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Task Force on Property and Housing (2011-2014)

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Background

In many countries surveyors are expected to identify land tools and good governance practices that will facilitate:

- secure access to land and property rights,
- secure mortgage rights,
- sustainable housing rights and property markets,
- energy efficiency and green/ecological housing,
within an unpredictable economic and social environment.

Some common problems are:

- Significant decrease in access to financing,
- Migration, immigration and unemployment,
- Inner city decay, shrinking of towns/villages,
- Corruption and confusion in land and housing regulatory framework,
- Increasing housing demand and informal settlements

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Objectives

- investigate challenges and major threats resulting from the current financial crisis
- Identify a **new role for the surveyor**
- Develop awareness, vision, strategies, institutional arrangements, tools

in order to:

ensure access to a choice of housing types and tenures at a reasonable cost within inclusive and well-served neighborhoods,
secure tenure, financial resources, but also secure mortgage rights,
identify the linkage between ecological and affordable housing,
enable conditions for affordable housing,
ensure access to energy efficient housing,
improve education, training and skills

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Methodology

- Internet research, review of existing publications and other sources
- Interviews; questionnaire
- Organization of TSs at the FIG WWs / cooperation with Com 3,7,8,9,10
- Organization of a focused Workshop / cooperation with Com 3,7,8,9,10
- Expert group meetings; Case studies for specific regions

Cooperation with the WB and UN HABITAT

Output

FIG publication to be launched at the FIG Congress 2014

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Case studies: Dalal Alnagar (Arab Union of Surveyors), other regions

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