

Newsletter



OUR VISION

“A safe, efficient and effective engineering infrastructure, systems and processes for Kenya”



OUR MISSION

“To ensure production of competent engineers and quality engineering services through regulation, capacity building and enforcing compliance with set engineering standards for improved socio-economic development”

WELCOME NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR

Welcome to our Fourth issue of EBK Newsletter in the year 2022. This is a quarterly publication aimed at keeping our stakeholders up-to-date of outstanding past activities and an overview of the Board's programs.

We are glad to inform you that the Board is an Affiliate Member of World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) following Executive Council Meeting held on 27th October 2022 held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France.

This means that the Board will be able to promote Kenya's engineering practice at the global level and in the UN System, nominate our local engineers to WFEO Committees, and receive mentorship to join the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) through mentorship. This will further enable the global mobility of our local engineers and attract students to study our local engineering programs. The Board joins the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK) who are full members to WFEO.

In addition, the Board achieved another milestone through bilateral relations between Kenya and South Korea on engineering collaboration, capacity building, projects and cultural exchange in November 2022.

The Board in partnership with the Institution of Engineers of Kenya co-hosted the 29th International Convention held in Diani, Kwale County from 21st to 25th November 2022. There were 3000 and 55 exhibitors who attended the event themed:

“Sustainable Engineering in the Era of Climate Change.” In attendance were VIP delegates from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leon, Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda.

This quarter the Board has registered 450 Graduate engineers, 12 Accredited Checkers and 17 Professional engineers. Further, the Board will host free CPD clinics for sensitization and continue to engage graduate engineers on professional examinations to increase the number of registered Professional Engineers in the Country.

We hope this issue will inform you on our key activities as we look forward to enhance engagement with the Board to strengthen engineering practice in the country.

We wish you a happy festive season and continued engagement in 2023.



Eng. Margaret Ogai
Registrar/CEO
Engineers Board of Kenya
6th December 2022

Board Co-Hosts the 29th IEK Convention with Unity On Climate Change.



Key policy makers, practitioners, academia, and stakeholders drawn from the engineering industry in the local and international graced the 29th IEK convention in Kwale County in an event themed, “*Sustainable Engineering in the Era of Climate Change*”.

The five day event followed just shortly after the conclusion of the Conference of Parties 27 (COP27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt where more than 100 World leaders came together.

EBK and IEK representatives also attended the event in representation of engineers interest on climate change. COP27 focused particular attention on strengthening adaptation and resilience, mitigating emissions, facilitating a just transition, and increasing funding and collaboration for essential climate solutions.

EBK Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwongera noted in his speech, “Climate action is an ongoing process, not an event, and it requires extraordinary collaboration from a multi-disciplinary professional undertaking.”

Conversations on climate change speaks directly into the bigger picture that His Excellency presented during the COP27. EBK Chair Eng. Mwongera added, “This convention provides a critical opportunity for policymakers, industry experts, academicians, scientists, engineers, students, other professionals, business community and government leaders to double on their climate goals, forge new collaborations, and achieve innovative solutions—together.”

South Korea and Kenya forms Bilateral Ties in Engineering Practice.



Korean Professional Engineering Association (KPEA) and the Board have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in engineering.

Three areas of collaboration include capacity building which includes establishment of Kenya school of engineering and exchange programs; development of industry projects with joint consultancy and technology transfer and cultural exchange with participation and support of youth and vulnerable persons in engineering.



H.E President William Ruto, Roads & Transport Cabinet Secretary (CS) Kipchumba Murkomen, EBK Registrar/ CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai, DCBA Eng. Grace Onyango and PCBAO Tony Kibet were among those who witnessed the signing. The event took place between 22nd - 24th November 2022 in South Korea.

This follows after the Board made benchmark visit to South Korea in September 2022 and a subsequent visit by KPEA to Kenya in November 2022. KPEA is established under Article 14 of Professional Engineers Act and is responsible for protection and promotion of public health, safety, welfare, and environment experts in science and technology and promote engineers' rights and interests, cooperate and exchange with foreign engineers for the country and development of society.



NOTICE REMINDERS!

Renewal of Practicing License & 2023 Gazettement. Have you Complied?

The current practicing licenses are due to expire on December 31, 2022.

Section 32(2) of the Engineers Act of 2011 requires you to submit to the Board a certificate of CPD and the prescribed fee in order to renew your annual practising license and publish on the Kenya Gazette.

You are reminded that renewal of the 2023 license is subject to filling of CPD Activities on your CPD portal with a minimum of 50 PDUs for the year 2022, submission of a duly filled statutory declaration from (<https://www.ebk.go.ke/resource/engineers-practising-licence-affidavit>) and payment of your annual license fees. For enquiries call us on +254 740 429 745 or email: cpd@ebk.go.ke . Our Office at Fortis Suits is open Monday - Friday from 8.00am- 5.00pm.

Register for upcoming Pre-submission Conferences to be a P.E!

Have you been registered as an EBK graduate engineer for more than 3 years? It is mandatory for you to attend a pre-submission conference as a means of induction to be registered as a professional engineer.

The Board holds the pre-submission conference every quarter. Five conferences have been conducted September 2021 and December 2022 with close to 2000 attendees. The purpose of the conference is to give guidance on the report and project preparation in preparation for P.E submission and application to the Board. However, validity of the certificate of attendance is valid **only for one year**.

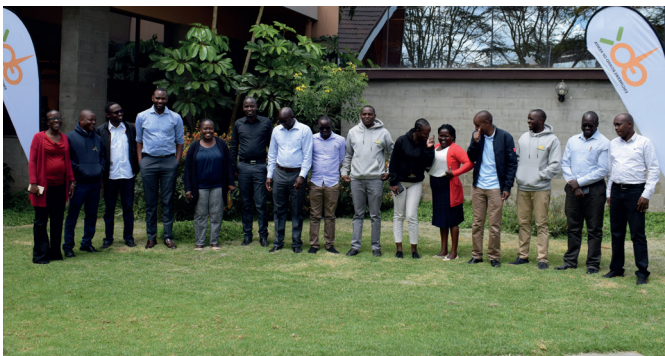
The calendar for 2023 dates can be accessed from this link: <https://www.ebk.go.ke/resource/-various-dates-for-upcoming-pre-submission-conferences-in-2022-2023>.

Application forms for P.E can be downloaded and filled from this link: <https://www.ebk.go.ke/professional-engineer-registration/?tk=1669722408>

Learn more on EBK Services and Costs...

You can learn more about the various services and subscriptions from the Customer Service Charter that is in various formats. You can download the EBK service charter from the link: <https://t.co/CpLphQ3zhp>, the sign language link: <https://t.co/VJuqKSNIRh> and audio link: <https://t.co/jxeiMReWde>

Staff Induction and Staff Meeting.



A five day staff induction program and staff meeting took place from 7th to 11th November 2022 at Naivasha and Nairobi respectively.

At least 49 members of staff attended the meeting at Crown Plaza. The EBK Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwongera present at the meeting, gave his remarks noting the Board's impressive performance record in the past

3 years, thereby motivating stakeholders to have interest to partner.

The staff induction program constituted of 12 new staff in the Board. The staff were enlightened with quality content from Kenya School of Government Officers (KSG) and Managers of respective departments at the Board. In her opening remarks, EBK

Registrar/ CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai encouraged teamwork, diligence and accountability during the line of duty.

KSG, Dr. Mary Ngesa, Director, Learning, and Development attended with her team of 5 Officers. The induction was coordinated by EBK Human Resource & Administration department.



EBK participates at the Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) Conference.



On 26th to 28th October, the Board participated in the first ever Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) conference held in Kisumu County. Themed rethinking and reshaping infrastructure and priorities for Africa, the conference brought together more than a hundred consulting and professional engineers from all over the country.

With the emerging need for transformative, sustainable, economic, and socially beneficial, and green engineering solutions in infrastructure development, Engineers Board of Kenya is committed to continuously provide an enabling environment for regulation and the development of the engineers and the engineering services. To achieve the UNESCO ratio of engineers to population in developing nations, the Board has prioritized having 10,000 professional engineers in the Register by the year 2027.

GEIP on Sensitisation and Mentorship of Graduate Engineers.

On 30th November 2022, at least 20 Universities with Graduate Engineers in academia attended an online forum by the Board to sensitise on preparation of professional examinations for the Professional Engineer (P.E) category.

The Board has developed models for assisting graduate engineers in agencies, academia and county governments to transition to Professional Engineers. This follows after the Board devised initiatives that would attract more graduate engineers in transitioning through MOU agreements with agencies and sensitisation forums.

GEIP beneficiaries of Cohort 1 were sensitised on P.E transition during a workshop held from 4th 7-th October 2022 in Naivasha. As part of mentorship and promoting networking, GEIP recruits were sponsored for past conferences at IEK, ACEK, IEEE Kenya. So far 4 Cohorts to be inducted into the GEIP program have been advertised since the first cohort was successful in 2019.





Board Retreat, Mental Wellness and CSR in Kwale County.

Board members and management held four day retreat to finalize and adopt Board policies, review the 2022-2019 Strategic Plan End Term Report, the Tactical Strategic Plan 2023/2022.

During the sessions, a mental health session took place and discussed on ways of identifying vulnerable persons, mitigation and support measures. Towards the end of the retreat a CSR program took place to support victims and families of persons with Cerebral Palsy at Kwale County.

Multistakeholder Meeting takes place on building collapse.

Registrar/ CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai led EBK management in participating at a Multi-sectoral Committee meeting chaired by the PS State Department for Public Works, Mr. Solomon Kitungu to assist in curbing the collapse of buildings & illegal construction. Other Members of the Committee are National Construction Authority (NCA), National Building Inspectorate (NBI), National Material Lab, Office of the Attorney General, Nairobi County Government and Kiambu County Government.



EBK Participates in the 2022 Mombasa International Show.



EBK Participated in the 2022 Mombasa show that was held from 2nd to 6th November at the Jomo Kenyatta showground Mkomani, Mombasa.

Bringing together over 50,000 visitors, business entities worldwide, innovators and students along with industrial and agricultural professionals, focusing on the aspect of agriculture and Trade; the show provided an ideal platform to exchange and share views on critical aspects of agriculture and trade. The Board is committed to partnering with the manufacturing sector to build technical capacity on matters of engineering and enhance the provision of internships for young engineers.

EBK Supports the IEEE Kenya Symposium.

The Board was honored once more to participate and support 2022 IEEE Kenya student and Young Professionals Congress: (Kenya SYP 2022) on 10th and 11th November 2022. This follows after a successful partnership with IEEE Technical University of Kenya Student Branch last year.

This years theme was dubbed: *Innovation, Growth and Sustainability to Drive Technological Change*. The event aimed to bring together different industries to discuss and share their experiences to inspire and engage students and young professionals to enter and succeed in different fields in the various Industries.



World Toilet Day.



As a means to promote sanitation and improve on environment in the country, the Board commemorated World Toilet Day by participating at the 2nd Edition of the Toilet of the Year Awards (ToYA).

EBK Registrar Eng. Margaret Ogai was a panelist at the event themed *Sanitation and Groundwater - Making the Invisible Visible*. The event was organized by Women in Water and Sanitation (WIWAS) in collaboration with various partners and the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigations (MWSI) who hosted the inaugural sanitation symposium from 17th to 18th November 2022. This marks as one of the Boards CSR programs that aims to strengthen the role of women in Water and Sanitation Management in the Board.

Sensitization at Mabati Rolling Mills (MRM).

The Board is proactively engaging both private and public organisations so as to achieve the target of 10,000 registered Professional Engineers within the next 5 years.

A sensitisation session took place by the Board visiting graduate engineers at Mabati Rolling Mills where they were sensitised on the process and requirements of becoming a professional engineer.

In attendance was CEO/Registrar, Eng. Margaret Ogai, IEK Council member Eng. Paul Ochola and three Industry Experts, Eng. Faith Gichugu, Eng. Richard Chepkwony, and Eng. Eliud Wanyonyi and EBK Principal Registration Officer, Ms. Norah Nyaboga.



PICTORIALS

The 29th IEK Convention



South Korean Delegates



CSR Kwale County



EBK Staff Meeting/Induction



GEIP Sensitization



World Day of Remembrance



IEEE Kenya



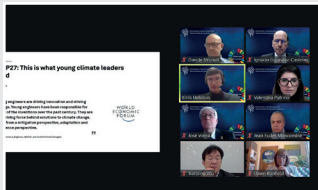
ACEK Conference



World Toilet Day



WFE0 (Climate Change)



ASK Show Mombasa



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