

## FIG Academic Forum – AC-Forum 2024 held in Accra Ghana

The FIG Academic Forum (AF) 2024 started by looking back at a point from AF 2023 that almost all Surveying education in BSc and MSc level are facing a lower number of students, in addition in this year AF, there was a statement that also teachers/professors numbers are decreasing.

In continuation, Vice-chair of FIG Commission 2 Prof. Casanova presented the preliminary results from their FIG C2 and YSN Global Survey on Academic Education in Land Surveying/Geomatics, where the first results show that different continents/ecosystems have different requirements/characteristics.

FIG joint WG 2.3 and 7.8 on Land Administration Education gave a short briefing on their work in direction of identifying a global definition of Land Administration. Discussions continued in direction, academia in an attempt to attract more students created different tracks with new innovative titles which over time received fewer students. This could result in a new development of attaching geospatial education to another scientific discipline. To avoid this the opinion of European representatives in this year Academic Forum (AC-Forum) was to join forces and create a platform where all European MSc programmes in Geomatics for e.g. would share their courses with descriptions. This platform could later facilitate sharing of resources and combining classrooms from more universities in a larger auditorium.

Lastly, the proper use of new technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education was discussed and how to regulate this for all universities in a unified way.