

# Bilan de l'atelier de la Commission 7 sur l'administration des terres et le développement durable

## Report on Commission 7 workshop on land administration for sustainable development

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# Background

- The need for land administration, cadastral systems, and good governance has increased
- The World Bank, FAO, UN-Habitat and FIG have helped to promote the importance of this type of sustainable development infrastructure and they have endorsed the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

# UN Millenium Development Goal

- Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty
- Achieve Universal Primary Education
- Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
- Reduce Child Mortality
- Improve Maternal Health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- **Develop a Global Partnership for Development**

# Background

- FIG has set its work plan 2006-2010 which is directly linked to the UN Millennium Development Goals, namely the 8<sup>th</sup> goal:
  - Develop a Global Partnership for Development.

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- The international geocommunity should define its role in achieving the MDG and spell out the areas where they can make a significant contribution.

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- Issues such as tenure security, pro-poor land management, and good governance in land administration are all key issues to be advocated in the process of reaching the goals.

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- Measures such as capacity assessment, institutional development and human resource development, North-South cooperation and partnerships are all key tools.

# Workshop objectives

Propose concrete actions to contribute reaching the 8<sup>th</sup> UN Millenium development goal :

- Develop a global partnership for development

# The Quebec Workshop on Land Administration

- The Workshop was organized by FIG Commission 7 together with the Fédération des géomètres francophones
- The workshop was held yesterday
  - 50 participants from 20 countries

# Programme for the workshop

- International organisations: UN Habitat, World Bank and FIG
- Observations:
  - Common view on the challenging problems
  - Land registration is complicated
  - Need for institutional reforms/good governance
  - Need for qualified people
  - Land registration not technical – its for people

# Programme for the workshop

- Land administration experiences: Sri Lanka, Cameroun, Morocco and Peru
- Observations:
  - Land surveyors have an important role in reconstruction after natural disasters
  - There is an urgent need for cadastral reforms and training programs
  - Difficult to deal with national disasters without Spatial data infrastructure, without cadastre
  - Land surveyors have to cooperate with other professionals

# Programme for the workshop

Working sessions: 4 groups working on the question: How can the international geocommunity help developing a global partnership for development:

1. to improve secure land tenure?
2. to better respond to the need for reconstruction and resettlement after a natural disaster?
3. to develop capacity building?

# Programme for the workshop

## **Observations - to improve secure land tenure?:**

- Land registration problems common among delegates
- Geocommunity has to learn to communicate with politicians explaining social and economic benefits
- National awareness and education programs needed
- Different systems/laws to apply for customary and formal rights
- Land rights have to be public (Transparent systems)

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## **Observations - to better respond to the need for reconstruction and resettlement after a natural disaster?:**

- Need for emergency plans – use SDI
- Land surveyors can assist with spatial planning and other technical and legal issues
- Assist establishing refugee camps
- Good standards for archives which are easy retrievable
- Satellites images for mapping purposes

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## **Observations - to develop capacity building?:**

- Voluntarily land surveyors/student co-operations to assist in capacity building (north/south) – geocommunity to convince government
- Land surveyors has the right qualifications to train politicians in good governance
- Improve geocommunity organisations in developing countries

# The way ahead

- Presentations to be published – on GeoConference Quebec 2007 and FIG website ([www.commission7.net](http://www.commission7.net))
- Complete minutes of the workshop and make a synopsis
- Starting point for FIG working group 7.2 next 4 years term – participants will all be included in the network

Thank You

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