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Column

Development through Partnerships

Partnership is the gateway to the future.

This statement is based on my experiences as the President of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and my participation in international co-operation initiatives with different partners over many years.

Partnership in this regard should not be understood only as public-private partnership, but also partnerships between the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organisations. A final partnership concerns the interaction between surveying practice and the vendors providing technology development through hardware and software products.

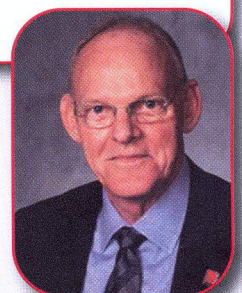
This was well demonstrated during the latest FIG Working Week held in Stockholm, Sweden, June 14-19, 2008. The theme of the conference was "Integrating Generations" and the program included a fully-integrated seminar with UN-HABITAT on Slum Upgrading through Innovative Finance Mechanisms. In addition, there was a special forum for the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of the various national cadastral and mapping agencies.

Partnership with UN agencies has been developed by FIG over the last two decades or more. It has proved to be vital in any sense and especially in terms of contributing to the global agenda, such as achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This partnership is a driving engine and should enable a better understanding of the everyday work of the surveying profession in contributing to the MDGs.

Partnership between FIG and the various national cadastral and mapping agencies has a much longer history. However, there is still room for improvement to allow a better opportunity for interaction between public agencies and private practice. Such an opportunity should also enable CEOs to have a special forum at the FIG annual conferences. This was offered for the first time at the FIG Working Week in Stockholm and was very positively received.

Partnership between surveying practice and the vendors of hardware and software is an important development opportunity. Much technology development is driven by the market and the contributions of the vendors which are of great importance to the role of the whole geospatial industry. Partnership with the vendors is an ongoing process, paving the way towards future development.

Yes, partnership is the gateway to the future – it provides a win-win opportunity for all stakeholders to achieve their primary goals. This is something that professional organizations like FIG should consider seriously in the coming years.



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