

Report to the 28th General Assembly
FIG Working Week in Cairo, April 2005

Commission 8 – Spatial Planning and Development
Report on Activities 2004-2005

1. General

Our aim over the current work plan period (up to Munich 2006) is to encourage and re-engage Country delegates. This has been progressed in a number of ways.

First, active dialogues have started with delegates in Kenya, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Germany, Fiji, Singapore, and UK. This spirit of communication is further increased when combined with Cross commission activity including the continents of Australasia, EU member countries and Far East.

Second, in January 2005, contact was made with all country Member associations to identify the best means of making effective communication, the responses are to be discussed at the Commission administrative meeting in Cairo.

For the remainder of the term our aim is to progress with building the collaborative culture amongst our delegates and encourage participation from new professionals and academics, particularly people in the African continent.

2. Commission Activities

In August 2004, Dr Diane Dumashie, Chairman of Commission 8 attended the 2nd UN-Habitat World Urban Forum held in Barcelona. From that meeting important links were made with UN-Habitat team members, with subsequent follow up meetings in October 2004 and March 2005 to explore the building of further working relationships.

As a result of liaison with key individuals from UN Habitat Urban Governance Team our commission was invited to input into the teams strategic thinking. Many thanks to those delegates that contributed.

Dr Spike Boydell, Chair-elect, has been working with international and regional organisations, the academic community and member organisation to profile Commission 8 activity. This includes groundwork on the *Planning for Sustainable Community Lifestyles* initiative with UN agencies, members of the Council for Regional Organisations in the Pacific (notably SPREP, SPC and USP), the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Department for International Development (DFID) and FIG member organisations.

3. Work Plan 2002- 2006

The Commission has followed the accepted work – plan, but as a small commission with relatively few delegates, the objective is to continue our efforts by focusing on two of our key goals: Disaster and Risk management as well as Informal settlements.

In taking over the Commission mid-term at the Athens Working Week, the Chair and Chair-elect highlighted the need to reinvigorate existing Work Groups and Member Organisation activity. As highlighted in Figure 1, the key aims for the 2004-2006 Session are to collaborate, contact, consult and communicate with the membership.

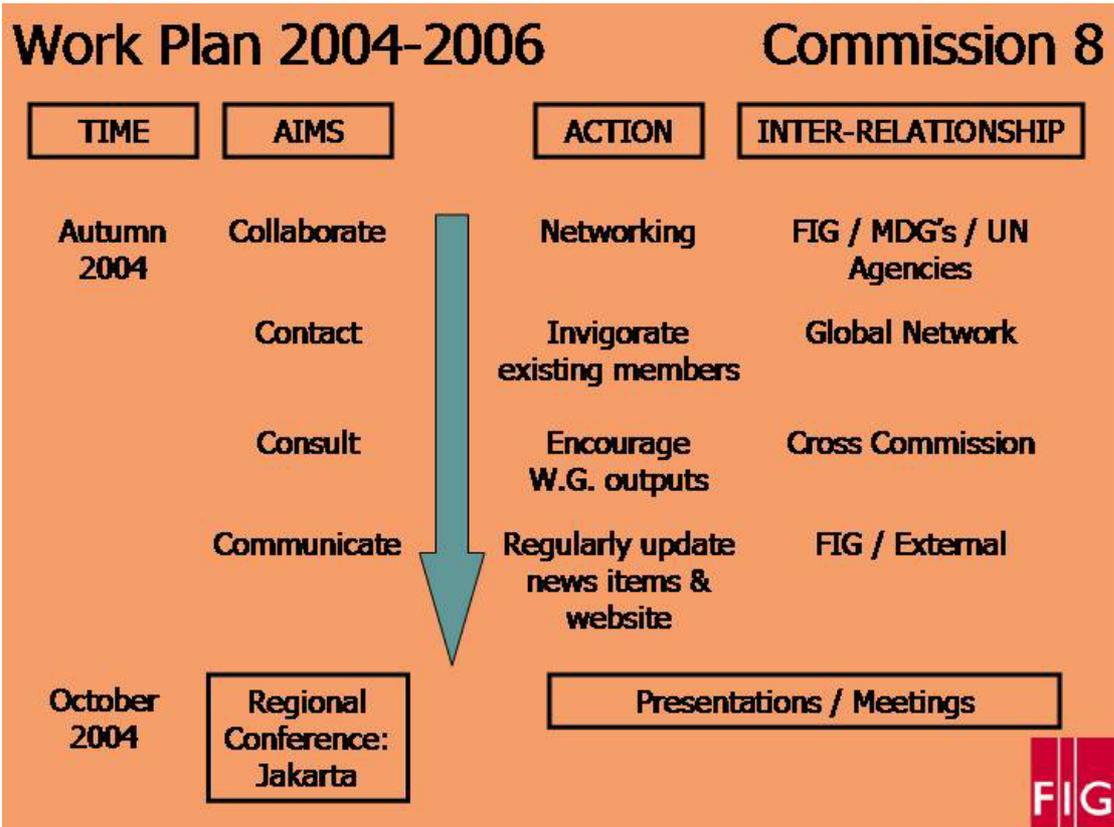


Figure 1: Commission 8 Workplan 2004-2006 Part A (source Dumashie & Boydell 2004)

Looking forward to the new plan period after 2006, it is of vital importance to start to inform the decision making process of our next work plan and we will be seeking to evolve this in detail at the next Commission 8 round table discussion in Cairo led by Dr Spike Boydell the Chair-elect. The preparatory process identified in Athens includes the need to co-ordinate, consult, consider and compose in anticipation of the 2006-2010 Work Plan (see Figure 2).

Following on from the Jakarta Regional Meeting, Dr Dumashie and Dr Boydell have progressed the agenda by liaising with international agencies, NGOs, Government Bodies and member organisations, as well as increased cross-commission involvement.

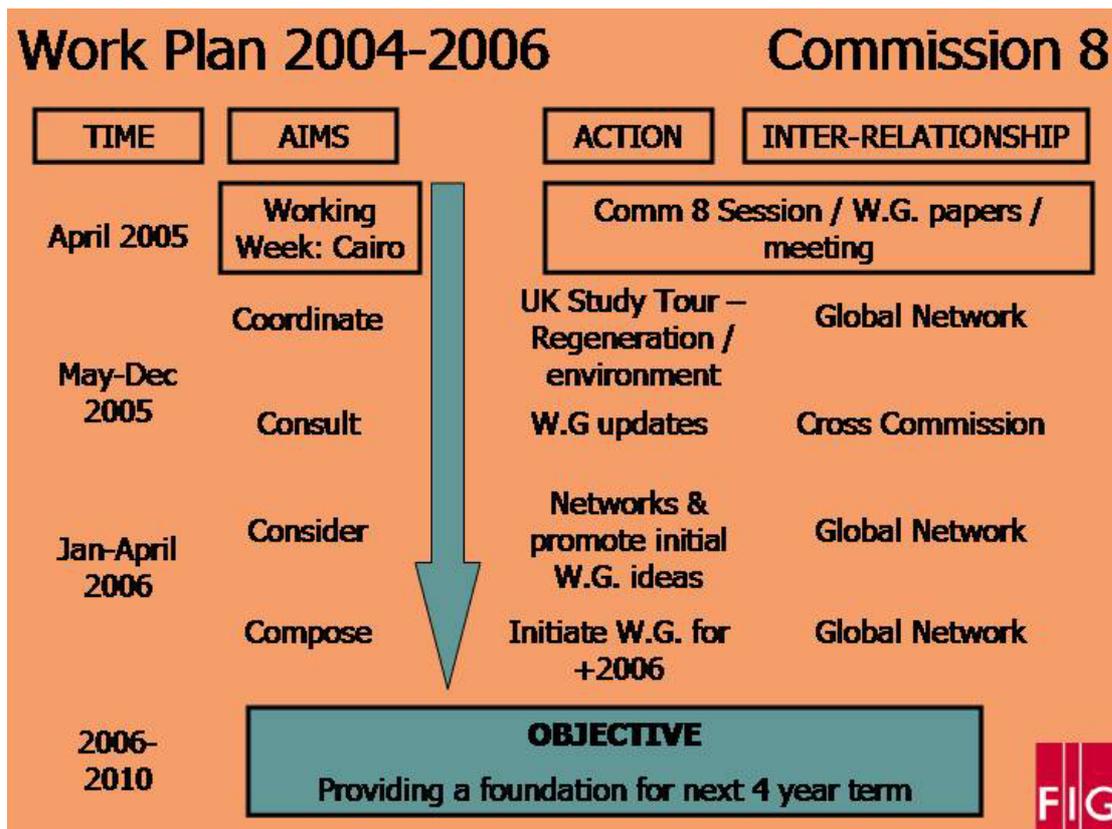


Figure 2: Commission 8 Workplan 2004-2006 Part B (source Dumashie & Boydell 2004)

4. FIG Working week April 2004, and Regional October 2004

Athens WW was a success for Comm 8, our activities were launched in the third plenary session concentrating on environmental issues and risk management, with Theo Kötter (delegate) making the key note presentation.

During the administrative session Dr D Dumashie was able to outline the work plan for the current term. This plan encourages and open lines of communication with all interested Commission 8 members

Jakarta RWW a Commission 8 administrative session was well attended mostly by new comers from both the Asiatic regions as well as international delegates. The full report has been submitted to FIG HQ and is likely to be on the web site soon.

5. Working Group Activities

Both of the key working groups are active with delegates engaged:

Working Group 8.3 – Spatial land planning implications in informal settlements

Chair Dr Diane Dumashie

Commission 8 is leading a Joint Working Group with Commission 3, 4 and 7. This project seeks to consider Spatial land planning implications in informal settlements in Cities/ Ports

accounting for security of tenure for women and community participation utilising ICZM, planning and GIS tools.

The initial breakfast meeting was held in Athens, and the next steps agreed, with subsequent email updates. The project will continue to evolve and inputs discussed at an interim meeting here in Cairo 2005.

Working Group 8.4 - Disaster Risk Management

Chair Professor Theo Kötter

The group's work continues with technical sessions, working group meetings (in Jakarta) as well as the development of a new web site (link via www.fig.net or <http://www.isbk.uni-bonn.de/fig/>). A small but useful Working Group meeting was held in Jakarta. The global response to the Asian Tsunami only serves to highlight the ongoing importance of this Working Group and the role of FIG and Commission 8 in particular in Spatial Planning and Development in its broadest context. In the coming year there will be an awareness campaign to highlight the importance of, and raise the profile of the surveying community in, Disaster Risk Management.

6. Future Plans

A Commission annual meeting is being mooted and circulated amongst delegates. The proposal is to invite member delegates to a working seminar to be conducted over a period of 2/3 days and to cover Environment and Regeneration topics.

Evolving the 2006-2010 Work Plan

During the Athens Working Week, Dr Boydell introduced the theme of the 2006-2010 Commission 8 Work Plan as *Planning for Sustainable Community Lifestyles*. This theme embraces and refines some of the existing Commission 8 Work Group activities. The need to walk, rather than merely talk, the road of sustainable development was highlighted in the Jakarta Regional Conference. It is intended to focus on a case study approach to allow FIG to share the many lessons and examples of spatial planning and development that are taking place globally in developed, developing and under-developed societies.

Given the topical and long-term nature of the current Working Groups 8.3 and 8.4, it is anticipated that they will be incorporated under the *Planning for Sustainable Community Lifestyles* umbrella, and complemented with new working groups on Urban and Rural Futures (with sub-categories linking transport, services, communications, jobs and people).

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Chair of FIG Commission 8
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