

# Report to the 43rd General Assembly

## FIG Working Week 2020, Amsterdam, the Netherlands



### ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

#### FACEBOOK – FIG ARN

The site is up and running and is used as the principal platform for communication. ESRI and other FIG corporate events are shared as well as MOOCs, education opportunities, FIG Foundation and other information of interest in building capacity in Africa. Typical reach is 40-60 people. Challenge is to encourage people to *FOLLOW* the page so that they can stay connected. The member associations have not yet taken this on board in promoting the FB page or following it from their member association pages.



#### NEW CONTACTS

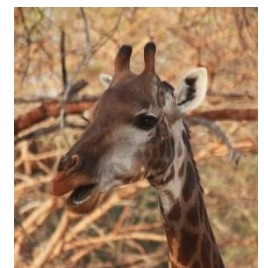


Africa is still poorly represented with FIG Member Associations. The Mauritian Survey Council was invited to become a FIG member association. President Mr Fadil Koodaruth attended the FGG/FIGFARN collaboration conference in Dakar. With Mr Nape Mojapelo and Mr Jakoba Kgopolelo of the South African and Botswanan Councils, and myself also representing the South African Geomatics Institute, there was a presence from SADC to build relationship with Mr Koodaruth.



#### CONTACT LIST

The list of contacts continues to grow and is managed by the FIG office. The ARN is all about networking. Here we are building relationships in an open game watching vehicle in Senegal.....



LOGOS APPROVED

In the course of 2019 a range of logos were approved for use – it is necessary to have a range of different formats for use on various media platforms:



LEADERSHIP

The distributed leadership structure of the ARN lacked representation from North Africa. This has been rectified with the addition of contacts from Algeria in the person of Mr Brahim Baaziz.

EVENTS

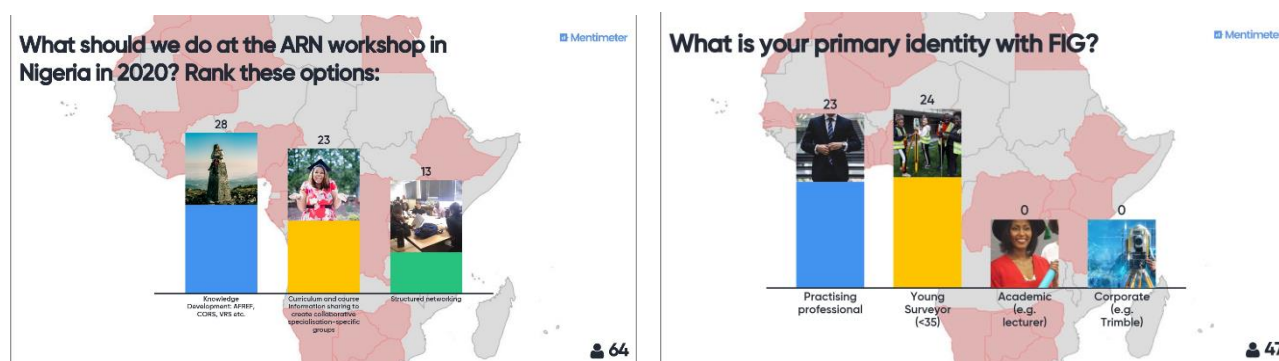
BREAKFAST MEETING AT FIG 2019 HANOI VIETNAM

The breakfast meeting reflected the distributed leadership structure and integration of YSN in the various regions in the form of the YS Africa Network (YSAN).

Reports were presented by J Whittal, Chair of ARN, D Dumashie, outgoing chair, and YSN international Vice Chair, Kwabena Asiamah. Eldar Rubinov presented his work on “CORS in Africa: Developing Africa One CORS at a Time - technical collaboration for the benefit of professionals, academics and member states”. CORS in Africa and the development of AFREF are noted as areas in which the ARN would like to support. A brief survey was conducted to identify participant’s views of the needs of those associated with the ARN in terms of capacity development. These are reported below.

DAKAR SENEGAL: COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE WITH FGF IN NOVEMBER

The FGF graciously invited the ARN to partner with them and the host organisation, ONGES, in the FGF Universities Conference. A dedicated breakfast meeting mirrored those at the FIG conferences – here we promoted the ARN to francophone Africa. There were various presentations including from the YSN. A rapid-fire networking opportunity encouraged participants to meet new people – it was difficult to get people to sit down again! A brief online survey using MENTIMETER was conducted to identify participant’s views of the needs of those associated with the ARN in terms of capacity development at the upcoming meeting in Nigeria in July 2020.

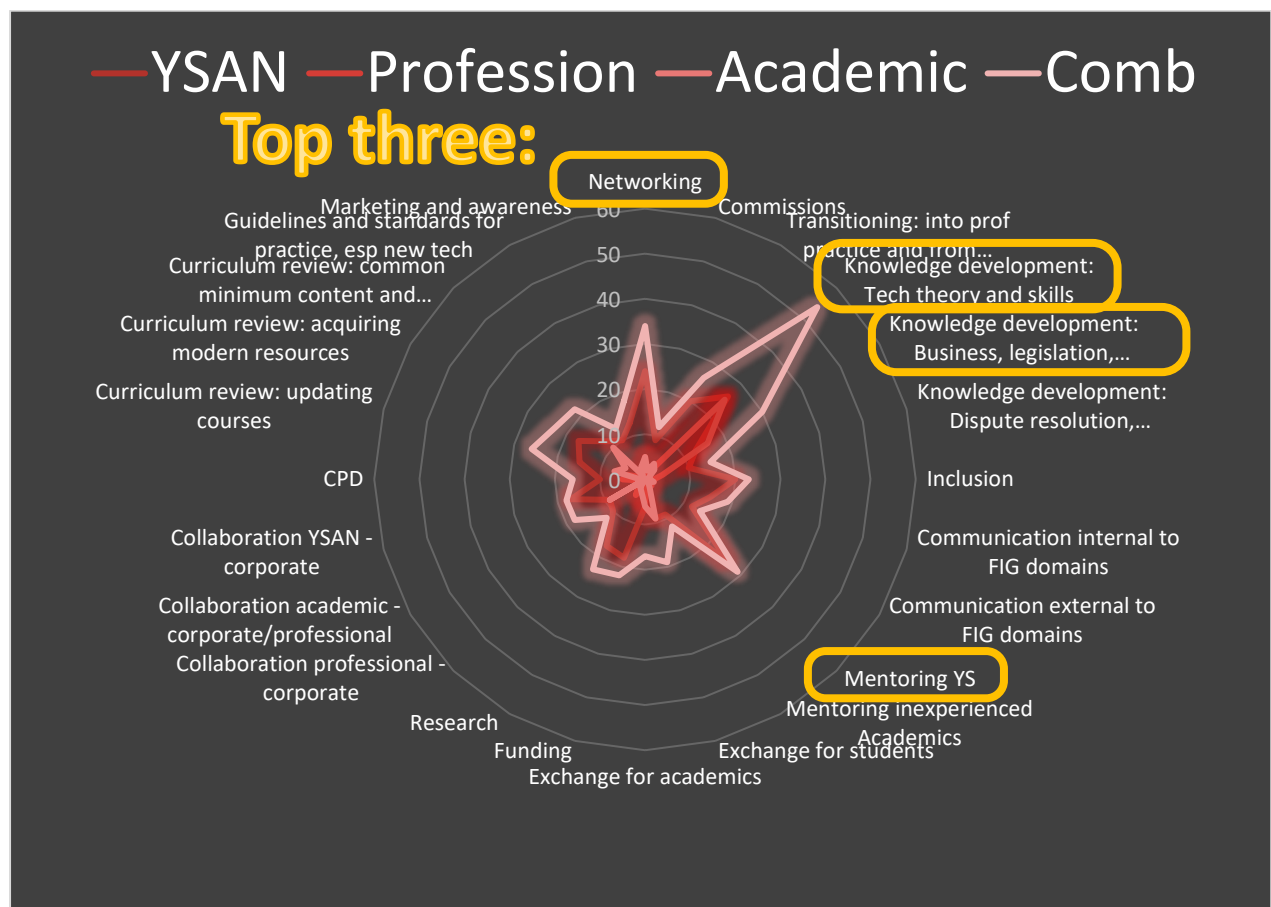


The collaboration with the FGF showed that it is possible to overcome the barriers of language with good translation services and a willingness from organisers and participants. In Africa, it is important for the Anglophone and

Francophone countries to collaborate in ARN activities. We are very grateful for the invitation from the FGF and the extraordinary lengths the member association hosting the conference (ONGES) and FGF organisers went to in their inclusion of the ARN and English-speaking participants.

**ONLINE SURVEY**

Two ARN surveys have been conducted online. The first gathered information to expand the contact list while the second aimed to gauge needs for capacity development. The information is disaggregated into professional, academic and YSAN but only the summary is presented below. Member associations need to promote involvement with and inclusion of the YS, particularly facilitating mentoring programmes. Networking opportunities are highly valued, while the most pressing needs are for knowledge and skills development both in technical aspects of our work as well as in the softer skills such as business, legislation, communication etc.



**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

We will hold a breakfast meeting at the FIG Working Week, Amsterdam. ARN workshops are planned in Nigeria in July 2020 and in Uganda some time in 2021. The Mauritian Surveyors' Council may host a workshop in 2023.

