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Dear FIG C7 delegates and friends,

We hope you're tracking well. Herewith the February 2023 update on the activities and upcoming events relating to C7. Remember, if you have news items you think will be of interest to the C7 community, please send them to FIGCommission7@FIG.net.

1. FIG Working Week 2023, Orlando, Florida

It was great to see so much interest for C7 in the submissions for Orlando. We had over **150 abstracts** submitted for C7 (with some linked to multiple Commissions). The quality was also high! Fitting all these all into the program is of course a challenge – but we're working on it (with the support of Working Group Chairs, and the other Commissions). Stay tuned for the draft program, and meanwhile, if you can, be sure to register for the event: <https://www.fig.net/fig2023/registration.htm>. It promises to be a memorable one. Remember, Early Bird closes on February 28th (Next Week!).



2. International Workshop on Integration and Decentralisation, Nepal, 16-17 February



FIG C7 (along with C2) were very glad to co-organise an international workshop on the integration and decentralisation of land administration and land use planning functions, February 16-17, in Dhulikhel, Nepal. New FIG President, Diane Dumashie, delivered an online presentation during the Opening Ceremony. Decentralisation empowers local communities to shape landscapes and settlements, and is enabled by more readily available access to land information and geospatial tools and technologies (amongst other things). However, it comes with challenges of ensuring national data integration, intergovernmental

coordination, and provision of adequate skills and capacity to local levels. Nepal was the ideal location for the event, as it strives to implement its Land Use Policy (2015). Nepal's, Land Management Training Center (LMTC), headed by Mr. Ganesh Bhatta, provided a wonderful and productive experience for all delegates. The event was backed by key Ministries in Nepal, the World Bank, and other NGOs. You can view some of the sessions on LMTC's youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@lmtcTube/streams>



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3. Aligning with UN-GGIM Expert Group of Land Administration and Management

FIG C7 has a close a long-standing relationship with the UN-GGIM EG-LAM. The Expert Group, co-Chaired for 2023-25, by Singapore and Chile, is currently finalising its own workplan. C7 is working closely with the EG-LAM to ensure alignment. This will include joint events, joint publications, and efforts to raise awareness, further develop, and increase implementation of both FELA and LADM. Learn more about the UN-GGIM EG-LAM here: <https://ggim.un.org/un-eg-lam/>



4. Update on FIG C7 2023-26 Workplan Finalisation



Following meetings in Copenhagen, Denmark, running from 7-8 February – including feedback from FIG Council - finishing touches are now being put on the FIG C7 2023-26 workplan. In good news, most of the Working Groups, and Working Chairs, as reported in the January 2023 C7 news brief, are now set in place. The workplan will be ultimately approved at the 2023 Working Week in Florida. Meanwhile, if you're interested in learning more about our planned activities, or getting involved with a Working Group, please get in touch with myself and Kirsikka (via FIGCommission7@FIG.net), or the specific C7 Working Group Chairs:

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5. Next time...

- More on planning relating to the **2023 C7 Annual Meeting**, taking place in The Netherlands, later on in the year
- More on the contributions of FIG C7 to the **CSW67 (UN Women)** event in New York during March 2023.