Joint FIG/World Bank Conference on "Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals:

Responding to New Challenges

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The conference took place at the World Bank HQ in Washington D.C.

Organized by FIG and WB

The general aim was to emphasize the important role of Land Governance in implementing the Millennium Development Goals

Show how FIG and the WB work in parallel in this regard

The participation in the conference was by invitation only

About 200 international experts participated in the event, representing governments, UN agencies, development agencies, professionals, academia and private sector

Chief organizers Paul van der Molen and Klaus Deininger

FIG Stig Enemark president, Paul van der Molen, Matt Higgins, Iain Greenway, Teo Chee-Hai vice presidents

World Bank Hort Schafer, Director, SDM, Klaus Deininger

UN FAO Paul Munro Faure

UN Habitat Clarissa Augustinus

UNECE WPLA Peter Creuzer

The conference was divided into 6 themes

- Land Governance for the 21st century
- Sustainable systems for land administration and land management
- Securing social tenure for the poorest
- Making land markets for all
- Improving access to land and shelter
- 6. Land governance for rapid urbanization

About 80 papers in 20 sessions

Land governance and the global challenges of food, fuels and climate change

Implementing land governance in practice

Building sustainable well governed land administration systems

Mechanism and impact of redistributive land reform

Spatial planning and urban land management

Commission 7 participants

Paul van der Molen, Teo Chee-Hai, András Osskó, Richard Grover, Daniel Roberge, Christiaan Lemmen, Daniel Steudler, Tommy Österberg, Eugene Silayo, Woodsworth Odame-Larbi

Presentations:

Paul van der Molen: Building sustainable land administration system

Teo Chee-Hai: Land Policy networks in South East Asia: How to make them more effective?

Christiaan Lemmen: Implementing the Social Tenure Domain Model with open source Software. The case of Ethiopia

Richard Grover: Measures to enhance trust in LAS and enhance proper use

Eugene Silayo: Urban land policies for the urban poor in East and Southern Africa

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