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PRESS RELEASE

Stakeholder Sensitization on The Engineers (Scale of fees) for Professional Engineering Services Rules 2022 at Sarova Panafric

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) has urged government agencies to work closely together in order to build strong collaboration and cooperation in Kenya including implementing the The Engineers Scale of Fees 2022.

The Engineers (Scale of Fees for Professional Engineering Services) Rules, 2022 was gazetted on 18th May, 2022 and commissioned on 19th July, 2022. Thereafter, on 2nd August, 2022 the circular on implementation from the Ministry was issued to all consumers of professional engineering services that from 15th August, 2022, the Scale of Fees were effected.

During the First stakeholder sensitisation on 12th January 2023, the Board highlighted that several developers do not engage professional engineers during the entire project cycle which consists from design, supervision to operation and maintenance. In addition, there is inadequate technical capacity in engineering in the counties to carry out approval of engineering documents and provided oversight to the projects under construction.

All stakeholders in government, construction, urban planners, surveyors, architects, regulators, county governments, engineers, engineering institutions among others are encouraged to engage in professional services which will result in value for money in the construction projects as well as guarantee public safety and welfare.

A multiagency approach on collaboration will reduce the collapse of buildings. Currently there are 3000 professional engineers and the Board aims to increase the capacity to 10,000 professional engineers in the next 5 years to be at par with the UNESCO ratio 1:5000 to realise National Development Agenda in Kenya

Cooperation among government agencies and implementation of the engineer's scale of fees for professional engineers will fast track the pace in enhancing professionalism in regulation and implement key policies for transformation and national development.

The Board has taken note of the approach by the Government which is consultative and in terms of increasing efficiency. The goal of digitizing government services in the next 6 months is commendable. The Board is also developing the Engineers Project Registration Portal and will be commissioning in 2023.

In the short-term, County Governments are encouraged to come up with panels of professional engineers to offer the servicesairman. This is because a lot of development will be at the county level.

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