

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME**  
**(UN-HABITAT)**  
**and**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS**  
**(FIG)**

**WHEREAS** the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) (hereinafter referred to as "UN-HABITAT"), established by the General Assembly of the United Nations by its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and having its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, is the coordinating agency within the United Nations system for human settlements activities and focal point for the monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the Habitat Agenda as well as the task manager of the Human Settlements Chapter of Agenda 21 and is responsible for promoting and consolidating collaboration with all partners, including central and local government authorities and private and non-governmental organisations in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

**WHEREAS** the International Federation of Surveyors (hereinafter referred to as (FIG) is a professional organisation, promoting sustainable land development in particular and sustainable development in General.

**WHEREAS** UN-HABITAT and FIG have mutual interest in promoting sustainable human settlements development and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and have collaborated in the past in several activities and projects to this effect (see Annex 1) in the context of previous Memorandum of Understanding between them;

**WHEREAS** UN-HABITAT and FIG have on the basis of their respective interests and mandates, a common aim in ensuring adequate shelter for All and sustainable human settlements development in an Urbanizing world;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on the basis and spirit of mutual cooperation, UN-HABITAT and FIG hereby extend their Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article I**  
**Objective and Scope of this memorandum of Understanding**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is for FIG and UN-HABITAT to cooperate and collaborate in programmes and projects and other activities in the promotion of the implementation of various aspects of the Habitat Agenda including:

- ◆ Promoting the Global Campaigns on Security of Tenure and Good Urban Governance.
- ◆ Capacity-Building, Training and networking activities in land administration at global, regional and country levels.
- ◆ Monitoring, evaluation and assessment of the implementation of relevant aspects of the Habitat Agenda.
- ◆ Development of Housing Finance Systems and models for developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
- ◆ Promoting Urban-Rural development linkages and inter-relationships.
- ◆ Collaborating and supporting other global events organised by either of the partners.
- ◆ Any other activity/project mutually agreed on.

**Article II**  
**Duration of the Memorandum of Understanding**

The terms of this memorandum of Understanding shall commence upon signature of this Memorandum of Understanding by both parties and continue for a four (4) year period.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall automatically terminate at the end of the term if the parties have not agreed otherwise before the end of term.

**Article III**  
**General Responsibilities of the Parties**

1. The parties agree to join efforts in implementing any mutually agreed activities in implementation of the Habitat Agenda and to maintain close consultative working relationships in order to achieve the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The parties to contribute financially, materially and professionally to the best of their abilities towards implementation of mutually agreed activities

**Article IV**  
**Termination**

1. Either party shall have the right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding within thirty (30) days of a written notice to the other party to this effect, if the other party is unable, unwilling or otherwise impeded to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under the present Memorandum of Understanding which would seriously endanger the achievement of the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding or the relevant project, provided that consultations with a view to eliminating the impediment were unsuccessfully held.
2. Upon receipt of a notice of termination, in accordance with paragraph 1 above, the parties shall take immediate steps to terminate their activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, in a prompt and orderly manner so as to minimize losses and further expenditures.

**Article V**  
**Amendments and Assignments**

This Memorandum of Understanding or its annex may be modified or amended only by written agreement between the parties.

**Article VI**  
**Notices**

Any notice required to be given by either party under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be given in writing in the English language, and shall be deemed given when actually received by the other party, and shall be conveyed via first class mail postage prepaid or via private courier.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies, each in the English language at the place and on the day below written.

For FIG

For UN-HABITAT

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Rober W. Foster  
Title: President of FIG

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka  
Title: Executive Director, UN-HABITAT

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Background: Activities implemented in 2000-2002

1. FIG is a founding member of the Habitat Professionals Forum that was established in 1999 during the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN-HABITAT Commission Human Settlements. Markku Villikka, Director, FIG office has been a member of the Steering Committee since the first Forum meeting in Nairobi in May 1999. The aim of this Forum is to collect professionals and to increase co-operation between different professions to implement the Habitat Agenda. At the Steering Committee meeting in March 2000 the Forum decided to participate in the preparatory meetings of the Special Session of the UN General Assembly for an Overall Review and Appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda ISTANBUL+5 in June 2001 in NewYork.
2. As part of the preparations for ISTANBUL+5, FIG was invited to and participated in the First Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee for ISTANBUL+5 in Nairobi, May 2000 and further to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Substantive Session in Nairobi February 2001. At both Sessions FIG representative Markku Villikka, Director, FIG office also represented the Habitat Professionals Forum.
3. Dr. Sylvie Lacroux participated in the FIG annual working week in Prague, May 2000 making two presentations: “Challenges in Rebuilding a New Land Administration System in Post-Conflict Countries” at the plenary session and a paper on “CSD-Women – Position Paper on Land Management” by Diana Lee-Smith, Catalina Trujillo and Sylvie Lacroux at the session of the Task force on under-represented groups in surveying.
4. Director, FIG office represented FIG and made a report as a member of the Habitat Professionals Forum at a special dialogue during the Global Conference Urban 21 in Berlin in July 2000. FIG was further represented at the International Conference on the Future and Development of Rural Areas Rural 21 in Potsdam, Germany preceding Urban 21 in June 2000.
5. FIG was invited and participated in the Expert Group meeting in Västerås Sweden, November 2000 to prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Committee for Istanbul + 5 and the Special Session itself. The main topics were the overall review of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and preparation of the Draft Declaration on “Cities and other Human Settlements in the new Millennium”.
6. Director, FIG office and Mr Martin M Baya, Honorary Secretary of the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) attended as FIG representatives the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Human Settlements, 12–16 February 2001 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the UN General Assembly ISTANBUL+5, 19–23 February 2001 at the UN headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.
7. Mr. Jan Meeuwissen from the UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (Fukuoka) participated in the FIG working week in Seoul giving a presentation on “Re-establishing Land Administration in East Timor”.
8. Mr. Robert Foster, President of FIG, Prof. Holger Magel, President Elect of FIG and Director, FIG office participated in the Special Session of the UN General Assembly for

an Overall Review and Appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda ISTANBUL+5 in New York 6–8 June 2001. Prof. Magel made the keynote presentation “Access to Land and Security of Tenure as a Condition for Sustainable Development” at the dialogue on security of tenure which was one of the three dialogues organised by the Habitat Professionals Forum during the Special Session.

9. FIG organised together with UN-HABITAT and the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) an International Conference on Spatial Information for Sustainable Development in Nairobi 2–5 October 2001. The arrangements were sponsored by UN-HABITAT which provided technical facilities and supported the conference with the arrangements. Mr. Daniel Biau, Ag. Deputy Executive Director of UN-HABITAT made the welcome address on behalf of Dr Anna Tibaijuka. The other keynote presentation was given by his Excellency Mr. Daniel arap Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya. The technical programme included more than 100 presentations in more than 30 sessions. Among the speakers were several representatives of UN-HABITAT. The total number of participants exceeded almost to 500. During the Conference a roundtable for the African countries, UN agencies and FIG Commissions was organised to discuss further activities in Africa. Mr. Biau, Dr. Don Okpala, who was the focal point for FIG met with Prof. Magel, Mr. Jes Ryttersgaard, Chair of FIG Commission 3 and the principal organiser of the conference and Director, FIG office to discuss further co-operation and extension of the MoU for 2003–2006.
10. Prof. Ian Williamson, Director, FIG-UN Liaison represented FIG at the International Seminar on Securing Land for the Urban Poor in conjunction to the Habitat Day in Fukuoka, Japan October 2001 giving a keynote presentation “Adequate Shelter for All – The Other Side of the Coin”.
11. FIG Commission 3 Working Group 3 has been for several years working with the Best Practices for “Spatial information and knowledge management for decision support in Urban Management” to be included in the UN-HABITAT best practice database. Robin McLaren, Chair of the Working Group attended the UN-HABITAT Expert Group Meeting on Urban Policies & Enabling Legislation in Brazil, November 2001.
12. Dr. Anna Tibaijuka will make a keynote address at the opening ceremony of the FIG 2002 Congress in Washington, 22 April 2002.
13. Director, FIG office will participate the First Urban Forum in Nairobi, Kenya, 29 April – 3 May 2002. FIG has also been invited to nominate a representative to the Advisory Board of the Urban Forum.
14. FIG will participate in the Johannesburg Summit in August – September 2002 and looking for active involvement to the topics related to security of tenure, land management and geographic information management.
15. FIG together with the World Bank, the United Nations and PC IDEA will organise an Inter-regional symposium on Building Land Information Policies in Aguascalientes, Mexico, 7-10 October 2002. UN, FIG PC IDEA Inter-regional Workshop.

16. FIG has prepared and published in 2000–2002 following publications that are of interest of UN-HABITAT:

- FIG Agenda 21, FIG publication no 23
- Women's Access to Land – FIG Guidelines. Principles for Equitable Gender Inclusion in Land Administration: Background report and guidelines. FIG Publication no 24
- The Nairobi Statement on Spatial Information for Sustainable Development. Joint UN-FIG Publication. FIG publication no 30.
- Land Information Management for Sustainable Development of Cities – Best Practice Guidelines in City-wide Land Information Management. Joint FIG-UN-HABITAT publication. FIG publication no 31.

FIG has assisting in finding international experts to land administration projects in post-conflicts areas like Kosovo and East Timor.