



CASLE News

27th Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE) Conference, October 2023

The CASLE/ISU Conference, 26 - 27 October, attracted over 300 delegates from across Africa along with the Ugandan Minister for Lands, the Hon. Judith Nabakooba and the presidents of CASLE, Joseph Ajanlekoko, and ISU, Gonza Alozius. The event was held at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The theme of the conference focussed on the potential and expected impact of AI on surveying and construction. There was a strong young surveyors delegation in attendance. The online session was held on Friday, 27 October and was shown on screen in the conference venue. Over 100 CASLE international members joined online, along with the conference delegates who listened to four expert speakers.



ISU (Institute of Surveyors Uganda) delegates

James Kavanagh MRICS, Head of Land & Resources at RICS and Secretary General of CASLE was involved in a special online webinar session on the very topical subject of AI in construction and land/property. A recording of the webinar is available at: [AI and the built and natural environment - CASLE/ISU online webinar 27/10/23 - YouTube](#)

Topics covered for the **AI and the built and natural environment** webinar were:

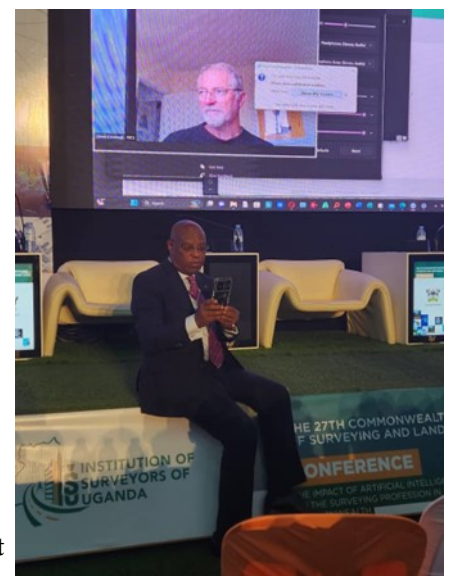
Introduction and chair – James Kavanagh MRICS, C.Geog, Head of Land & Resources, RICS and Secretary General, CASLE

AI meets construction – Dr Anil Sawhney FRICS, Head of Sustainability (interim), RICS

Harnessing AI for infrastructure project cost benchmarking: An ICMS use-case – Dr Abdul-Majeed Mahamadu, Associate Professor, Bartlett School of Sustainable construction, University College London

Confluence of construction occupational safety & health and Industry 4.0 - present status & future directions – Professor Patrick Manu, Professor of Innovative Construction and Project Management, University of the West of England

The future of AI and the land & property professions – Andrew Knight, Global AI, Data & Tech Lead, RICS



AI session with CASLE President Joseph Ajanlekoko and James Kavanagh (on screen)

Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors elects new leadership at 9th Triennial General

The 9th triennial General Assembly of the Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS), hosted by the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS) together with their 30th biennial conference and general meeting, marked a pivotal moment as members from across the continent gathered in Abuja, Nigeria. The event, held on 24 November 2023, witnessed the election of a new Executive Council, culminating in the swearing-in of the new President, QS Matthew Ngulube, the chairman of the Zambia Quantity Surveyors Registration Board.

The highlight of the assembly was the election of QS Matthew Ngulube as the new President of AAQS. A seasoned professional and former Vice President (Southern Africa) of the Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors and current Vice President (Southern Africa) of the Commonwealth Association of Surveyors and Land Economy (CASLE), Matthew Ngulube's inauguration took place at a formal dinner on the evening of 24 November.

Secretary General, QS Alfred Aluvaala from Kenya; Honorary Treasurer, QS Gerhard de Leeuw from South Africa; Eastern Region Vice President, QS Bernard Ndakidemi; Southern Region Vice President, QS Robert Akanyang from Botswana; Central Region Vice President, QS Lomqulo Gumbo from Malawi; and Western Region Vice President, QS Olayemi Shonubi from Nigeria.

The event drew a diverse and vibrant attendance, with members from various African countries, including Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The diverse representation showcased the collaborative spirit of AAQS in fostering a pan-African network of quantity surveyors.

Delegates attended a two-day conference of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and engaged in substantive discussions addressing the challenges and opportunities in the field of quantity surveying across the continent. The assembly served as a platform for knowledge exchange, fostering a shared vision for advancing the profession in Africa.

President Ngulube's inauguration speech outlined his vision for the future of AAQS. With a focus on collaboration, education, and technological advancement, he expressed his commitment to steering the organisation towards greater heights during his three-year term.

The 9th triennial General Assembly of AAQS hosted by NIQS in Abuja stands as a milestone in the organisation's journey. The election of President Matthew Ngulube and the diverse participation from across Africa signal a promising future for the field of quantity surveying on the continent. As the newly elected Executive Council takes charge, members eagerly anticipate the positive impact and advancements that will unfold under their leadership.



Immediate past president QS Obafemi Onashile handing over the Chain of Office to President QS Matthew Ngulube



From left to right: Vice President Central Region, QS Lomqulo Gumbo - Malawi; President, QS Matthew Ngulube - Zambia; Immediate Past President, QS Obafemi Onashile - Nigeria; Secretary General, QS Alfred Aluvaala - Kenya; Honorary Treasurer, QS Gerhard de Leeuw - South Africa; Eastern Region Vice President, QS Bernard Ndakidemi - Tanzania.



AAQS past presidents from left to right: QS David Gaitho - Kenya; QS Michael Frimpong - Ghana; current president QS Matthew Ngulube - Zambia; QS Segun Ajanlekoko - Nigeria and QS Obafemi Onashile - Nigeria

Attendees celebrated the beginning of his three-year tenure, anticipating positive developments under his leadership. Other executive members elected onto the AAQS Council are the Immediate Past President, QS Obafemi Onashile from Nigeria;

Absent from photo: Western Region Vice President, QS Olayemi Shonubi - Nigeria; and Southern Region Vice President; QS Robert Akanyang - Botswana

FIG Commission 9 Valuation transparency survey – call for CASLE participation

FIG Commission 9 (Valuation) has set itself the goal of contributing to the improvement of transparency in land & property markets during the current presidential period (2023-26) and has developed a research-partnership with the University of the West of England, (UWE Bristol), the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), the European Group of Valuers' Associations (TEGOVA) and the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC).

Transparency is a critical element of functioning, accessible and equitable land and property markets and FIG Commission 9, as a first step, has launched a new and open survey to explore the state of valuation transparency in local, national and regional land and property markets and where - from a global perspective - differences can be identified.

Please circulate the survey as widely as possible within your organisation, your country and your national and international networks.

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FIG Accra 2024

CASLE will be present at FIG Accra May 2024 and we would encourage all member associations to attend what should be the global surveying event of 2024. We will have a special CASLE session on Tuesday, 21 May. More information will be available in the Q1 2024 CASLE newsletter.

Full information about FIG Accra 2024 can be found here: - [Invitation to FIG Working Week 2024 in Ghana](#)

RICS/IPTI 10th Annual Caribbean Valuation and Construction Conference (Barbados)

Over 100 Caribbean valuation and construction professionals came together for the annual RICS/IPTI Caribbean conference with speakers including the Honourable Ryan Straughn, Member of Parliament and Ministry of Finance representative from Barbados; Chris Smith, Chair of RICS Americas World Regional Board; Dr Diane Dumashie FRICS President of FIG ;and Paul Sanderson, President of IPTI. The conference also featured a Bankers and Developers Panel, with participation from local bank representatives, as well as the RICS/IPTI Real Estate and Construction Market Panel. Several CASLE members were in attendance and Dr Diane Dumashie (FIG President) gave a keynote address highlighting the role of CASLE and much more besides. Diane was also able to build on the FIG Orlando initiative on Small Island Developing States network, and the work of UN GLTN on unregistered land valuation. More on IPTI can be found at [About Us \(ipti.org\)](#)



Paul Sanderson – IPTI President (centre) with Caribbean Conference delegates



Invitation to attend RICS World Built Environment Forum Week 2024

29 January – 1 February, Online

Free

Returning for its seventh year, the World Built Environment Forum’s annual global gathering will focus on accelerating the discussion on decarbonisation across land and building lifecycle.

Decarbonising the sector and improving impacts on cities, climate, and overall biodiversity will transform every aspect of business, investment, work and life. Yet amid economic uncertainty and worsening affordability crises, achieving this change at pace requires workable, investable, and business-compatible solutions.

Over four days, participants will build a picture of how standards, policy, investment, data and technology are changing the landscape across energy, infrastructure, and the land and building life cycle. To conclude, WBEF Week 2024 will outline a practical approach to mobilising public and investor trust in new and emerging solutions.

With 55+ confirmed speakers, you will get to hear from the world’s most renowned and respected organisations as they discuss strategies and solutions our sector can engage to improve impacts on cities, climate, and overall biodiversity that will transform every aspect of business, investment, work and life.

[Register to attend here](#)

Confirmed speakers include:

- Dr Kwabena Asiama MRICS, Lecturer, KNUST and Chair, FIG Commission 8 on Spatial Planning and Development
- Sanjay Dutt FRICS, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Tata Realty and Infrastructure
- Cristina Garcia Gomez Reyes, Lead, Net Zero Nature Positive Cities, World Economic Forum
- Laeeq Hassan FRICS, Associate Director, Mace and Chair of the RICS KSA Market Advisory Panel
- Manpreet Juneja, Senior Economist, Global Infrastructure Hub
- Tina Paillet FRICS, President Elect, RICS

Explore this free to attend programme, network with peers, and join the conversation with our speakers in real time.

<p>7</p> <p>Successful editions</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Days of showcasing solutions on decarbonisation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Hours of industry leading insights</p>
<p>55+</p> <p>Exclusive speakers</p>	<p>50+</p> <p>Countries connecting in one location</p>	<p>20+</p> <p>Interactive panels, demonstrators, fireside chats and keynotes</p>

Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia report for CASLE (October to December 2023)

1: General Council

The Malaysian Surveyor Vol. 58 No.1 – 2023

The theme of the latest issue of The Malaysian Surveyor is Carbon Credit and the Environmental Sustainable Goal (ESG).

This issue covers articles pertaining to this topic from a few perspectives. The RISM writes “The United Nation (UN) declaration for Transforming the World with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development has reached its halfway mark and it’s about time that the industry, especially we the surveyors, start looking at the SDG for our profession. At present no benchmarking or standards have been issued by UN or the government on the implementation of SDG other than the carbon credit calculation which in Malaysia is still at its infancy stage, hopefully these articles would start to create some interest about these matters to our members.”

In this issue, there is an interview with the current President on his views about his experience, his outlook to the industry as well the green issues impacting the industry. Also, included is a review on a book written by RISM’s PP Sr Khoo Boo Kean who had written his memoir about his life experience throughout the years. “.... written in simple language and when reading, it is as if Sr Khoo is just beside you narrating it himself...” commented by RISM’s PP Sr Kwan Hock Hai who wrote review.

RISM also writes: “We are also quite fortunate that our Institution has managed to carry out a few international events successfully and we applaud the organising team which had put our Institution in the international limelight and we are glad to include these prestigious events in this issue. Again, we wish to call members to share their views about the profession, news about members and any suggestions to improve our magazine.”

The latest issue is available to read free here, [The Malaysian Surveyor](#)



Cover of the latest issue of The Malaysian Surveyor featuring the current President

2. Summary of RISM Academy Webinar Series

2.1 Defect Management in Stratified Building

Speaker: Mr Kuan You Wei
 Date: 6 November 2023
 Time: 9.00 am – 11.00 am
 Total participants: 119 participants
 • Member: 93 participants
 • Non-member: 26 participants

2.2 Effective Project Time Management Training

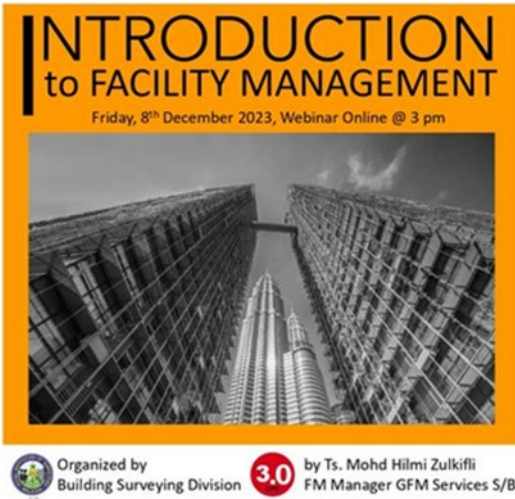
Speaker: Sr Ts. Mohd Asrul Hassin
 Date: 29 November 2023
 Time: 9.00 am – 11.00 am
 Total participants: 39 participants
 • Member: 33 participants
 • Non-member: 6 participants

Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia report for CASLE (October to December 2023)

Summary of RISM Academy Webinar Series continued from page 5

2.3 Introduction to Facility Management

Date: 8 December 2023, Friday
 Time: 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm
 Mode: Online Webinar



2.4 Managing Personal Finances

Speaker: Mr Mohamed Firdaus Kader Mohideen
 Date: 16 December 2023, Saturday
 Time: 9.00 am – 11.00 am
 Mode: Online Webinar



3 RISM Charity Bowling



Date: 20 January 2024, Saturday
 Time: 9.00 am
 Venue: Wangsa Bowl @ One Utama, Damansara
 Registration Fee: RM450.00 per team (2+2)

Registration link via Facebook:

<https://forms.gle/VhPaEEUWb2PxfPSdI>

Registration link via LinkedIn

https://lnkd.in/gj9V_9ji

CASLE's Dr Jim Mason, Associate Professor of Construction Law, School of Architecture and Environment, University of the West of England, (UWE Bristol), recently spoke at the virtual symposium on **Ground Conditions, Risk and the Blockchain**. The event was organised by INTI International, University, Malaysia.



Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers 54th Annual Conference

The 54th annual conference of the NIESV runs from 15 - 20 April 2024. The theme of the conference is: **Nigeria's trillion dollar GDP dream: Harnessing the wealth of our land.** For details on registration, please see details below.

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54TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EDO2024

THEME: NIGERIA'S TRILLION DOLLAR GDP DREAM: HARNESSING THE WEALTH OF OUR LAND

DATE:
15TH - 20TH APRIL, 2024

@Cathelea Hotel and Events Center, Gaius Idubor Street, G.R.A, Benin City

A) REGISTRATION FEES:

S/N	MEMBER CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD <small>11/12/2023 - 14/1/2024</small>	NORMAL <small>15/1/2024 - 24/2/2024</small>	LATE REG <small>25/2/2024 - 14/4/2024</small>	RUSH HOUR <small>15/4/2024 - 19/4/2024</small>	VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION
1	Fellows	22,500.00	27,500.00	32,500.00	40,000.00	50,000.00
2	Assoc. Above 10	20,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	45,000.00
3	Assoc. Below 10	17,500.00	20,000.00	22,500.00	30,000.00	40,000.00
4	Probationers/Graduates	15,000.00	17,500.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	35,000.00
5	Students	3,500.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
6	Non-Members	30,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00
7	Foreign Participants	75 USD	100 USD	150 USD	200 USD	300 USD

B) BREAKOUT SESSIONS: MINIMUM OF 2 SESSIONS (Compulsory)

All Categories of Members	N5,000 (Per Session)
Foreign Participant	50 USD (Per Session)

C) CONFERENCE SEMINAR MATERIALS (Compulsory)

All Categories of Members / Participants	Hard Copy	N4,000
	Soft Copy	N2,000

D) CONFERENCE BAGS (Optional)

All Categories of Members / Participants	Trolling Bag	N20,000
	Shuttle Bag	N12,000
	Leather Folder	N8,000
	Polythene Folder	N5,000

E) GALA NIGHT/RAFFLE DRAW (Optional)

All Categories of Members / Participants	N10,000 Flat (Galanite registration ends 14/4/2024)
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HOW TO REGISTER

- 1) Visit the Conference Portal via the link: www.niesv.org.ng/conference Or launch the Conference Mobile App installed from Google Play/Apple Store
- 2) Locate Register button, select your Category and Login with Membership No.
- 3) On your dashboard menu, Select a Package to start registration
- 4) Proceed to payment; you can pay with your ATM Card or bank transfer as applicable
- 5) On successful registration you will receive a confirmation email with your registration code

BANK DETAILS

Please visit E-Conference App for bank details

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Hon. National Publicity Secretary
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CASLE member Randolph Choo-Shee-Nam passed away in September 2023. Well respected by the surveying community in Guyana, we offer our condolences to his family and publish his eulogy by his daughter below.

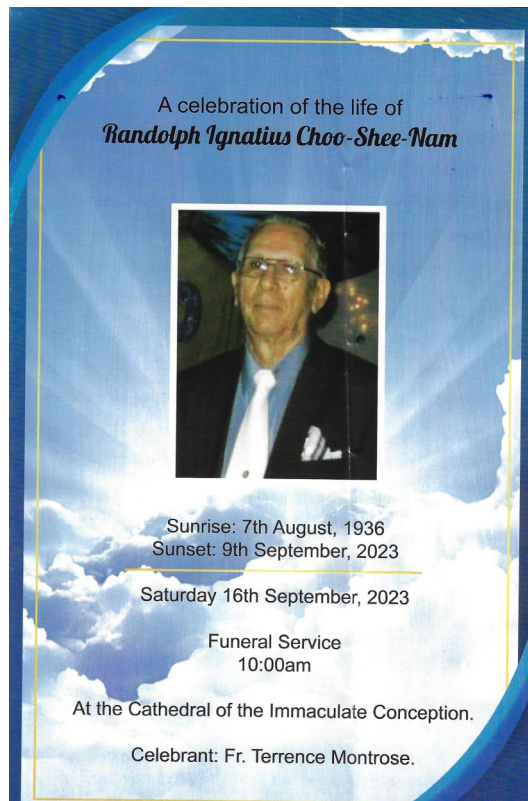
EULOGY

Randolph Ignatius Choo-Shee-Nam was born to Benjamin Choo-Shee-Nam Merchant and Marie DeFreitas DeSantos on the 7th day of August 1936.

He met his wife whilst working as a Hydrographic Surveyor in the County of Berbice. They got married at Church of the Ascension Berbice in 1963. His Career as a Surveyor spanned several faculties Hydrographic, Cadastral, Valuation, Geomatics his specialities. He was a maestro at his job working on Government IDB Road Projects, the Cheddie Jagan International Airport, The Guyana Power and Light and so many established institutions both in Guyana and throughout the West Indies

Randolph Choo-Shee-Nam qualified as a Guyana Land Surveyor in 1958 and worked in the British Guiana Civil Service, Ministry of Public Works where he was Chief Hydrographic Surveyor until the year 1975 when he qualified with his FRICS- the Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, he began lecturing to Land Surveyors at the Government Technical Institute and then at the University of Guyana to Surveying and Engineering Students.

He was also Dean of 2 Faculties- the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Technology. He was also the Head of his Engineering and Surveying Company Choo-Shee-Nam & Associates and he continued training Land Surveyors. He took both his professional Career and his Family very seriously. We traveled extensively and were exposed to the BEST as a Visiting Professor at several Universities in the United Kingdom and Canada.



A celebration of the life of
Randolph Ignatius Choo-Shee-Nam



Sunrise: 7th August, 1936
Sunset: 9th September, 2023

Saturday 16th September, 2023

Funeral Service
10:00am

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Celebrant: Fr. Terrence Montrose.

Invite for the submission of abstracts and presentations for the 3rd International Land Management Conference

The Land International Network for Knowledge (LINK) in collaboration with the University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) invite the submission of abstracts and presentations for the 3rd International Land Management Conference (ILM3) that will be held at UWE Bristol, UK, and online, on 14 and 15 March 2024. Researchers, practitioners, representatives of governments, NGOs, and professional bodies are encouraged to attend and contribute to the conference. LINK will consider full research papers, project reviews, case studies and other suitable presentation formats.

This year the themes are:

- Theme 1: Can we build more inclusive and resilient land tenure systems by understanding social value and climate change?
- Theme 2: How can land administration systems contribute to efficient and equitable land markets?
- Theme 3: What approaches can Development Partners use to help achieve more successful Land Administration sector reform?
- Theme 4: LINK – Early Career Professionals and Junior Researchers – Innovations in Land Research and Practice

For further information and abstract submissions please visit the website:

[3rd International Land Management Conference, 14-15 March 2024 – LINK \(landinternational.network\)](https://landinternational.network)

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the President and the CASLE Management Board, we would like to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays and the new year.



Connect with CASLE members via the newsletter

The CASLE newsletter is published quarterly. The next edition (Q1 2024) is due to be sent out to members towards the end of March 2024. If you have details of any upcoming conferences, summaries of conferences, abstracts from papers, articles or any other information you would like to share with CASLE members, **please submit any copy to smatz@rics.org**