

FIG Congress 2018, Istanbul, Turkey

Concept note

Joint FAO/FIG Academic Forum on the VGGT

12:00 to 14:30 on 7th May 2018

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) have through a LoA agreed to organize three joint sessions with core emphasis on supporting the implementation of the *Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security* (VGGT) during the FIG Congress in Istanbul. The Fig Academic Forum is the platform within the FIG General Assembly where the Academic Members of FIG and other academicians gather to discuss about academic responsibilities and prepare actions. This academic forum focuses on the academic sector and its role in the implementation and dissemination of the VGGTs through curriculum.

At the 2017 FIG Academic Members Forum the outcome of the work of the Academic Members Working Group 'Exploring the VGGT in Practice' on the implementation of the VGGT, in the surveying profession and professional education was presented. In a Round Table setting the results will be discussed resulting in an agreement on the way forward.

During this session at the 2018 FIG Congress we will build upon the previous engagement. FAO will present an overview of the engagement of FAO with the academic sector at country level. The special focus of the session will be on examples of adoption and implementation of the VGGTs in the curriculum.

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