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The Future We Want – The SDGs and Beyond



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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear colleagues, friends, and participants

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to FIG Congress 2026 in Cape Town, where an inspiring programme awaits you. This year's Congress brings our global community together for the XLIX/49th General Assembly, complemented by a rich conference with insightful technical sessions, and a wide range of side meetings that reflect the breadth and depth of our profession.

FIG Congress 2026 is jointly hosted by FIG, the South African Geomatics Institute (SAGI) and the South African Geomatics Council (SAGC). As the flagship event of the 2023–2026 FIG term, it carries particular significance. Our theme, *“The Future We Want: The SDGs and Beyond,”* underscores our collective commitment to shaping a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future for all.

The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development remains universal, transformative, and grounded in human rights. It is an ambitious plan of action—one that has profoundly influenced FIG's strategic direction throughout this term. It has encouraged our community to think creatively and critically rethink the established approaches, and to reimagine how we address today's development challenges. Across the globe, FIG members have embraced this call, contributing innovation, leadership, and practical action to advance the SDG agenda.

The timing of this Congress provides an ideal platform to showcase FIG's fouryear vision: a profession that not only delivers services sustainably but also actively supports the global climate and development agenda. Embedding climate resilience training into our professional systems is central to this mission. By equipping surveyors with the skills and knowledge needed to support people, economies, and the environment, we strengthen our capacity to act decisively in the face of global changes.

Our Congress call to action is *‘to act with urgency, unity, and unwavering resolve.’* This aligns with the final thrust of the FIG Work Plan: *to act in partnership, recognising that no single profession can meet these challenges alone.* Collaboration remains our greatest strength.

I am confident that this Congress will exceed expectations, both professionally and socially. Our thoughtleadership plenaries will offer inspiration and insight, demonstrating how our profession can remain relevant, integrated, and impactful while upholding the enduring values of the survey and geospatial professionals operating across the land, built, and natural environments.

The technical programme is extensive, featuring sessions and workshops across all ten FIG Commissions, as well as the work of our Task Forces. The FIG

Task Force on Agenda 2030 and the FIG Task Force on Climate have played a pivotal role in engaging with Commission to ensure alignment with global priorities. Special FIG sessions delivered in partnership with the World Bank, UN-GGIM (United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), GLTN (Global Land Tool Network, UN-Habitat), and our sponsors further enrich the programme, while three dedicated preevents offer opportunities to explore key topics in greater depth and the Young Surveyors 2-day programme will be a collaboration with Youth in Land in Africa (YILAA) an impactful NGO.

Knowledge sharing is at the heart of FIG, yet we must be future looking. The underlying aims of the SDGs will not end in 2030, nor do global challenges pause at that milestone. Notwithstanding that In the African context, Agenda 2063 provides an extended horizon for action. Our profession must remain steadfast, acting now where we can, while also looking beyond current goals to ensure longterm resilience in our work, our institutions, and our global impact.

I extend my sincere thanks to all participants joining us from near and far. I am especially grateful for the dedication of our local organisers, FIG Council and Office, Commissions, Task Forces, Networks, corporate sponsors, exhibitors, partners, and our valued FIG member associations. Your commitment makes this Congress possible.

Our South African organisers have done their best to organise a memorable and excellent event. Cape Town offers a remarkable setting for our gathering; vibrant, welcoming, and rich in natural beauty. With the iconic Table Mountain as a backdrop and the V&A Waterfront nearby and surrounded by the cape winelands of the western cape. The city provides an exceptional environment for both professional engagement and personal enjoyment.

On behalf of FIG Council and the FIG Office, I warmly welcome each of you, especially our newcomers and young surveyors to our global FIG family gathering. I wish you a productive, inspiring, and memorable FIG Congress 2026.

Diane A. Dumashie
FIG President



On behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), it is my great honour and privilege to welcome you to the FIG Congress 2026, hosted in the beautiful city of Cape Town, South Africa.

We are deeply honoured that the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) has entrusted South Africa with the responsibility of hosting this prestigious global gathering. Your presence here – representing nations, disciplines, institutions, and generations – reflects the enduring strength of our profession and the shared commitment to advancing surveying, geomatics, land administration, and spatial sciences in service of society.

FIG Congress 2026 takes place at a pivotal moment for our world. Rapid urbanisation, climate change, technological transformation, and growing demands for inclusive development place increased responsibility on our profession. As surveyors and geomatics professionals, we are uniquely positioned at the intersection of land, people, technology, and governance. This Congress offers a vital platform to exchange knowledge, strengthen professional collaboration, and explore innovative solutions that respond to both global challenges and local realities.

Cape Town provides a fitting backdrop for these conversations. It is a city shaped by its landscapes, history, diversity, and resilience – qualities that resonate strongly with the values of our profession. We trust that delegates will not only engage in rich technical and professional discourse, but also experience the warmth, culture, and hospitality of South Africa.

I extend my sincere appreciation to FIG, our partners, sponsors, volunteers, and professional bodies whose dedication has made this Congress possible.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town and to a Congress that will inspire collaboration, innovation, and leadership – today and for generations to come.

Welcome to FIG Congress 2026.

Nape Mojapelo
Chairperson, South African Geomatics Council (SAGC)
President, Local Organising Committee, FIG Congress 2026



Fellow professionals and friends from across the world,

Welcome to Cape Town and the 28th FIG Congress, an historic gathering as the first FIG Congress to be held on African soil. This moment represents far more than a conference; it marks the culmination of a remarkable journey that began with our successful bid in Istanbul in 2018. Since then, a shared vision, dedication, and collaboration across continents have brought us to this vibrant meeting point at the southern tip of Africa.

Here, we embrace the spirit of Ubuntu, a philosophy deeply rooted in African culture that celebrates our shared humanity and interconnectedness. Ubuntu reminds us that “I am because we are,” a powerful sentiment that resonates profoundly in a global community of professionals working toward common goals. It is this spirit that underpins our theme: “The Future We Want – the SDGs and Beyond.”

As you gather in Cape Town, a city rich in history, diversity, and natural beauty, we invite you to connect, collaborate, and inspire one another. This Congress offers a unique opportunity to exchange knowledge, forge lasting partnerships, and reimagine the future of our profession in a rapidly changing world.

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all delegates, partners, and friends from across the globe. May your time here be enriching, energising, and memorable. Together, guided by Ubuntu, let us shape a future that is inclusive, sustainable, and filled with possibility.

Peter Newmarch
President, South African Geomatics Institute (SAGI)



Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to Cape Town and the 28th FIG Congress.

From near and far, young and experienced, first-timers and familiar faces: you are all here because you believe in the power of the surveying profession to make a difference. This week, you are one global family, gathered under one roof, with one shared purpose.

In a world that can feel increasingly divided, that is no small thing. The voices come from every corner of the globe – different languages, different landscapes, different challenges, yet united by the conviction that what surveyors do matters, and that we are stronger together. Please use this congress to get to know our South African hosts and fellow participants. Do not be shy!

The theme, The Future We Want – The SDGs and Beyond, could not be more timely. The 2030 Agenda is not a distant ambition, it is an urgent call to action, and surveyors sit at the very heart of it. From land governance to climate resilience, from smart cities to sustainable resource management. We are pleased to be in South Africa that offers powerful stories about land, people, and resilience. Listen, learn and engage.

That leads me to my personal wish for you: do not let the inspiration end when you board your flight home. Do not return simply to normal. Return to a new normal – shaped by what you have heard, learned, and felt this week. Take the conversations from the corridors and the ideas from the sessions and turn them into action. Share them. Challenge your colleagues with them. Build on them.

The future we want will not build itself. It begins with you – here, now, and after you leave.

Enjoy every moment!

Louise Friis-Hansen
Director, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)



International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

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source management, as well as geospatial information and information management. By bringing together expertise across these domains, SAGI supports sustainable development, effective governance, and informed decision-making for the benefit of society. Website: www.sagi.co.za

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The FIG Registration desk is located on the ground floor at CTICC.

Opening hours: On Sunday 24 and Monday 25 May from 7:30am to 5:00pm, and on Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 May from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Badges and Conference Bags

Each registered delegate will receive a badge, which serves as the official pass for entry to all sessions, the exhibition, and social functions. Name tags should be worn at all times at the convention centre. Do not lose or forget your badge.

- **Delegate Pass:** Grants access to all technical sessions, the exhibition, lunches, coffee breaks with refreshments, the Welcome Reception, Opening Ceremony, and the Farewell Reception.
- **Exhibitor Pass:** Provides entry to the exhibition area, along with all lunches, coffee breaks with refreshments, the Welcome Reception, and the Opening Ceremony. No access to talks.
- **Accompanying Person Pass:** Access to Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception, and Exhibition.

Refreshment and Lunches

Coffee breaks and lunch will be served 3 places: Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom, and Roof Terrace foyer.

Welcome Reception: 2 drink vouchers per person will be issued for the Welcome Reception followed by cash bar.

Speakers' Preparation Room

Located on the 1st floor, room 1.53. Please bring your PowerPoint presentation to the staff desk for upload at least two hours before your session begins. Technicians will be available to assist you. Please have your presentation on a USB memory stick. Name your PowerPoint file with your abstract ID. Provide the session number to ensure it is sent to the correct room.

Opening hours: The Speakers' Preparation Room is open on 23–28 May from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

Accessibility

The convention centre is well-equipped for people with disabilities.

Certificates

After the conference, certificates of attendance will be emailed from the local organisers. Certificates of presentations will be emailed from the FIG Office.

Event App

Participants will receive conference information directly in the Event App. If you have technical issues with the Event App, feel free to contact the Registration Desk.

Conference Website and Technical Programme

- Conference website: fig.net/fig2026
- LOC website: fig2026.org
- Technical programme: fig.net/fig2026/technical_program.htm

The CTICC WiFi password will be provided at arrival.

No interpretation or streaming available.

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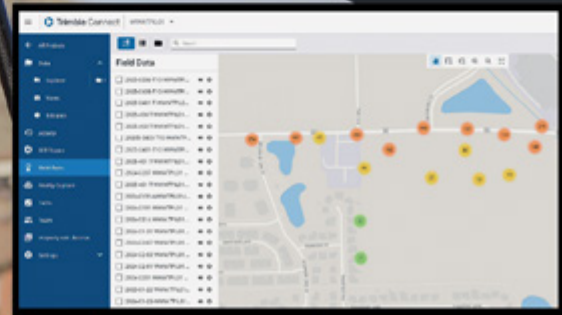


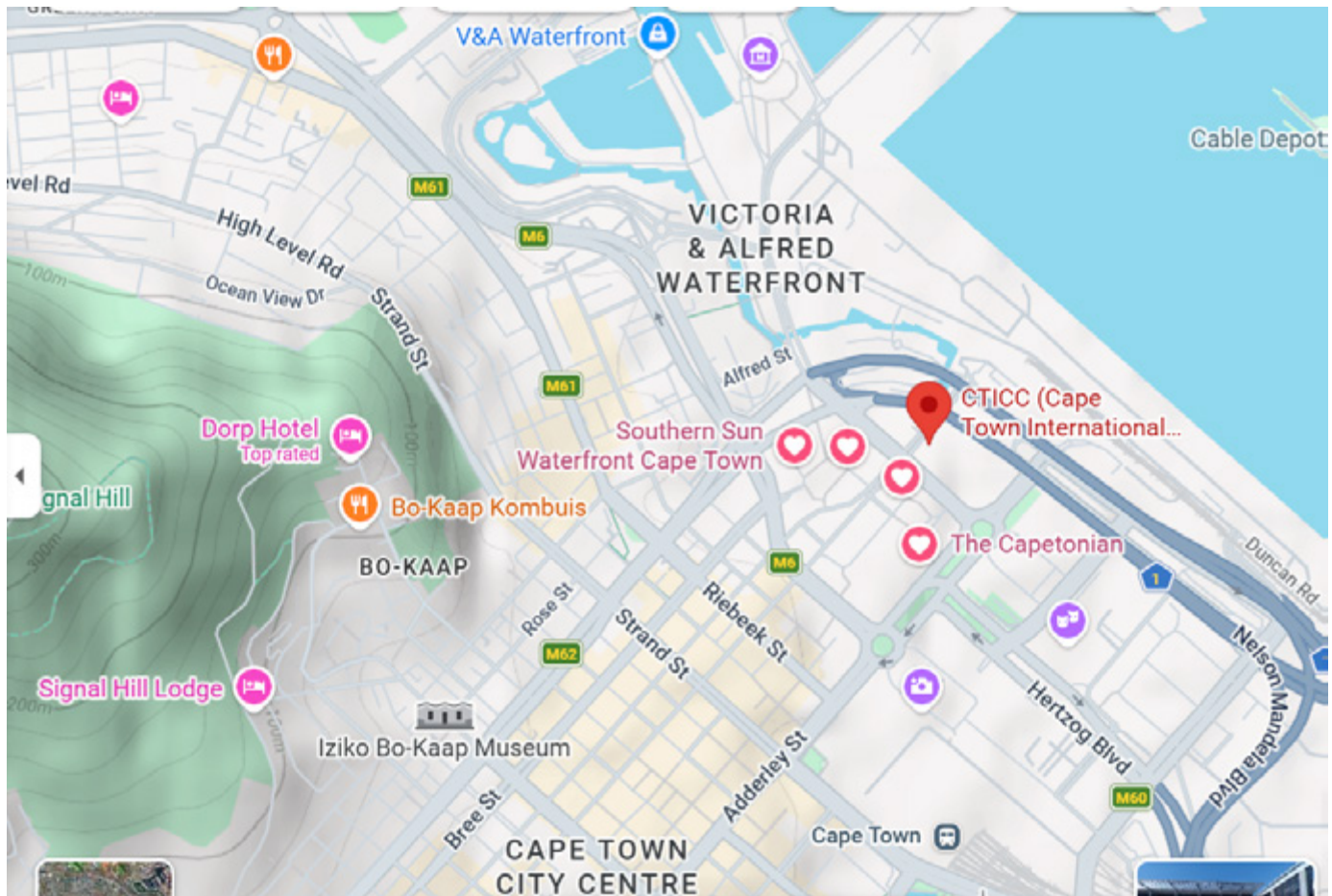


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Population: More than 6 million people call Cape Town and the Western Cape their home.

Climate: We have a year-round mild Mediterranean climate, with temperatures averaging between 15° C and 27° C.

Water: Cape Town has high water quality standards, and the tap water is treated and monitored. You can safely use it for drinking, cooking, etc. If you're travelling to rural areas outside the city, it is a good idea to check local advice, as water quality can vary. The city of Cape Town has more than sufficient water, however, you are encouraged to save water in your hotel and wherever you go in Cape Town.

Foreign exchange: All major credit cards are accepted at most establishments.

- You can only pay cash in rands (ZAR) in South Africa. It is easy to exchange at the airport, commercial banks, Rennies Travel, and American Express. These can be found in most shopping centres in Cape Town and the Western Cape. You may also find exchange facilities in some hotels.
- Banking hours are 9:00 to 15:30 on weekdays, and 8:30 to 11:00 on Saturdays (closed on Sundays and public holidays).

Bus transportation in Cape Town: The city sightseeing bus is a convenient way to see the city at your own pace as you jump on and off at your leisure. The MyCiti bus is another quick way to get around the city.

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Place
23-24 May	07:30-22:00 (Sat) 08:45-17:00 (Sun)	10th FIG Young Surveyors Conference	The Cullinan Hotel
23-24 May	09:00-17:00 (Sat) and 09:00-12:00 (Sun)	Reference Frames in Practise (RFIP)	Capetonian Hotel
23 May	09:30-12:30	Land Value and Cadaster – Twins for Transparency of Real Estate in AI-Times	Capetonian Hotel
23 May	14:00-17:00	Real Estate price effects of climate actions & Reality Check: Are Valuation Models and Data Fit for Purpose?	Capetonian Hotel
23 May	09:00-17:00	Esri Workshop: Exploring GIS for Land Administration	CTI Convention Centre
24 May	09:00-16:00	FIG General Assembly Part 1 https://www.fig.net/organisation/general_assembly/agendas_and_minutes/2026/agenda.asp	CTI Convention Centre Auditorium 1

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- For the overwhelming majority of the 1.3 million foreign visitors each year, a visit to Cape Town is a positive, memorable experience. Cape Town is a major, modern cosmopolitan South African city, and in terms of safety, think of taking the same measures you would take in, say, New York City.
- Cape Town is continually investing in and working with initiatives such as increased law enforcement deployment, technology expansion, and safety awareness at work to provide a safe environment for all. To ensure a pleasurable trip, please keep in mind a few precautions that you can employ on all your travels across the world:
- Avoid walking in deserted and dark places at night.
- Never allow strangers to assist you in any way at ATMs.
- At night, park in a secure and well-lit area with street guards.
- Keep photocopies and all valuable documents in a safe place.
- Read tourism safety tips from the Western Cape Government here: <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/edat/tourism-safety-tips>



Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)

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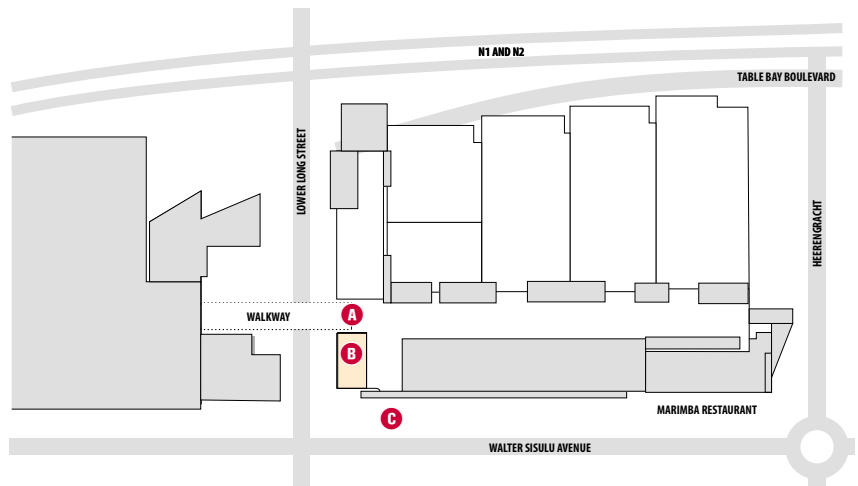
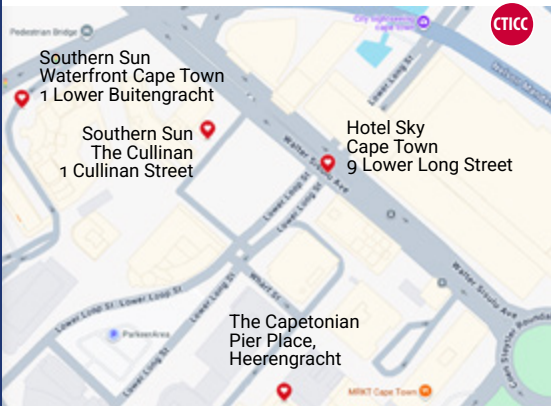
Website: www.cticc.co.za

CTICC virtual tour:

https://cticc.co.za/virtual_tour/

Directions via Google Maps, search on “CTICC”.

Nearby Conference Hotels



Read full emergency procedures here:
<https://www.fig.net/fig2026/images/EmergencyCTICC.pdf>

Level 0 (Ground Floor)

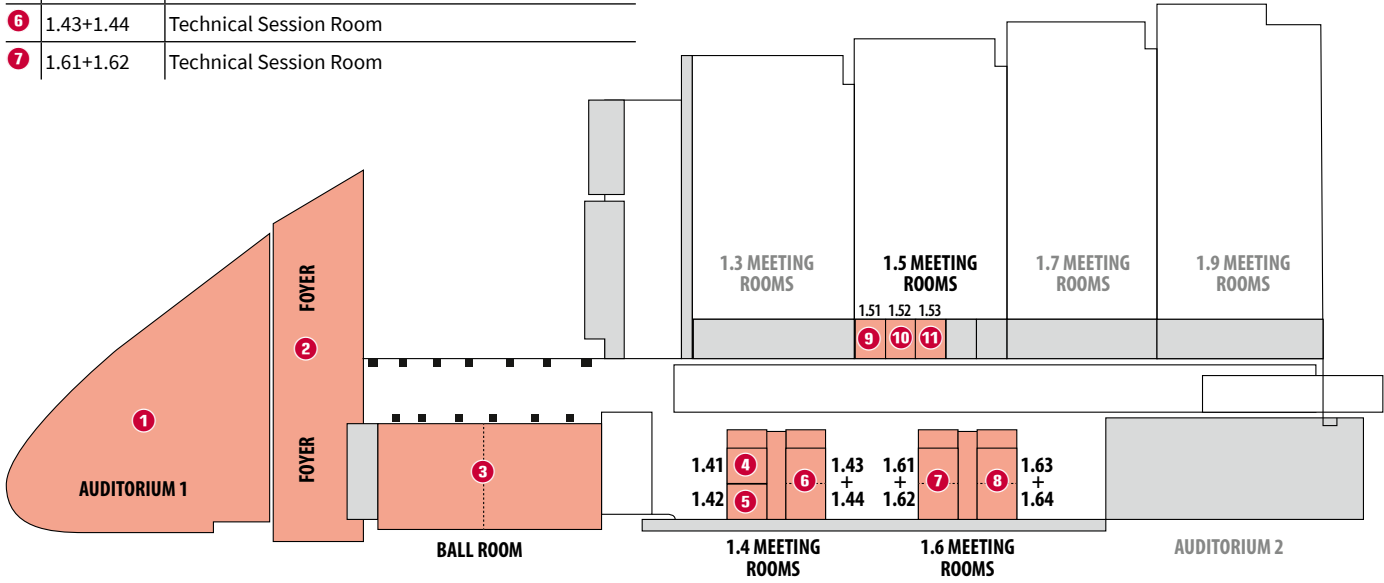
- A Main Entrance
- B Registration Desk
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- C Bus Area

FIG and the local organisers send our warmest wishes to all Muslim attendees on the occasion of Eid al-Adha and proudly highlights the availability of a dedicated prayer room at the CTICC. The prayer room is located next to the Registration Desk.

Level 1 (First floor)

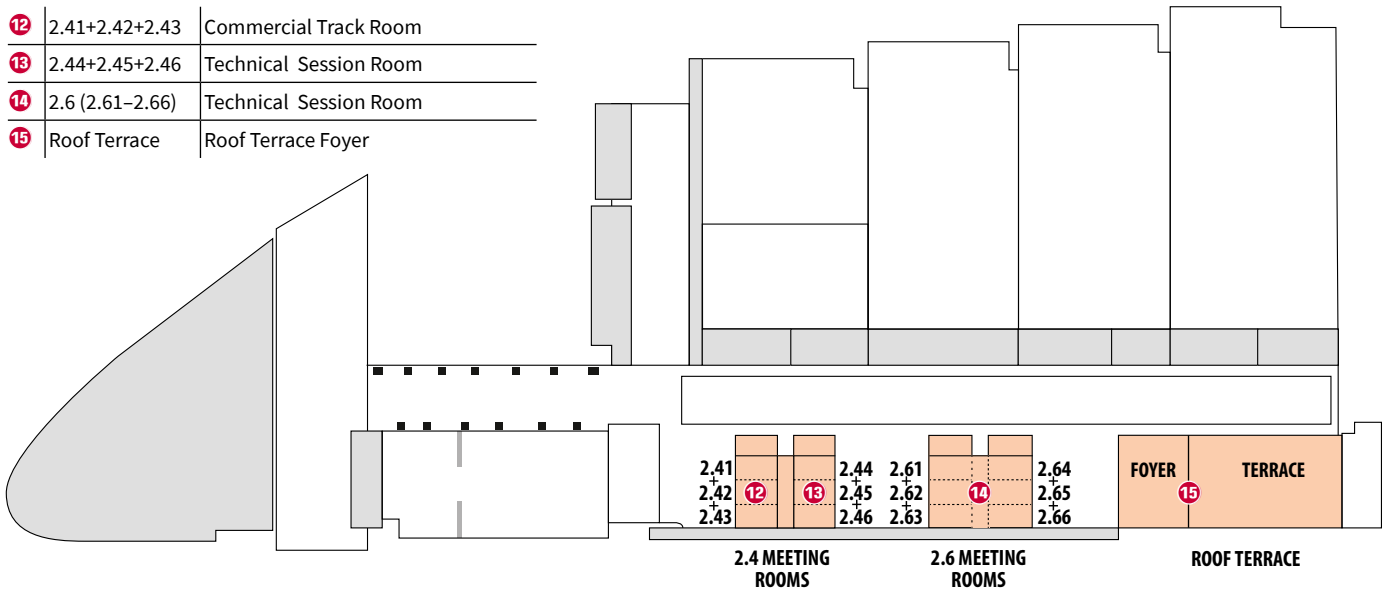
1	Auditorium 1	Plenary & Technical Sessions & General Assembly
2	Foyer	Posters, Exhibition and Catering
3	Ballroom	Exhibition and Catering
4	1.41	Meeting Room
5	1.42	Technical Session Room
6	1.43+1.44	Technical Session Room
7	1.61+1.62	Technical Session Room

8	1.63+1.64	Combined Technical Session Room
9	1.51	FIG President's Meeting Room
10	1.52	FIG Office Room
11	1.53	Speakers' Preparation Room (Opening hours page 7)



Level 2 (Second Floor)

12	2.41+2.42+2.43	Commercial Track Room
13	2.44+2.45+2.46	Technical Session Room
14	2.6 (2.61-2.66)	Technical Session Room
15	Roof Terrace	Roof Terrace Foyer



CONFERENCE THEME

The conference theme is “**The Future We Want – The SDG’s and Beyond**”.

FIG Congress 2026 presents a pivotal moment to accelerate action, foster innovation, and shape the next era of global sustainable development. This Congress will bring together thought-leaders, policymakers, and experts to explore how land governance, geospatial intelligence, and technological advancements can drive sustainability, resilience, and equitable growth beyond 2030.

- Geospatial Innovation for a Changing World
- Resilient Land, Water and Natural Resource Management for a Sustainable Future
- Future-Proofing the Profession: Knowledge, Skills, Standards, and Ethics to serve our changing society
- Sustainable Settlements and the Green Economy
- Contributions to our world beyond the SDGs: Integrating Policy, Technology, and People.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME ATTENDING?

FIG Task Force on Evolutionary Diversity and Inclusion has prepared this Newcomers’ session for you if you attend for the first time.

Hear more about:

- Understanding FIG – who, what, and why
- Making the most of your FIG Congress 2026
- Networking

We look forward to seeing you!

Time and place: Monday 25 May 13:00–14:00

Room 1.61+1.62, CTICC

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

The programme will be available in the event app and on monitors in the conference venue. Any changes will be updated on an ongoing basis. Online programme: <https://www.fig.net/fig2026/program.htm>

MORNING	SATURDAY 23 MAY	SUNDAY 24 MAY	MONDAY 25 MAY	TUESDAY 26 MAY	WEDNESDAY 27 MAY	THURSDAY 28 MAY	FRIDAY 29 MAY		
09:00–10:30	FIG Pre-Events	FIG Pre-Events	FIG General Assembly	Opening Ceremony	Plenary Session	Plenary Session	FIG General Assembly 9:00–12:00	Post-Tours	
10:30–11:00				Coffee/tea break Exhibition opens	Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break			Coffee/tea break
11:00–12:30				Plenary Session	Parallel Technical Sessions	Parallel Technical Sessions			Parallel Technical Sessions
12:30–14:00				Lunch Posters	Lunch Posters	Lunch Posters	Lunch Posters		Farewell 12:00–13:00
14:00–15:15				Parallel Technical Sessions Poster session	Parallel Technical Sessions Poster session	Parallel Technical Sessions Poster session	Parallel Technical Sessions Poster session		
15:15–15:45				Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break	Coffee/tea break		
15:45–17:00				Parallel Technical Sessions	Parallel Technical Sessions	Parallel Technical Sessions	Parallel Technical Sessions		
EXHIBITION 9:00–17:00									
EVENINGS			Welcome Reception	FIG Commission Dinners	Gala Dinner				

OPENING CEREMONY

Monday 25 May at 09:00–10:30

Auditorium 1, CTICC

Master of Ceremony: *Derek Clarke*

The opening ceremony will provide a spectacular introduction to the FIG Congress, its theme, and its unique location – a festive start of the week. Be welcomed by the South African hospitality and greeted by cultural performance and welcome addresses. FIG President Dr. Diane Dumashie together with the Local Organisers will welcome all to South Africa and Cape Town.

Addresses by

- **Alderman James Vos**, City of Cape Town
- FIG President **Diane Dumashie**

Keynote speaker

- Dr. **Sindiswa Mzamo** “Democratising Sustainable Development: Women, Leadership and Inclusive growth in the 21st Century”



Guest of honour

- The Minister of Land Reform & Rural Development, Mr. **Mzwanele Nyhontso**, will Open FIG2026. A respected leader in South Africa’s public sector, Minister Nyhontso currently serves on key Cabinet Committees. He is a Member of Parliament who also represents the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) of Azania.



Welcome Video

Watch welcome video by Dr. **Sindiswa Mzamo**

Link: <https://youtu.be/yvSK35cO924>

Brock Gift for the Future

John Brock from Australia has made a remarkable donation for two young surveyors – a man and a woman – to attend the **Young Surveyors’ Network Conference 2026** as well as the full **FIG Congress 2026 in Cape Town**.

FIG thanks him for this initiative. Others are welcome to donate a registration fee, too, for other FIG events around the world during the year. Next year’s main event, Working Week 2027, will be in Stavanger, Norway.

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Each conference day 25–28 May 2026 will start with a plenary session with key topics under the overall theme of “The Future We Want – The SDGs and Beyond”.

Plenary Session 1

Shaping Our Future: Strategic Leadership Advocating Sustainable Policies that Implements Resilient Practice

Monday 25 May 2026, 11:00–12:30 Auditorium 1, CTICC

Moderator: Mohammad Mammen Kabir, Chair of FIG Africa Regional Network



The Status of Land and Governance Report

Andre Nonguierma
Chief, GiMS Section,
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
(UNECA)



From Vision to Action: People & Planet in the FIG Sustainability Agenda 2023–2026

Diane Dumashie
FIG President



Securing a Billion Rights: A Call to Action

Mika-Petteri Torhonen
Lead Land Tenure,
World Bank



Achieving the Future We Want – Sharing Our Call to Action

Paula Dijkstra
Task Force Chair FIG and the SDGs

Plenary Session 2

Actioning Climate-Resilient Futures: Collaborative Pathways Across Built and Ocean Environments in Land Governance, and the People Land Relationships

Tuesday 26 May 2026, 09:00–10:30 Auditorium 1, CTICC

Moderator: Nondwe Monyake, Surveyor General, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



The Status of Land and Governance Report

Ward Anseeuw
Senior Land Tenure Team Leader,
United Nations Food and Agriculture
Organization (UN-FAO)



The S-100 Standard: Enabling a New Digital Vision of the Marine Environment

Luigi Sinapi
Director General,
International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO)



Surveyors and Climate Resilience: Practical Climate Actions

Clarissa Augustinus
FIG Ambassador and
Chair of FIG Climate Compass Task Force



Navigating the future: Surveyors, Public Interest and the Data to Decision Gap

Nicholas Mclean
President, Royal Institution of Chartered
Surveyors (RICS), UK

Plenary Session 3

Building Connected Digital Futures: Innovation at the Intersection of Geography, Data, and Technology

Wednesday 27 May 2026, 09:00–10:30 Auditorium 1, CTICC

Moderator: Qin Yan, FIG Vice President



Applications of Geospatial Solutions and Technologies for Climate Resilience

Victor Khoo
Chief Surveyor & Director, Survey and Geomatics
Singapore Land Authority



Transforming Data Chaos into Digital Clarity for Land and Beyond

Craig Hill
Vice President Marketing & Services,
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Are We Map Makers in a Modern World?

James Norris
International Policy Lead
at Ordnance Survey, UK

Plenary Session 4

Delivering Through Partnership and Knowledge: Advancing an Inclusive Agenda with Shared Purpose

Thursday 28 May 2026, 09:00–10:30 Auditorium 1, CTICC

Moderator: David Elegbede, Co-Lead FIG VCSP and Chair, YSN Africa Network



Partnerships That Deliver: Designing Decision-Ready Geospatial Systems for National Capability

Clinton Heimann, Acting Director General
at Department of Land Reform and Rural
Development



Leading for an Inclusive Agenda and Shared Purpose

Emmanuel Nkurunziza
Director General, Regional Centre
for Mapping of Resources for Development
(RCMRD)



Geospatial Planning for Spatial Justice: Securing Rural Tenure and Advancing Land Reform in South Africa

Nomfundo Ntloko
Chief Land Claims Commissioner, Commission
on Restitution of Land Rights, South Africa



Women's Land Rights – A Movement for Tomorrow, an Invitation for Today

Beth Roberts
Director, Global Lead of Stand for Her Land,
Landesa

Gala Dinner

Wednesday, 27 May at 19:30

An unforgettable evening at GOLD Restaurant.

Indulge in a remarkable culinary journey through traditional African cuisine, followed by vibrant entertainment and dance that celebrate the richness of the continent's culture.

Dress code: Festive or traditional attire.

Shuttle service will depart from the CTICC bus parking area at 19:00, arriving at GOLD Restaurant for the 19:30 start. Return shuttles will operate between 22:00 and 23:00, running between GOLD Restaurant, CTICC, and the Cullinan Hotel.



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Monday, 25 May					
	AUDITORIUM 1	ROOF TERRACE	1.41	1.42 (Meetings)	1.43+1.44
09:00–10:30	FIG Opening Ceremony				
10:30–11:00	Morning Tea/Coffee Break incl. Opening of Exhibition – Foyer outside Auditorium 1 and Ballroom; Tea/Coffee also served at Roof Terrace Foyer				
11:00–12:30	PLENARY SESSION 1: Shaping Our Future				
12:30–13:00	Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
13:00–14:00	FIG Commission 1 Meeting (Professional Standards and Practice)				
14:00–15:15	TS01A: The Future We Want – Call to Action I: Advocate & Innovate (Panel Discussion) – Task Force on SDGs C: TF SDG, 1–10, TF CLIMATE, TF DIVERSITY, YSN	TS01B: Transparency in the Real Estate Markets – The Use of AI Needs Good Data C: 9	TS01C: Innovating with Purpose C: TF EVOLUTIONARY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, 1–10	IAAO Meeting (By invitation only) C: IAAO	TS01D: Land and Conflict: Developing Land Markets to Promote Resilience in Conflict Affected Settings C: WORLD BANK
15:15–15:45	Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
15:45–17:00	TS02A: Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) C: 7, UN-GGIM EG-LAM	TS02B: Geospatial Startups: Youth Entrepreneurs – Building Sustainable Futures – Young Surveyors Network C: YSN	TS02C: FIG Regional Capacity Development Meeting Americas C: FIG AMERICAS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AMERICAS CDN)		TS02D: UN-GGIM/FIG Focus on Africa: A Decade Long Commitment in Addressing Africa's Geospatial Information Needs C: UN-GGIM-AFRICA
EVENING	Welcome Reception – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
Tuesday, 26 May					
09:00–10:30	PLENARY SESSION 2: Actioning Climate-Resilient Futures				
10:30–11:00	Morning Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
11:00–12:00	TS03A: Collaborative, Integrated Sustainable Development – The Approach from the Built Environment Professions C: Local Organising Committee (LOC)	TS03B: The Future We Want – Call to Action II / Collaborate & Deliver beyond 2030 (Panel Discussion) – Task Force on SDGs C: TF SDG, 1–10, YSN	TS03C: Enhancing Flood Resilience in the Face of a Changing Climate C: 4, TF CLIMATE COMPASS	FIG Foundation Meeting (By invitation only)	TS03D: Map Africa – A Continental Approach to Strengthening Africa's Geospatial Foundations C: FIG Platinum Corporate Member Session – Esri, 7
12:30–13:00	Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
13:00–14:00	FIG Commission 6 Meeting (Engineering Surveys)				
14:00–15:15	TS04A: Reference Frames and Dynamic Datums across Land and Sea to Support our Changing Planet C: 5, 4		TS04C: Business of Surveying & Mapping C: 1		
15:15–15:45	Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
15:45–17:00	TS05A: Innovative Applications of Cost-Effective Positioning in Mitigating the Impact of Disasters & Climate C: 5, 6, TF CLIMATE COMPASS		TS05C: Emerging Technologies and Construction Intelligence C: 10, TF SDG		TS05D: Building the Future of Land Administration Together C: UN-GGIM
EVENING	Commission Dinners – Different restaurants				

Commission Meetings

Commission meetings during lunch break from 13:00-14:00 at CTICC.

Commission 1	25 May: Roof Terrace	Commission 6	26 May: Roof Terrace
Commission 2	27 May: Room 2.6	Commission 7	25 May: Room 2.6
Commission 3	27 May: Roof Terrace	Commission 8	28 May: Room 2.6
Commission 4	26 May: Room 1.61+1.62	Commission 9	26 May: Room 2.6
Commission 5	27 May: Room 1.61+1.62	Commission 10	28 May: Room 1.61+1.62

						Monday, 25 May
1.61+1.62	1.63+1.64	2.41–2.43	2.44–2.46	2.6	FOYER POSTERS	
						09:00–10:30
Morning Tea/Coffee Break incl Opening of Exhibition – Foyer outside Auditorium 1 and Ballroom; Tea/Coffee also served at Roof Terrace Foyer						10:30–11:00
						11:00–12:30
Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						12:30–13:00
Newcomers Session – Welcome to FIG and the FIG Congress 2026				Commission 7 meeting (Cadastral and Land Management)		13:00–14:00
TS01E: Surveying for Climate Resilience: Practical Climate Actions – Task Force on Climate Compass C: TF CLIMATE COMPASS	TS01F: Geospatial Intelligence and Governance in Spatial Planning Decision-Making C: 8	TS01S: Converging Technologies – Towards Accessible 3D Data Capture for Surveying C: CHC NAVIGATION COMMERCIAL TALK	TS01G: Modern Sensor Technologies and Analysis Methods for Deformation Monitoring C: 6	TS01H: Multi-Purpose Positioning Infrastructure for Sustainable Land Administration and Development across Africa C: 5, 7, ARN, CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK	TS01I: Poster Sessions – Group 1	14:00–14:30
Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						15:15–15:45
FIG Member Association Forum (incl. Regional Bodies) C: MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS	TS02F: Innovations in Professional Education C: 2	TS02S: AI and GIS – Taking the Mystery Out of Today's Technology for Land Administration C: ESRI COMMERCIAL TALK, 7	TS02G: Valuing the Invisible: Practical Advances in Unregistered Land, Non Market Value and Fit for Purpose Land Tools C: 9, UN-Habitat (GLTN)	TS02H: Land Administration, Cadastre and SDIs for Inclusive Development C: 3		15:45–17:00
Welcome Reception – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						EVENING
						Tuesday, 26 May
						09:00–10:30
Morning Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						10:30–11:00
TS03E: GeoAI and Geo-Analytics for Sustainable Land and Inclusive Places – Joint FIG/ISPRS Session C: 3, ISPRS TC IV	TS03F: The Status of Land and Governance report (SLTG): Progress in Policy, Lagging in Practice – Joint UN-FAO/FIG Session C: UN-FAO	TS03S: Shaping the Future of Airborne Mapping with Hybrid Imaging & LiDAR Technology C: Leica Commercial Talk	TS03G: Géodésie, Innovation et Applications Environnementales C: FRENCH SESSION	TS03H: Education, Training and Capacity Building: Updates from around the World C: 5, YSN, IAG-ECS, ARN-CDN		11:00–12:00
						12:30–13:00
FIG Commission 4 Meeting (Hydrography)		Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer		FIG Commission 9 Meeting (Valuation and the Management of Real Estate)		13:00–14:00
TS04E: Reimagining Land Administration Education: Towards Conceptualising a Core Body of Knowledge 1 C: 2, 7, UN-HAB, GLTN, UN-GGIM EG-LAM, UN FAO, NELGA, EALAN, LALAN, LPN, GAL		TS04S: The Geospatial-Driven Digital Mine C: TRIMBLE COMMERCIAL TALK	TS04G: Renseignement Géospatial, IA et Défis de Gouvernance C: FRENCH SESSION	TS04H: Fit for Purpose Land Administration (FFPLA) C: 7		14:00–15:15
Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						15:15–15:45
TS05E: Reimagining Land Administration Education: Towards Conceptualising a Core Body of Knowledge 2 C: 2, 7, UN-HABITAT GLTN, UN-GGIM EG-LAM, UN FAO, NELGA, EALAN, LALAN, LPN, GAL	TS05F: Narrating Change – Task Force on Evolutionary Diversity and Inclusion C: TF EVOLUTIONARY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, 1, 2, 7	TS05S: From Above and Below: An Integrated Geomatics Demonstration for Smart Urban Development in Saudi Arabia C: ALQOTR CONSULTING COMPANY COMMERCIAL TALK	TS05G: Gouvernance Foncière, Rôles Professionnels et Développement Durable C: FRENCH SESSION	TS05H: 3D Land Administration and LADM C: 7, 3		15:45–17:00
Welcome Reception – Different restaurants						EVENING

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Wednesday, 27 May					
	AUDITORIUM 1	ROOF TERRACE	1.41	1.42 (Meetings)	1.43+1.44
09:00–10:30	PLENARY SESSION 3: Building Connected Digital Futures				
10:30–11:00	Morning Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
11:00–12:30	TS06A: SASDI – The Importance of a Credible Geospatial Data Register C: LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)	TS06B: Practical Examples of Surveying for Climate Resilience – Task Force on Climate Compass C: TF CLIMATE COMPASS	TS06C: International Surveying C: 1	CASLE Meeting (By invitation only) C: CASLE	TS06D: Driving Sustainable Progress: When Transformative Innovation Meets Expertise C: FIG PLATINUM CORPORATE MEMBER SESSION – LEICA
12:30–13:00					
13:00–14:00		FIG Commission 3 Meeting (Spatial Information Management)	Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer		
14:00–15:15	TS07A: An Analog Earth in Digital Models: Capturing the World around Us C: 5, 6, FIG STANDARDS NETWORK	TS07B: Geospatial Innovations towards Managing Disasters, Land Degradation, and Climate Change C: 8, 3, TF CLIMATE CHANGE	TS07C: Surveying History in South Africa and Elsewhere C: HISTORY SESSION	Forum of Regional Bodies (FoRB)	TS07D: Smart and Innovative Solutions for the Built Environment C: 10
15:15–15:45	Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
15:45–17:00	TS08A: Sustainable Governance of Land, Water, and Natural Resources C: 8	TS08B: Spatially Enabled Societies: Governance, Participation and Community Resilience I C: 3	TS08C: World Famous Surveyors in South Africa and Colonial Reform C: HISTORY SESSION		TS08D: Real World Applications of Monitoring C: 6
EVENING	Gala Dinner – Gold Restaurant – with ticket only				
Thursday, 28 May					
09:00–10:30	PLENARY SESSION 4: Delivering Through Partnership and Knowledge			National Committee for ICA and ISPRS (NRF) Meeting 1 (By invitation only) C: ICA, ISPRS, NRF	
10:30–11:00	Morning Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
11:00–12:30	TS09A: Advancing Planning Principles and FELA Pathways for Stronger Customary Land Governance C: LOC	TS09B: Young Voices, Global Impact: VCSP Shaping the Future We Want – Young Surveyors Network C: YSN	TS09C: FIG Regional Capacity Meeting Asia/Pacific (AP CDN) C: FIG ASIA PACIFIC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (AP CDN)	National Committee for ICA and ISPRS (NRF) Meeting 2 (By invitation only) C: ICA, ISPRS, NRF	TS09D: Engineering the Future: The Power of Precise Geospatial Data in Transforming Global Industries C: TRIMBLE FIG PLATINUM CORPORATE MEMBER SESSION, OPTRON
12:30–13:00					
13:00–14:00		FIG Commission 8 Meeting (Spatial Planning and Development)	Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer		
14:00–15:15	TS10A: Integrating Land Administration Functions: Tenure, Use, and Value C: 7, 8, 9	TS10B: Workshop on Surveying for Climate Resilience: Practical Climate Actions – Task Force on Climate Compass C: 7, 8, 9	TS10C: Land Administration: Advancing FELA through the Nine Pathways – Joint UN-GGIM/FIG Session CANCELLED	National Committee for ICA and ISPRS (NRF) Meeting 3 (By invitation only) C: ICA, ISPRS, NRF	TS10D: Technologies Reshaping Marine Surveying: Bathymetry, Hydrography, and Uncrewed Survey Workflows C: FIG PLATINUM CORPORATE MEMBER SESSION – CHC NAVIGATION
15:15–15:45	Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer				
15:45–17:00	TS11A: AI and Remote Sensing for Land Administration C: 7	TS11B: From Parcels to Policy: Intelligent Cadastral and Valuation Systems for Transparency, ESG, and Taxation C: 9, 7	TS11C: FIG Regional Capacity Development Meeting Africa Regional Network (ARN) C: AFRICA REGIONAL NETWORK (ARN)	FIG Corporate Members Meeting (By invitation only)	TS11D: 3D Digital Twins, City Models and Infrastructure Monitoring C: 3
EVENING	Free Evening				
Friday, 29 May					
09:00–12:00	FIG General Assembly – Day 2 and Closing				
12:00–13:00	Farewell Reception and Welcome to FIG Working Week 2027 in Stavanger, Norway – Exhibition area + Foyer outside Auditorium 1				

Wednesday, 27 May						
1.61+1.62	1.63+1.64	2.41–2.43	2.44–2.46	2.6	FOYER POSTERS	09:00–10:30
Morning Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						10:30–11:00
TS06E: The Mid-Career Map: Stories, Strides and Shared Paths – Young Surveyors Network C: YSN	TS06F: Women's Access to Land and Services C: 7, 1	TS06SA: From Precision Hardware to Open Ecosystem C: ESURVEY-GNSS COMMERCIAL TALK	TS06G: Alternative Methods and Methodologies in the Class for Better Education C: 2	TS06H: Oceans in Crisis: Solutions for a Resilient Future C: 4		11:00–12:30
		TS06SB: RCMRD Connects Space to the Village C: RCMRD Commercial Talk				
FIG Commission 5 Meeting (Positioning and Measurement)	Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer			FIG Commission 9 Meeting (Valuation and the Management of Real Estate)		12:30–13:00 13:00–14:00
FIG Director Generals Forum	TS07F: Customary Land Governance and the Journey to the Future of Africa: Getting There Without Getting Lost C: UN-HABITAT, FIG AFRICA REGIONAL NETWORK (ARN)	TS07S: Efficient One-Person Engineering Surveying with a Vision-Enhanced Robotic Total Station C: HI-TARGET COMMERCIAL TALK	TS07G: Climate Change and the Effect on Real Estate Prices C: 9	TS07H: Land Expropriation, Fair Compensation and Transparency of the Valuation Process C: 9	TS07I: Poster Sessions – Group 2	14:00–15:15
Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						15:15–15:45
TS08E: Update of FIG's Women's Land Rights Publication C: 7, CDNS, WB, FAO, ILC, ALI, S4HL, G20 GLI, ESRI, TRIMBLE	TS08F: UN-GGIM-Geospatial Societies Capacity Building Workshop C: UN-GGIM-GEOSPATIAL SOCIETIES	TS08S: SLAM Applications – Innovation makes a difference C: SINOGNSS (COMNAVTECH) COMMERCIAL TALK	TS08G: Capacity Development and Lifelong Learning in the Geospatial Professions C: 2	TS08H: Hydrographic Innovation for the Future We Want C: 4		15:45–17:00
Gala Dinner – Gold Restaurant – with ticket only						EVENING
Thursday, 28 May						
09:00–10:30						
Morning Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						10:30–11:00
TS09E: Constructing for Sustainability and Resilience C: 10	TS09F: The Future We Want – Call to Action III: Inspiring Examples from the Field – Task Force on SDGs C: TF SDG, 1–10, TF CLIMATE, TF DIVERSITY, YSN	TS09S: Empowering Sustainable Development with Geo-Intelligence: SuperMap GIS Applications in Natural Resource Management C: SUPERMAP COMMERCIAL TALK	TS09G: Immersive Technologies, Visualisation and Simulation Methods in Geodesy C: 6	TS09H: Climate Action, Disaster Risk and Environmental Sustainability C: 3		11:00–12:30
FIG Commission 10 Meeting (Construction Economics and Management)	Lunch – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer			FIG Commission 8 Meeting (Spatial Planning and Development)		12:30–13:00 13:00–14:00
	TS10F: Land Tenure Data and Accountability for the Future We Want – Towards a Global Land Tenure Map (GLTM) C: UN-FAO	TS10S: GEOSA's Geospatial Transformation: Driving Economic Development through Governance, Regulation, and Smart Oversight C: GEOSA COMMERCIAL TALK	TS10G: Soft Launch of the New Edition of the Ethical Principles and Model Code of Professional Conduct C: 1, 7	TS10H: Shaping Tomorrow: Digital Transformation in Spatial Governance, and its Societal Impact C: 8, 7		14:00–15:15
Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break – Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom & Roof Terrace Foyer						15:15–15:45
FIG Academic Forum	TS11F: Spatially Enabled Societies: Governance, Participation and Community Resilience II C: 3		TS11G: Digital Transformation of Land Administration Systems C: 7	TS11H: GeoAI, Earth Observation and Spatial Intelligence for SDG Monitoring C: 3		15:45–17:00
Free Evening						EVENING
Friday, 29 May						
09:00–12:00						
Farewell reception and welcome to FIG Working Week 2027 in Stavanger, Norway – Exhibition area + Foyer outside Auditorium 1						12:00–13:00

Technical programme:

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5	Positioning and Measurement	Dr. Ryan Keenan , Australia	Kevin Ahlgren , United States
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8	Spatial Planning and Development	Dr. Kwabena Obeng Asiama , Ghana	Naa Dedei Tagoe , Ghana
9	Valuation and the Management of Real Estate	Mr. Peter Ache , Germany	Małgorzata Renigier-Bitozor , Poland
10	Construction Economics and Management	Ms. Mercy Iortyer , Nigeria	Celestina Nkechi Eke , Nigeria

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- **Task Force on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
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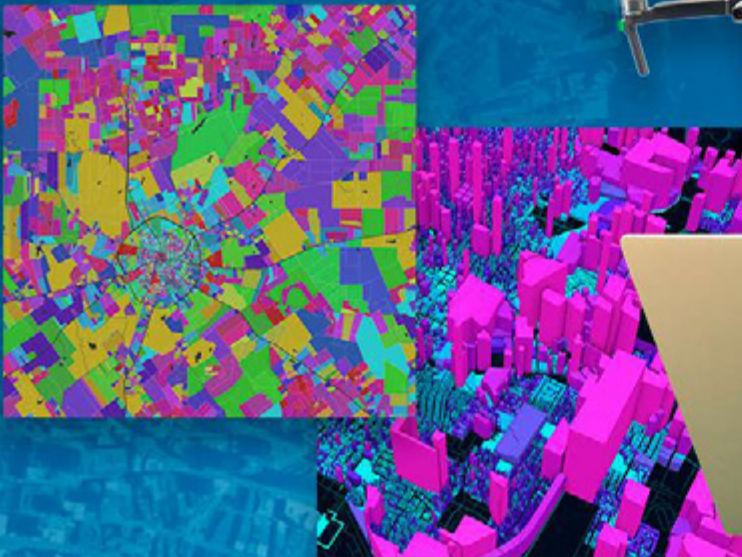
Exploring GIS for Land Administration

This one-day technical workshop will explore ways that geographic information system (GIS) can be used by land administration agencies to enhance their workflows. From using GNSS and drones for field data collection, to automating feature extraction from imagery with geospatial AI, to managing parcels and exploring property valuation techniques, there's something for everyone! The topics will be covered at an introductory level, so no need to have extensive GIS knowledge or experience.



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SPECIAL SESSIONS

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Local Organiser Committee (LOC) Sessions

All in Auditorium 1 at CT International Convention Centre

Title	Time
Collaborative, integrated sustainable development – The approach from the Built Environment professions	Tuesday 26 May 11:00–12:30
SASDI – The Importance of a Credible Geospatial Data Register	Wednesday 27 May 11:00–12:30
Advancing Planning Principles and FELA Pathways for Stronger Customary Land Governance	Thursday 28 May 11:00–12:30

Joint Partner Sessions

Title	Partners	Time	Room
Land and Conflict: Developing Land Markets to Promote Resilience in Conflict Affected Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank 	Monday 25 May 14:00–15:15	1.43+1.44
Valuing the Invisible: Practical Advances in Unregistered Land, Non-Market Value and Fit for Purpose Land Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIG Commission 9 UN-Habitat GLTN (Global Land Tool Network) 	Monday 25 May 15:45–17:00	2.44+2.45+2.46
Focus on Africa: A Decade-long Commitment in Addressing Africa's Geospatial Information Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN-GGIM-Africa (United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management) 	Monday 25 May 15:45–17:00	1.43+1.44
GeoAI and Geo-analytics for Sustainable Land and Inclusive Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) 	Tuesday 26 May 11:00–12:30	1.61+1.62
The Status of Land and Governance report (STLG): Progress in Policy, Lagging in Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN-FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) 	Tuesday 26 May 11:00–12:30	1.63+1.64
Building the Future of Land Administration Together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN-GGIM (United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management) 	Tuesday 26 May 15:45–17:00	1.43+1.44
UN-GGIM-Geospatial Societies Capacity Building Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN-GGIM-Geospatial Societies 	Wednesday 27 May 15:45–17:00	1.63+1.64
Customary Land Governance and the Journey to the Future of Africa: Getting There Without Getting Lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN-Habitat (GLTN Global Land Tool Network) FIG Africa Regional Network (ARN) 	Wednesday 27 May 14:00–15:15	1.63+1.64
Land Administration: Advancing FELA through the Nine Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN-GGIM (United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management) FIG Commission 7 	Thursday 28 May 14:00–15:15	1.41
Land Tenure Data and Accountability for the Future We Want – Towards a Global Land Tenure Map (GLTM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN-FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) 	Thursday 28 May 14:00–15:15	1.63+1.64

FIG Corporate Members Sessions

Title	Company	Time	Room
Map Africa – A Continental Approach to Strengthening Africa's Geospatial Foundations	Esri	Tuesday 26 May 11:00–12:30	1.43+1.44
Driving sustainable progress: When transformative innovation meets expertise	Leica Geosystems	Wednesday 27 May 11:00–12:30	1.43+1.44
Engineering the future: The power of precise geospatial data in transforming global industries	Trimble, Optron	Thursday 28 May 11:00–12:30	1.43+1.44
Technologies Reshaping Marine Surveying: Bathymetry, Hydrography, and Uncrewed Survey Workflows	CHC Navigation	Thursday 28 May 14:00–15:15	1.43+1.44

French Sessions

All on Tuesday 26 May in room 2.44+2.45+2.46 at CT International Convention Centre.

Title	Time
Géodésie, innovation et applications environnementales	11:00–12:30
Renseignement géospatial, IA et défis de gouvernance	14:00–15:15
Gouvernance foncière, rôles professionnels et développement durable	15:45–17:00

History Sessions

Both located in room 1.41 at CT International Convention Centre.

Title	Date / time
Surveying History in South Africa and elsewhere	Wednesday, 27 May 14:00–15:15
World Famous Surveyors in South Africa and Colonial Reform	Wednesday 27 May 15:45–17:00

Network Sessions

Title	Date/time	Room
FIG Regional Capacity meeting Asia/Pacific (AP CDN)	Thursday 28 May 11:00–12:30	1.41
FIG Regional Capacity development meeting Africa Regional Network (ARN)	Thursday 28 May 15:45–17:00	2.6
FIG Regional Capacity development meeting Americas	Monday 25 May 15:45–17:00	1.41
The Mid-Career Map: Stories, Strides and Shared Paths – Young Surveyors Network 1	Wednesday 27 May 11:00–12:30	1.61+1.62
Young Voices, Global Impact: VCSP and YILAA Shaping the Future We Want – Young Surveyors Network 2	Thursday 28 May 11:00–12:30	Roof Terrace
Geospatial Startups: Youth Entrepreneurs – Building Sustainable Futures – Young Surveyors Network 3	Monday 25 May 15:45–17:00	Roof Terrace

Task Forces Sessions

Title	Date/time	Room
Surveying for climate resilience and sustainable development – Task Force on Climate Compass	Tuesday 26 May 14:00–15:15	1.63+1.64
Practical examples of surveying for climate resilience – Task Force on Climate Compass	Wednesday 27 May 11:00–12:30	Roof Terrace
Workshop on Surveying for Climate Resilience: Practical Climate Actions – Task Force on Climate Compass	Thursday 28 May 14:00–15:15	Roof Terrace
Task Force on Climate Compass: Surveying for Climate Resilience: Practical Climate Actions	Monday 25 May 14:00–15:15	1.61+1.62
Narrating change – Task Force on Evolutionary Diversity and Inclusion 2	Tuesday 26 May 15:45–17:00	1.63+1.64
Innovating with purpose: Inclusive data, AI and the role of diversity in the geospatial sector – Task Force Evolutionary Diversity and Inclusion	Monday 25 May 14:00–15:15	1.41
The Future We Want – Call to Action I: Advocate & Innovate (Panel discussion) – Task Force on SDGs	Monday 25 May 14:00–15:15	Auditorium 1
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The Future We Want – Call to Action III: Inspiring Examples from the Field – Task Force on SDGs	Thursday 28 May 11:00–12:30	1.63+1.64

FIG Sessions

Title	Date/time	Place
Newcomers' session – Welcome to FIG and the FIG Congress 2026	Monday 25 May 13:00–14:00	1.61+1.62, CTICC
FIG Member Association Forum	Monday 25 May 15:45–17:00	1.61+1.62, CTICC
FIG Academic Forum	Thursday 28 May 15:45–17:00	1.61+1.62, CTICC
FIG Director Generals Forum	Wednesday 27 May 14:00–15:15	1.61+1.62, CTICC

SPECIAL SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

FIG President's meeting (By invitation only)	Thursday 28 May 07:30–08:45	Hotel Southern Sun The Cullinan
FIG Corporate members meeting (By invitation only)	Thursday 28 May 15:45–17:00	1.42 (meeting room), CTICC
FIG Foundation meeting (By invitation only)	Tuesday 26 May 11:00–12:30	1.42 (meeting room), CTICC
Forum of Regional Bodies (FoRB)	Wednesday 27 May 14:00–15:15	1.42 (meeting room), CTICC

SOCIAL PROGRAMME AND TOURS

Networking and getting to know colleagues from around the world is a substantial part of a conference experience. Apart from the technical programme during the conference days the Congress offers pre-events, technical tours, social tours, and social events.

Welcome Reception: Monday 25 May 17:30–19:30 at CTICC Exhibition area

FIG Commission Dinners: Tuesday 26 May in the evening at various restaurants – information available later. The dinner is at your own expense. Social tours

Social Tour Destinations:

- Aquila Safari – day or overnight
- Kruger National Park Safari
- Shark Cage Diving
- Boulders – Beach area with colony of African penguins that you can see up close

- Robben Island – Where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned
- Cape Point – Natural area with cliffs and ocean views where the two oceans meet
- Table Mountain – Famous flat-topped mountain in Cape Town with cable car for amazing views
- Kirstenbosch – Large botanical garden with native South African plants
- Cape Winelands – Wine regions near Cape Town – incl. lunch
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A social tour can also combine different destinations. Read more, see dates, and book tour via link: <https://www.fig.net/fig2026/tours.htm>



TECHNICAL TOURS

FIG Congress 2026 has put together a varied selection of technical tours:

Tour name	Date	Time	Destination with short description
NRF SAAO Night Sky Tour	26 May	18:00–22:00	Evening visit to the observatory with telescope viewing and night sky observation experience.
Surveyor-General Office	27 May	09:00–13:00	Tour of the office managing land registration, cadastral surveys, and property boundary records.
Tour at the Chief Directorate: National Geospatial Information (CD: NGI)	28 May	09:00–13:00	Visit to South Africa's national mapping agency responsible for geospatial data, mapping, and spatial information infrastructure.



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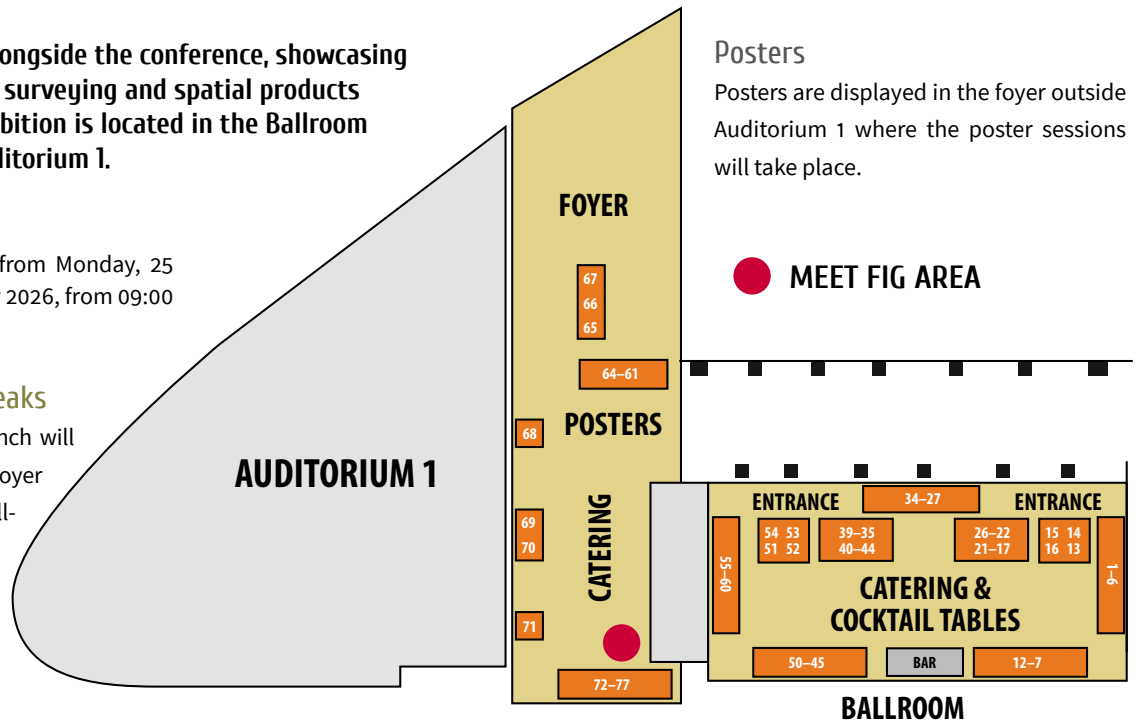
The exhibition runs alongside the conference, showcasing the latest and best in surveying and spatial products and services. The exhibition is located in the Ballroom and foyer outside Auditorium 1.

Opening Hours

The exhibition is open from Monday, 25 May to Thursday, 28 May 2026, from 09:00 to 17:00.

Lunch and Coffee Breaks

Tea/coffee breaks and lunch will be served in 3 places: Foyer outside Auditorium 1, Ballroom, and Roof Terrace Foyer.



Posters

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Have a chat with FIG profiles around the FIG exhibition booth (No. 77), marked with ●. See who and when in the schedule below:

	Monday 25 May	Tuesday 26 May	Wednesday 27 May	Thursday 28 May
Morning break 10:30–11:00	3 Vice President candidates: • Peter Ache • Ganesh Prasad Bhatta • Tim Burch	Commission 7 Commission 10	Commission 3 Commission 8	Commission 5 Commission 6
Lunch break 12:30–14:00	2 President candidates: • Michalis Kalogiannakis • Mikael Lilje	Bidders for FIG Congress 2030: • China • Spain	Networks: • Young Surveyors • Regional • Standards	Task Forces: * Climate Compass * Evolutionary Diversity & Inclusion * Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Afternoon break 15:15–15:45	3 Vice President candidates: • Angel Collado • Stephen Djaba • Winnie Shiu	Council FIG Office	Commission 1 Commission 2	Commission 4 Commission 9

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Company	Title	Date / Time
CHC Navigation	Converging Technologies – Towards Accessible 3D Data Capture for Surveying	Monday 25 May, 14:00–15:15
Esri	AI and GIS – Taking the Mystery Out of Today's Technology for Land Administration	Monday 25 May, 15:45–17:00
Leica	Driving Sustainable Progress – When Transformative Innovation Meets Expertise	Tuesday 26 May, 11:00–12:30
Trimble	Surveying the Future – A Framework for Business Model Innovation in the Land Surveying Industry	Tuesday 26 May, 14:00–15:15
Alqotr Consulting Company	From Above and Below: An Integrated Geomatics Demonstration for Smart Urban Development in Saudi Arabia	Tuesday 26 May, 15:45–17:00
eSurvey-GNSS	From Precision Hardware to Open Ecosystem – BDS Global Practices and eSurvey's Vision for Empowering Sustainable Geomatics	Wednesday 27 May, 11:00–11:45
RCMRD	Connects Space to the Village	Wednesday 27 May, 11:45–12:30
Hi-Target	Efficient One-Person Engineering Surveying with a Vision-Enhanced Robotic Total Station – Applications in Cadastre and Construction	Wednesday 27 May, 14:00–15:15
SinoGNSS (ComNavTech)	SLAM Applications – Innovation Makes a Difference	Wednesday 27 May, 15:45–17:00
SuperMap	Empowering Sustainable Development with Geo-Intelligence: Super-Map GIS Applications in Natural Resource Management	Thursday 28 May, 11:00–12:30
GEOSA	GEOSA's Geospatial Transformation: Driving Economic Development through Governance, Regulation, and Smart Oversight	Thursday 28 May, 14:00–15:15



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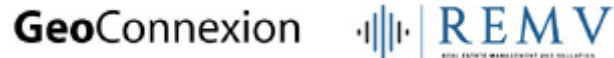
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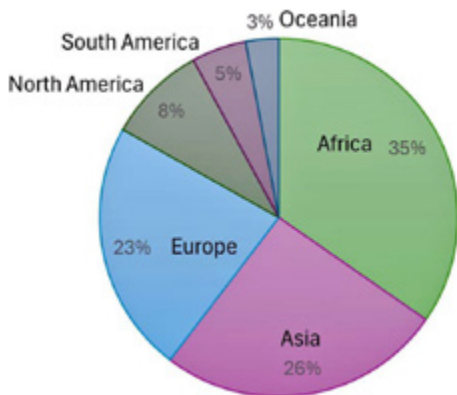


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