIG Young Surveyors Conference – *Accra, Ghana*
- 7th FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting – *Bucharest, Romania*
- 5th FIG Young Surveyors Asia & the Pacific Meeting – *Nepal*
- Continued mentoring program expansion and communication revamp

2025:

- 9th FIG Young Surveyors Conference – *Brisbane, Australia*
- 3rd FIG Young Surveyors Americas Meeting – *Minneapolis, USA*
- 4th FIG Young Surveyors African Meeting – *Mombasa, Kenya*

2026:

- 10th FIG Young Surveyors Conference – *Cape Town, South Africa*
- Publish the **20th Anniversary Impact Report**
- Complete succession for the next YSN leadership cycle



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