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1. Words by Chairman, Group of African Member Associations of FIDIC (FIDIC-GAMA), Eng James Mwangi:

“GAMA Chairman’s Address

As we come to the close of the year 2019, I wish to reflect on some of the achievements that GAMA has had in the year. We started with the successful GAMA conference which was held in Kampala and graced by the Vice President of Uganda. The conference had a good turnout with excellent presentations and discussions. It was time for the GAMA family to get together and reflect on issues affecting the profession and the continent.

We wish to thank the Uganda Association of Consulting Engineers (UACE) for hosting the conference. During this year’s GAMA conference, GAMA unveiled its strategic plan. This was an important milestone that will help GAMA focus its efforts on matters that are of priority to consulting engineers in Africa. I wish to thank the GAMA Exco, GAMA Secretariat and the Member Associations for the valuable inputs and support.

There was also the successful FIDIC user’s conference that was held in Livingstone Zambia and I wish to thank the organizers and the Association of Consulting Engineers of Zambia for a successful conference.

I also wish to recognize the active GAMA future leaders who have continued their Agenda with speed and lots of energy. We are confident that with their help GAMA shall grow even bigger and stronger.

It is important to note that the working relationship between GAMA and FIDIC has gotten closer and stronger with alignment of objectives and increased participation in FIDIC activities. We thank the FIDIC board led by Mr. William Howard and the FIDIC secretariat lead by Dr. Nelson for their support and encouragement. We also wish to recognize the forging of closer ties between the FIDIC regional groups and look forward to even more engagements

to take advantage of synergies that current exist between the groups. We thank FIDIC for facilitating regional meetings.

May I take this opportunity to wish the Consulting Engineers, Member Associations, GAMA secretariat and the FIDIC family happy holidays and a fruitful 2020.

Chair, Group of African Member Associations of FIDIC (FIDIC-GAMA), Eng James Mwangi”

2. Work at the office of the Secretariat, Eng. Chris Campbell:

Taking over the hosting of the Secretariat in March this year after the services of ACEK as Secretariat hosts were terminated was quite a challenge, especially in the absence of any handover. Nine months later CESA, having taken over the role of hosting the Secretariat trusts that it has managed to fulfill the expectations of all the active MA's in GAMA as well as those that are not so active. There is still much more that can be done and needs to be done, however, this can only be achieved by having MA's that are responsive to communications and share the specific difficulties they may be having. This communication is but one of the examples and you should in the future be receiving more communications as we strengthen GAMA for the future. Key to achieving this would be ensuring a stable Secretariat and empowering the Secretariat to be able to play the supporting role to GAMA MA's, its Exco and specifically to provide the administrative support to the Chair, the Deputy Chair, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary, many of whom in the past had to fulfill burdensome operational roles which should have been fulfilled by the Secretariat.

It has been a challenge but not one that the hosts CESA, have not been able to rise to and in 2020 we endeavor to achieve even more especially with the FIDIC driven strategy to strengthen its Regional Bodies, of which GAMA and ASPAC are the main focus. We have already shared many of the areas of support required from FIDIC that would benefit Member Associations and subsequently their members, namely the need for more affordable accredited FIDIC Trainers, the need for more local Arbitrators and the cost of FIDIC documents to name but a few and we have been assured of their strengthened support in the coming year.

I would like to echo the sentiment expressed by our Chair, Eng. Mwnangi and we look forward to a more active and vibrant 2020 amongst you our Member Associations and the Secretariat.

3. 2019 The year that was! Kampala FIDIC-GAMA:

It was here and it was big: FIDIC-GAMA Infrastructure Conference 2019



It was not the first time such a high-profile infrastructure conference was hosted by Uganda Association of Consulting Engineers in Uganda's capital Kampala, but this year was a special one. This one was fully graced, and preparations overseen by Government represented by the Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT). The overwhelming support by Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) and Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) needs no simple mention.



The Hon. Minister of Works and Transport and H.E Vice President of Uganda together with FIDIC and GAMA Representative

continental/regional Member Associations (UACE being one of them) organises the annual conferences on infrastructure as a major contributor to the transformation of Africa in many ways. This year's conference has been the major international event of the consulting engineering industry in a specific sense but broadly of the construction and engineering industry in Africa. The venue of the Infrastructure Conference changes country every year to ensure African representation and distribution.

Conference participants included professionals from the Infrastructure industry as well as other industry leaders, private investors, contractors, politicians, and decision makers. The Conference was attended by a total of close to 300 delegates 40% of whom were foreign and were from 15 African countries and 6 Western and Eastern countries. The rest were local Ugandan delegates. The conference prided itself with close to 20 quality paper presentations from all over the World, tackling pertinent and topical industry issues ranging from Climate change, regional infrastructure and development, engineering, and economic transformation etc.

Notable among paper presentations was the one on public-private partnerships in infrastructure development in Uganda wherein various upcoming opportunities were presented by the Engineer-in-Chief, MoWT on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda.



Some of the Panelists during the Conference.

The conference was also sandwiched with some social and entertainment sessions like the Welcome Cocktail at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Gala dinner at Sheraton Hotel and Local Color/Cultural night at Ndere Cultural Centre.



At the end of the three (3) day conference, the following resolutions were made for adoption by all the Member Associations for the long-term benefit and impact of infrastructure development in Africa:

1. FIDIC GAMA should lobby governments for the development of incentives for regional collaboration of Consulting Engineers.
2. Agenda 2063 is hinged on infrastructure development. Member Associations (MAs) and Member Firms (MFs) of GAMA must lead the delivery of sustainable infrastructure to Africa.
3. GAMA's MAs must influence government policies such that many key infrastructure delivery projects are reserved for local qualified professionals and Member Firms.
4. GAMA MAs and MFs must advocate for and uphold the highest levels of ethics and integrity.
5. FIDIC GAMA MAs to prioritise socio-cultural and gender safeguards in modern infrastructure projects.



Some of the Members of the Conference Organizing Committee Members together with the UACE Chairperson (Eng. Betty Nakamya)

You can find copies of all the presentations at <https://fidicgama2019.com/index.php/presentations/>

4. FIDIC Infrastructure Conference:



FIDIC Mexico – Smart Technologies Take Centre Stage

The recent annual International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) Infrastructure Conference took place in Mexico City during September. FIDIC Mexico City 2019 saw the gathering of C-suite professionals and decision makers from the consulting engineering and infrastructure industry from around the world and provided a unique forum for discussion of global business challenges and opportunities.

Delegates had a very successful two-day programme discussing the way that technology has and is affecting the industry with discussions on Smart Cities and Smart Infrastructure taking centre stage. Attendees at the conference found discussions to be informative, illuminating, and inspiring.

The conference provided an opportunity for members to participate in a dedicated Best Business Practice Forum with FIDIC Committee leaders, the Directors & Secretaries (D&S) Meeting, and the General Assembly Meeting (GAM). Meeting for its 2nd year the D&S Council that comprises 10 members represents the interests of member associations and has the responsibility of advising the FIDIC Board on matters affecting the association and respective industries in the various member countries. The Chair of the D&S Committee is appointed as a non-voting member on the Board of FIDIC to provide insight.

At the inaugural FIDIC Awards 2019 held at the conference, CESA was proud to have been awarded 3 Merit Awards in the categories for Member Association of the Year; Best Diversity & Inclusion Initiative; and Advocacy Campaign. These awards support the aims of the federation that are to promote the use of FIDIC best practices and resources.

5. FIDIC-GAMA Gaborone 2020:



The poster is a blue graphic with a white outline of the African continent. At the top, it reads '27TH ANNUAL FIDIC-GAMA INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE' and 'INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS, GROUP OF AFRICAN MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS'. A dark grey box on the left says 'JOIN 300+ DELEGATES FROM 16+ COUNTRIES'. The dates '19-21 APRIL 2020' and 'SAVE THE DATE' are prominently displayed. Below the dates is a logo for 'FIDIC-GAMA GABORONE 2020' featuring silhouettes of three people and the ACEB logo. The word 'BOTSWANA' is written at the bottom left. On the right, a text block describes the conference as a premier networking and educational event. Contact information 'info@fidicgama2020.com | www.fidicgama2020.com' and the host 'HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS BOTSWANA (ACEB)' are at the bottom.

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FIDIC-GAMA infrastructure conferences are the premier professional networking and educational events for consulting engineers in Africa. The FIDIC-GAMA 2020 programme will explore issues of approach, process, and product in consulting engineering. Join us in Gaborone, Botswana at the Gaborone International Convention Centre.

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“Chair, ACEB Address

The Association of Consulting Engineers Botswana (ACEB) and the Group of African Member Associations of FIDIC (GAMA) are proud to present the 27th Annual FIDIC-GAMA Infrastructure Conference.

The FIDIC-GAMA Infrastructure Conference is the premier networking opportunity for African consulting engineers. It provides a forum to share ideas on best practice and attracts consulting engineers, national, provincial, and local government officials, state-owned enterprises, funding agencies, contractors, suppliers of construction equipment and materials, investors, and other stakeholders in the built environment from the public and private sectors.

The environment in which we conduct our business is extremely challenging, with economic challenges and various social and political dynamics across the continent of Africa, as well as in the rest of the world, developed and developing countries alike. The world as we know it, the consulting engineering environment as we know it, is changing.

Infrastructure development in Africa is critical in bringing about the social development and economic growth that is so necessary. 27th Annual FIDIC-GAMA Infrastructure Conference. provides us all, as role players, the opportunity to interrogate the challenges and opportunities in our sector and our region and to explore strategic partnerships going forward.

Partnerships between the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) and its Member Associations and the regional group, GAMA, will ensure quality and uniformity in the practice of consulting engineering and will create a conducive business environment for working within Africa. The conference will provide opportunities to learn from each other effective ways of dealing with diverse challenges in order to achieve value for money and improve quality of life of the people of Africa.

Join us as we discover “The role of consulting engineers in a changing world: the African perspective”.

Ms Gaonyatsege Kwakwa

Chair, Association of Consulting Engineers Botswana (ACEB)”

6. New Leadership Announcements:



FIDIC GAMA FUTURE LEADERS' STEERING COMMITTEE 2019/2020



 Chairperson Harold M. Chibwe Zambia	 Vice - Chairperson David Mwangi Ngokonyo - Kenya	 Past Chairperson Jeshika Ramchund South Africa	 Member Oluwamayowa Ajjola - Nigeria	 Member Aymen M. Elhassan Abdelrahman - Sudan	 Member Albert Muloiti Jnr Uganda	 Member Michelle K Sekgopa Botswana	 Member Oluwaseyi A. Adesina - Nigeria
 Member Sikitoka Malembe Promesse - DRC	 Member Jacinta Nakanwagi Uganda	 Member Yankho T Banda South Africa	 Member Abel Mutyaba Uganda	 Member Amanda Masondo- Mkhize - S. Africa	 Member Kitso Rakgole Botswana	 Member Botlile B Pule Botswana	
 Member Mercy Tembo Zambia	 Member Elvis Mwesigwa Uganda	 Member Pauline Phiri Zambia	 Member Kennedy Mwangi Kiunga - Kenya	 Member Wafaa Balla Beshir Ahmed - Sudan	 Member Veronica Mwanfupfe SA / NZ	 Member Collins Kibira Uganda	

FIDIC GAMA Future Leaders' Steering Committee 2019/2020

Ghana Consulting Engineers Association, new president Ing W.D. Albert Viala, the Managing Director of Engineering Services Provision Company Limited

Consulting Engineers South Africa, new President Sugen Pillay, Director of Zitholele Consulting

Association of Consulting Engineers of Zambia, new President Eng Abel Ng'andu, founder and Managing Director of Ng'andu Consulting Limited

7. FIDIC DNS Advisory Council, ACEZ Report:

"I cannot think of a more exciting time to join the FIDIC DNS advisory council than this. 2019 has been an interesting and challenging year for the Association of Consulting Engineers of Zambia (ACEZ). The association has been aligning its operations with that of FIDIC to achieve the common goal of raising the visibility, integrity, and reputation of the engineering and construction sector. The timing for this could not have been more perfect, this is because our country has embarked on huge public infrastructure projects that requires our members to give their level best.

As these projects roll out, we as an association have been advocating for the use of the FIDIC contracts. Our members using FIDIC contracts have been able to render exceptional service not only to government, but to the public. This has resulted in reduced costs, improved quality, and efficiency in the manner these projects have been undertaken. The importance of this cannot be overemphasized especially in the face of limited public resources to cater for these projects. This has raised the profile of our consulting engineers as an indispensable stakeholder in the push for sustainable infrastructure development in our country.

In the dynamic consulting engineering field, the benefits of being part of the advisory council currently are plenty. On a personal level, the DNS advisory council will provide a platform for me to network and share best practice. On the one hand, the association will be able to share with its members the best emerging practices in real time. This

will be very beneficial especially to the members working on novel projects that are being undertaken for the first time in our country. This opportunity will also enable us to table challenges that may arise on our end on a global platform quickly in order to gain global insights and perspectives that will allow us to resolve them in a timely manner.

As an emerging market member association, we are always at the centre of new foreign investment opportunities. This has made facilitation of partnerships between local and foreign firms at the core of what we do, with a particular focus on skills and technological transfer that impacts on the wealth of knowledge of the local firms as well as give local perspectives to the foreign firms. That said, being part of the DNS advisory council will advance the interests of the consulting engineering field by merging the needs of the local and foreign firms in the pursuit of our common goals.

I look forward to serving on the advisory council and contributing to the continued success of the consulting engineering field.

Chituwa Sinkala Chulu”

8. Member Associations’ Newsletters:

- AEMC - Newsletter September 2019 http://www.cesa.co.za/uploads/CTA_Newsletter_176.pdf
- CESA - CE-track October 2019 <https://mailchi.mp/ab24b8463b72/cesa-ce-track-october-2019>
- GCEA - Newsletter September 2019 http://www.cesa.co.za/uploads/THE_GCEA_NEWS_September_2019.pdf

9. 2020 Calendar of Events:

<p>ACEB</p> <p>ACEB AGM - 26 March ACEB YPF AGM - 26 March FIDIC-GAMA 2020 - 19-21 April ACEB Engineering Pitso - 19 June ACEB Gala Dinner - 23 October Team Building – Every Month</p>	<p>ACEZ</p> <p>ACEZ AGM - 27 March 2020 ACEZ EGM - 27 March 2020 ACEZ Golf Day - 25 – September 2020</p>
<p>CESA</p> <p>CESA President’s Breakfast – 29th January 2020 CESA Indaba/Conference – 11-12 March 2020 CESA YP Leadership Seminars (March – October 2020) CESA YP Imbizo/Conference 18-19 August 2020 CESA Aon Awards 19 August 2020 CESA AGM 25 November 2020</p>	<p>GCEA</p> <p>GCEA French Language Training for YPs – 6 January 2020 GCEA Outreach - February 2020 GCEA Seminar on Professional Fees - March 2020 GCEA Tax Forum April 2020 GCEA YP Forum May 2020 Outreach October 2020 GCEA AGM – 1-3 December 2020</p>

10. The bulletin has been issued in association with:

ACEB - Association of Consulting Engineers Botswana W: http://www.aceb.org.bw/	ACEK - Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya W: http://www.acek.co.ke/
ACEM - Association of Consulting Engineers of Malawi W: http://fidic.org/organization/139	ACEN – Association for Consulting Engineers Nigeria (ACEN) W: https://www.acen.org.ng/home/
ACET - Association of Consulting Engineers of Tanzania https://www.acet.or.tz/	ACEZ - Association of Consulting Engineers of Zambia W: https://www.acez.co.zm/
AEMC - Associação de Empresas Moçambicanas de Consultoria W: https://aemc.org.mz/	ANBEIC - Association Nationale des Bureaux d'Etudes et des Ingénieurs Conseils W: http://anbeictunisie.com/anglais
CESA – Consulting Engineers South Africa W: https://www.cesa.co.za/	EES - Egyptian Engineers Syndicate W: http://eea.org.eg/
GCEA – Ghana Consulting Engineers Association W: http://gcea.org.gh/	SEACA - Sudanese Engineering and Architecture Consultancy Association W: http://fidic.org/organization/168
FMCI - Moroccan Federation of Consulting and Engineering W: http://www.fmci.ma/en/index.php	OICM - Order of Consulting Engineers of Mali W: http://www.oicmali.com/home/?lang=en
UACE - Uganda Association of Consulting Engineers W: https://www.uace.or.ug/	
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