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*To those in a position to sponsor a young African surveyor,*

**Re: African Young Surveyor Representatives required to attend FIG African Task Force Workshop**

At the most recent International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Working Week, held from 18-22 May 2011 in Marrakech, Morocco, Dr Diane Dumashie, Chair of the FIG African Task Force, presented her plan for the upcoming workshop targeting Young People and Women.

The FIG African Task Force has as its focus the African Surveying Profession and how it can best contribute to the key challenges of poverty alleviation, economic growth and environmental sustainability. Four workshops are proposed as part of the four year remit of the Task Force – the 2011 workshop will target young surveyors and female surveyors and the ways and means to remove the barriers these groups experience in entering the profession. Young surveyors are the future of our profession, and in bringing together young surveyors from across Sub-Saharan Africa we will facilitate a network of young surveyors to generate action and opportunities. The timing of this workshop is such that outcomes and key resulting actions will be reported at the first ever FIG Young Surveyors Conference and Working Week in Rome, May 2012.

**It is essential that young African surveyors are present at this workshop, to enable their voices to be heard.**

As Chair of the FIG Young Surveyors Network, I would like to invite a young surveyor representative<sup>1</sup> from your association or company to attend this event. The workshop will run for two days and will be held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa starting evening of 30<sup>th</sup> November, and ending on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. I encourage FIG member associations and companies to sponsor or partially-sponsor their young surveyor and female representatives. Alternative funding sources may be available, but will be subject to Associations and companies nominating young surveyor representatives as early as possible.

Further details of the event is available on the FIG website/ Africa Task Force. For planning purposes I would like to receive details of your nominated young surveyor representative, and any sponsorship requirements, by 6<sup>th</sup> September. I am happy to receive any questions regarding the event, these should be emailed to me at [kfairlie@gmail.com](mailto:kfairlie@gmail.com) or directed through the FIG office.

I look forward to your response, and to meeting the young surveyor representatives at the workshop.

Yours faithfully,

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2011 – 2014 Chair, FIG Young Surveyors Network

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<sup>1</sup> A young surveyor is deemed by the FIG to be a person aged 35 years or under OR a person who is within 10 years of graduating from a Bachelor or Masters degree. We particularly encourage associations to nominate female young surveyor representatives.