

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

Greetings from EBK and Happy new year. Welcome to our first issue of EBK Newsletter. This is a publication aimed at keeping our stakeholders abreast of notable past activities and an overview of the Board's programs for this new year.

In 2022 our programs are aimed at enhancing the practice of engineering profession in Kenya. One of the major challenges the Board has faced is the collapse of buildings in the country. We are pursuing a multi-agency approach to tackle the challenge and have developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Board, National Constructions Authority (NCA) and Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS). One of the areas of collaborations in the MoU is the assessment of buildings under construction through-out the country. In addition, the Board

intends to hold disciplinary hearings against engineers involved in the collapsed buildings and impose sanctions on those found culpable.

In this quarter, the Board will publish gazette of licensed engineers for the year 2022 in March. Engineers are reminded to update their Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activities in the portal. Further, the Board is organizing the Engineering Partnership Convention (EPC) to take place in March 2022 to consider various issues including climate action and liberalization of engineering services.

In the last quarter, the Board registered 357 Graduate Engineers (G.E), 57 Professional Engineers (P.E) and 10 Consulting Engineers (C.E). We are scheduled to hold the second pre-submission conferences in February where more engineers will be inducted on the process

of P.E application for registration as Professional Engineers (P.E) Attendance of Pre-submission Conferences is a mandatory requirement for registration.

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.

Happy New Year!

Eng. Margaret Ogai

Registrar/CEO

Engineers Board of Kenya

7th January 2022

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JUBILATION WITH LAUNCH OF ENGINEERS STAMP: WHY YOU NEED IT

At least 1000 Engineers stamps will be issued by the end of this financial year. This will aid the Board and the public to identify genuine engineering documents as one of the compliance tools under the Engineers Rules of 2019.

Following the official launch, the stamp will permit to set standards, increase safety & welfare of the public. In fulfilment of Section 7 (1) (m) of the Engineers Act, 2011, the Board is mandated to 'set standards for engineers in management, marketing, professional ethics, environmental issues, safety, legal matters or any other relevant field'.

In the buildup to this growth, the Board had a two-day consultative meeting on 27th and 28th September, 2021 in the presence of



nominated consulting engineers appointed by the Board. Members of this taskforce committee developed guidelines for usage of the Engineers Stamp.

The intended purpose of the Stamp is for easy identification of genuine engineering documents and certifying engineers. Therefore, registered professional and consulting engineers are called upon under the provisions of the Act, to pay the Engineers Stamp fee as provided for in the Third Schedule of the Engineers Rules, 2019. This will facilitate the production of the stamps as provided for in Rule 10 (4) (5) (6) of the Engineers Rules, 2019.

In order to obtain effective implementation, the Board targeted professional and consulting engineers to guide on usage during the first Engineers stamp virtual workshop. More than 450 participants attended on 1st November 2021 prior to the Official launch of the Engineers stamp on 9th December 2021.



URGENT REMINDER! HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR PDU'S?



According to Section 32(2) of the Engineers Act of 2011, one of the requirements to renew annual practicing licenses for engineers is the attainment of PDU points. Engineers are required to update their CPD activities in the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) CPD portal so as to collect their annual practicing license for the calendar year of 2022.

DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE

It was an ideal representation of engineers with the Board interacting at the County level during the 7th Annual Devolution Conference, Makueni County.

More than 3000 delegates attended from 23rd to 26th November 2021 as EBK participated by exhibiting the Boards services. During the conference program, EBK Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwongera and CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai made a presentation at the event themed: 'Multi-level governance for climate action'.

The Board intends to continue discussions on climate change and action, with inclusive curriculum on the same so as to build capacity for local engineers. This forms part of the county government sensitization and engagement as the Board seeks to enhance partnerships.



EAC ENGINEERS: REGULATORS CONVERGE FROM EAST AFRICA TO REVIEW MRA

The East African Community (EAC) Engineers Competent Authorities Coordination Committee meeting was held on 29th October 2021. Registrars from four of the East African countries were hosted in Kigali, Rwanda.

Part of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) framework is to facilitate registration, licensing and practice of engineers across

the East Africa Community (EAC). Regulators agreed to accelerate its implementation to reduce trade barriers. In attendance were EBK's Registrar/CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai, Director (CBA) Eng. Grace Onyango and Director Legal services & Corporation Fridah Ngilu who represented the Board.

In September 2021, Kenya & Tanzania signed bilateral agreements year to ease trade restrictions. Among the discussions were ways to strengthen EAC Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for professional engineering services in the region.



28TH IEK INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) in partnership with key stakeholders held the 28th IEK conference where more than 3,100 delegates attended from 8th to 12th November 2021 in Mombasa. The Board being a regulatory body in the engineering profession contributed as a co-host at the event by the Institute of Engineers of Kenya (IEK), a society in the engineering fraternity.

Matters on policy formulation, education, research & development, the Big 4 Agenda and Industry for revolution carried the highlight of the day. Registered engineers acquired at least 25 CPD points for attendance. On 8th November 2021, all marked the day in red as the Women Engineers Summit began by magnifying diversity in the profession as the 4th IEK

Women Engineers Summit in record.

The last bow of the event was marked in glitz and glamour with great strides in the fraternity marked through the Excellence Awards gala dinner which recognised astounding engineers across various categories of achievements. The award was the first of its kind and will take place on an annual basis.

During the side-lines of the event, EBK management met with senior Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) management to deliberate on effective ways to register more than 50 graduate engineers and guide in their transition to professional engineers. The Board is targeting employers and agencies to identify, mentor and collaborate in the growth of professional engineers.



INCORPORATING GENDER AND DISABILITY AT THE WORKPLACE

In a world where you need to be something, at least be kind. In a quote by Tim Berners, it states: 'We need diversity of thought in the world to face the new challenges.'

The Board organised a full day sensitisation program for staff with trainers from National Gender Equality Commission (NGEC) and National Council for Persons With Disability (NCPWD). Detailed conversations revolved around developing policies and committing to all forms of affirmative action so as to attain balanced diversity.

In a society where there might be misinterpretation of commonly used terms, gender is beyond the physiology and considers all forms of marginalised persons. Further, the disability mainstreaming session analysed conscious and unbiased ways of relating with this group for better integration and inclusiveness. The Board commits to sustainable reinforcement of gender and disability impact.



NAIROBI EXPRESS WAY TOUR SITE VISIT

Part of the Boards function is to conduct site inspection where construction takes progress so as to verify that professional engineering services are conducted by registered persons under the Engineers Act of 2011. Secondly, to ensure that professional standards and ethics relevant to health and safety aspects are observed.

On 6th October 2021, Board members and senior management joined in a tour of the Nairobi Express way which is a 27 km stretch from Mlolongo to James Gichuru Road. EBK Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwongera, Board members Vice Chair Eng. Julia Ondeyo, Mr. Charles Obiero, Eng. Benjamin Maingi, Registrar & CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai were among those in attendance.

Hosted by Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) and project partners, the first stop was at the camp site in southern by pass where members witnessed ground work and watched a visioned the full project in a blue print animation at the prefabrication center and later to the elevated bridges and girders in the tour close to Uhuru Highway.

Participants expressed appreciation for the intense work that presented proper project coordination and output at the current progress. The project is anticipated for completion end of the year financial 2022.



FIRST PRE-SUBMISSION CONFERENCE CROPS GREAT ENGAGEMENT

The Board held its first pre-submission conference to guide engineers in the process of registering as Professional Engineers (P.E) under three categories being Civil engineering; Electrical engineering, and Mechanical & Agriculture engineering.

More than 900 applicants successfully participated at the virtual conference held for three consecutive days from 25th to 27th October 2021 per group respectively. It is a mandatory requirement for engineers to attend these conferences so as to ease the process of registration. More engaging conferences are expected to proceed in February 2022.

SCALE OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RULES, 2021

We have developed scale of fees through an exhaustive public engagement. As part of stakeholder engagement and participation, a public notice was shared for all to review and comments and channel back to the Board by 5th November 2021.

The Board is responsible for registration of engineers and engineering firms, regulation of engineering professional services, setting of standards, development and general practice of engineering. Consequently, pursuant to Section 7(1) (s) and Section 58 of the Engineers Act, 2011, the Board developed the Draft Scale of Fees for Professional Engineers with a view of enhancing professional engineering practice in the Country.

The process of the draft document development

has been consultative and inclusive as provided for in the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013. On 30th September 2021, the Board placed a newspaper advertisement on my Gov calling for views and comments from the public on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and the proposed document which is accessible on EBK website.



COLLABORATIONS: EBK – ISUZU SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP

On 24th September 2021, EBK held a professional registration workshop with Isuzu East Africa that aimed at sensitizing the Isuzu graduate engineers on the requirements of professional registration and licensing. Out of the 67 employed in the different departments at Isuzu, the workshop was attended by 31 members; 29 being registered graduate engineers.

Led by the Board Chair, Eng. Erastus Mwongera, the Board valued the contribution of

the Plant to advancement in technology and significant contribution to manufacturing and steer economic growth of the nation.

Isuzu has an assembly plant capacity of over 14,000 units annually, employing over 5,000 people in the long the entire eco-system.

Isuzu brand growth has established a strong leadership

in the market offering transportation services in all the sectors controlling over 45% of the Kenyan market share in 2020. The Board commits to building a long-lasting partnership and collaboration for the betterment of both the organization and the Nation as a whole.



STAFF MEETING & WELLNESS TALK

In a very intensive session, EBK staff had the privilege to engage more on organizational activities and overall challenges. About 30 staff participated in both hybrid and physical presence in the full day sitting session. The Registrar had an opportunity to witness in detail progress and achievements made per department with others sharing objective recommendations on operational solutions.

The day ended on a high note with a mental health and wellness talk from an expert. Staff went through a self-analysis and better understanding on how to identify mental illness triggers and establishing strong support systems.



COLORFUL CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK GLOWS TO SUPPORT

In appreciation of the growing numbers of our customers, the Board narrowed down its value addition on the power of service by supporting the growing numbers of professional engineers to attain an advanced update of their CPD points.

According to section 32 (2) of the Engineers Act of 2011, one requires the attainment of CPD points in order to renew their annual practicing license. The highlight of 2021's customer service week at the Board, setup a front office desk to assist registered engineers in all forms of support to update on the EBK CPD portal. This form of support was aimed at reducing complaints on CPD upload so as to facilitate the renewal of annual licenses. For more support on CPD enquiries contact: cpd@ebk.go.ke



PICTORIAL SECTION

(FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER 2021)

ENGINEERS STAMP LAUNCH



28th IEK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021



FAREWELL DINNER OUTGOING FORMER EBK REGISTRAR ENG. NICHOLAS MUSUNI



ISUZU COLLABORATION



CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK 2021



EBK STAFF ATTEND STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON 2021



REGULATORS JOINT MEDIA ENGAGEMENT ON DIRECTION OF COLLAPSING BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTRY. DEVELOPERS GRANTED 30 DAYS NOTICE TO COMPLY



NAIROBI EXPRESSWAY TOUR OCTOBER 2021



BOARD MAKES COURTESY VISIT TO PS. NABUKWESU MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICE SEPTEMBER 2021



CSR: EBK STAFF ATTEND WORLD TOILET DAY AT KYAMUNYUU PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MACHAKOS COUNTY



7TH DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE IN WOTE, MAKUENI COUNTY





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