

Africa Task Force

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African Surveying Profession



ATF Mandate:

- **Purpose**
 - Social responsibility to contribute to the MDG's
 - Surveyors as Change Agents
- **Focus**
 - Build capacity, to best contribute to meet challenges of:
 - poverty alleviation,
 - economic growth and
 - environmental sustainability

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Overview



Update:

1. Workshops East,
South, And

2. West

3. Next steps

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1. What We've Done



Tools Agreed and documented:

- Mombasa: Participatory forward planning to prevent informal settlements
- Cape Town: Tools for Recruitment
- Elmina: Environmental Foresight: Agenda for Action.....

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2. Elmina



Special thanks to Ghana Institution of Surveyors, (GhIS)
President D Kyere

The Environmental Agenda



To lessen environmental degradation in relation to our work in all aspects of and natural resources?

Resources:

- Finite; To sustain & feed mankind

Climate:

- Impact; Drought and floods etc

People:

- Inequity; Land (grab) & water

What we did



- Our task was to explore the future...
- This means scanning the horizon...
- To see if the dynamics that have brought us where we are over the last 20 years will remain valid for the next 20 years

...Strategic Foresight

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Futures: A way of Thinking and Preparing

It is strategic foresight and thinking that:

- Explores what might happen in the future and identifying strategic actions today to prepare **prospective** futures
- Helps to detect what is **possible**, but importantly to recognise what is **desirable**
- Is not clouded by immediate problems and concerns, and often facilitates **innovative** new ideas/ novel solutions
- Uses **Scenario techniques** that are compelling pictures of alternative possible futures

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Our Focus

- What vision and actions could help land professionals
 - achieve their potential and
 - secure a strong message and role
- to lessen environmental degradation in relation to our work in all aspects of and natural resources?

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Environment Foresight 2030




Environmental Drivers

- **Global warming;** Climate Change
- **Natural Resource Security;** food, water,
- **Minerals** resources and mining
- **Rural/ urban** migration and city growth
- **Biodiversity;** landscape and nature protection
- **Infrastructure** routes, transport hubs and airports

Scenario Planning.....

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Scenario Planning

- Rapid Appraisal Scenario Planning
- Uses **Scenario techniques** that are compelling pictures of alternative possible futures



NATURAL RESOURCE SECURITY: FOOD & WATER



Environmental Foresight 2030: An Agenda for Action



PART 1: An AGENDA FOR ACTION

- Land professionals
- Member Associations

PART 2: STRATEGIC FORSIGHT

PART 3. RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCENARIOS

PART 4: WHAT THIS MEANS

- For our Profession



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2013 Roundtable

- When: **Tuesday @ 14.30 (Niger Hall)**
- What: Reflect on Elmina Foresight 2013 Scenarios & Actin Agenda
- Why: To finalise Content & to circulate to African members associations (hard copy and download from web)
- Who others: Our continuing Societal collaboration & contribution



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3. What We Have Done



- Workshop – 140 attendees over 3 workshops x 2 days
- Representation from West, East and Southern Africa (9 Nations)
- Documented: Briefing, PPT, Ideas, Tool drafting, Proceedings, Review & Design, Engagement, and
- Tools launched at Roundtable during WW

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Delivering for Sub Saharan Africa

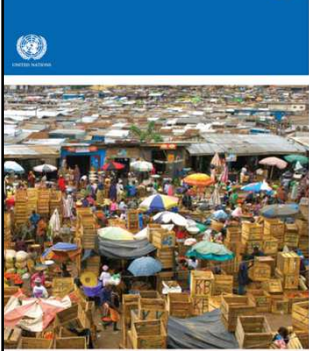
It is all about, African Workshop themes:

- 2010: Peri- Urban Development, Kenya, Round table, WW Marrakech
- 2011: Resilience Women & Young Surveyors, Round table, Rome
- 2012: Environmental Agenda
Round table, WW Abuja
- 2013: Pulling together recommendations, Congress, Malaysia, & FIG Publication

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Looking Forward- 2013/14

The Millennium Development Goals Report
2011



.....*Common denominator:*

- Societal change, Community engagement and Need for
- The African land professional to bridge the gap between Grassroots and local government and policy makers
- ATF Mandate...the MDG's
- 2015, to evolve to the SDG's!

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Imagine

**A profession that provides global thought leadership,
and
promotes professional leadership qualities amongst its members**



- 2013 Workshop focus: Societal collaboration & communication? £?
- 2014 Close & FIG Publication

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Thank You to Your Continuing Input

Members Associations and Individuals:

- Core Hosts & teams - annual rotation
- Contribution - at workshop in Africa
- Contribution - as discussants at round tables during working weeks
- Continuing - Member Association email discussions

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