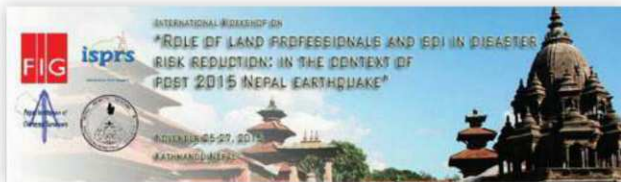


Workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction and Crowdsourcing of Land Information



POST-2015 NEPAL EARTHQUAKE WORKSHOP

In the context of the earthquakes that occurred in Nepal from 25 April 2015 onwards, an international workshop on the role of land professionals and of spatial data infrastructure for disaster risk reduction will be held in Kathmandu in late November 2015.

The main objective of the event is to exploit international expertise for enhancing the professional capacity to contribute to disaster risk reduction efforts in the situation as it currently stands in Nepal. The event further aims to explore opportunities for strengthening and promoting good practices in professional geospatial education and for advancing SDI concepts and spatially enabled societies, and thus to give the profession a key role in providing expertise to aid coordination of the rescue services.

This workshop will bring together surveying, mapping and land administration professionals from Nepal and different parts of the world. The combination of high-level specialists from all over the

world and the recent experiences and local expertise of the Nepalese professionals will offer a unique platform for knowledge exchange and learning.

FIG strongly supports the workshop in its role to provide a platform for exchange of experience and ideas, and this will be continued during the FIG Working Week 2016 in New Zealand. The FIG Young Surveyors Network in Nepal and Kathmandu University will share their experiences with Open Street Map in relation to the earthquake.

The Nepal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (NICS) and Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society (NRSPS) is organising this event together with FIG Commissions 2 and 7, and ISPRS. This workshop will be held at Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu, from 25-27 November 2015 and is supported by the Nepalese Ministry of Land Reform and Management, Survey Department, and Land Management Training Center of the Government of Nepal. ◀



CROWDSOURCING OF LAND INFORMATION WORKSHOP

Through crowdsourcing /volunteered geographic information (VGI), citizens are increasingly sharing their knowledge about land and topography and devoting their personal time and energy to using online tools to deliver data and information, to obtain input and to stimulate action.

Crowdsourcing has only recently been directly applied to the capture of information about and to the management of land rights within the land administration sector. The workshop on the crowdsourcing of land information will explore how we can engage citizens within a new collaborative model for land administration purposes. The crowdsourcing model would be much more inclusive for the disadvantaged and vulnerable, while at the same time increasing access to land information, to land markets and to secure rights and thus helping to

reduce poverty. The workshop will also discuss challenges in handling big data and finding the balance between publicity and personal data protection.

The workshop will have two major themes representing the interests of FIG Commissions 3 and 7:

Commission 3: 'The Role of Citizens and Experts in Sensing Geographical Information'

Commission 7: 'Crowdsourcing of Land Information'

The workshop, which includes the Annual Meetings of Commissions 3 and 7, will be held from 16-20 November 2015 at Le Méridien St. Julians Hotel in St. Julians, Malta. ◀

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