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Chairman's Note



Dear Members,

Welcome to ACEK's Monthly Newsletter for the month of October 2024, giving you a roundup of ACEK's activities and events that the Association and its Committees have recently engaged in during the months and any other upcoming events.

Eng. Jane Mutulili,
ACEK Chairman

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**MÖVENPICK HOTEL &
RESIDENCES, NAIROBI**
17TH DECEMBER 2024
6:00PM - 10:00PM

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FOSTERING COLLABORATION THROUGH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS & PARTNERSHIPS

The Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) led by the Chairman, Eng. Jane Mutulili, held a productive courtesy call meeting with the Institution of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK) and the President, QS Mutinda Mutuku, aimed at exploring strategic collaborations to advance Kenya's construction sector on Wednesday, 16th Oct 2024.



The deliberations centred around the need to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two institutions to foster advocacy and engagement of professionals in the built environment. The session fostered insightful dialogue on shared goals, joint initiatives, and opportunities for enhancing standards across both engineering and quantity surveying professions.



On behalf of ACEK Chair Eng. Jane Mutulili, ACEK Hon. Secretary Eng. Gabriel Jabongo led a Council delegation on a courtesy visit to the Governor of Nairobi County on 23rd October 2024. The delegation was received by County Secretary Godfrey Akumali, who represented the Governor.



The discussions centred on the ongoing infrastructure development projects in the county, with both parties recognizing the vital role of engineering consultancy in driving economic growth. ACEK presented a 9-point memorandum for consideration by the Governor, covering areas such as: ACEK's role in supporting Nairobi's infrastructure development, alignment with Nairobi County's Integrated Development Plan and Vision, sustainable and green engineering solutions, smart cities and urban mobility solutions, capacity building and skills development, partnership in policy formulation and compliance, networking and collaboration, employment of engineers in Nairobi County, addressing pending bills and VAT policies to improve engineering services. The meeting concluded with a mutual agreement to collaborate on several initiatives. Notably, Nairobi County employed 47 young engineers last year and encouraged ACEK to assist with mentorship opportunities for member firms. Capacity building was identified as a key area for future collaboration.



THE 31ST IEK CONVENTION MEDIA LAUNCH

ACEK Chair Eng. Jane Mutulili joined other dignitaries on October 22, 2024, during the media launch of the 31st IEK Convention, which was held at Sarova Panafric Hotel. ACEK was a Partner Sponsor of the International Annual IEK event.



Eng. Jane Mutulili, Chair ACEK, shared a platform with her former work colleague at the then Nairobi City Council, Eng. Christine Ogut. ACEK is well-positioned to collaborate with other stakeholders to deliver the value proposition to its members and society at large. Eng. Jane added her volume on the all-too-important reason why Pridelnn Paradise & Spa was the place to be at the recently concluded 31st IEK Convention. She emphasized that the convention would be one of those great moments in a year for those who want to meet and interact with industry experts, among many other offerings that the convention had packed for all of us. She also noted that she had been slotted in the event's program.



ACEK HOSTS AND PARTICIPATES IN A WEBINAR

ACEK recently hosted a successful webinar on guiding engineering consulting firms through the ISO certification process, titled Managing Engineering Consulting Firms - ISO Certification Process. The session, led by Eng. Mungeria Kirimania and Michael Otiato of KiriConsult provided participants with essential insights on achieving ISO certification, improving operational efficiency, and meeting international standards within their organizations.



Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya

EARN 4 CPDS
Live Webinar

Managing Engineering Consulting Firms - ISO Certification Process

23 OCTOBER 2024 **TIME: 3PM - 5PM EAT**

Eng. Mungeria Kirimania
Managing Director,
Kiri Consult Limited

THE 31ST IEK CONVENTION

Eng. Jane Mutulili, Chair of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK), delivered her welcoming speech during the opening of the 31st IEK International Annual Convention, which happened at the Pridelnn Paradise in Mombasa from 29th October to 1st November 2024. The event was officially opened by Hon. Davis Chirchir, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Roads and Transport, with the Mombasa Governor also in attendance.



During the convention, Hon. Davis Chirchir signed the visitors' book at the ACEK stand, where he was warmly received by Eng. Jane Mutulili, ACEK Chair, along with Eng. Shammah Kitemeh, President of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK), Eng. Erastus Mwongera, Chairman of the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK), and Eng. Joseph Mbugua, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Roads.

The ACEK booth at the convention proved to be a key attraction on the opening day, with delegates and dignitaries engaging with ACEK's leadership. In a special moment of collaboration, Eng. Jane Mutulili joined forces with Eng.



Eng. Shammah Kitemeh, IEK President, for a photo session after the successful opening of this year's WEC Summit and Future Leaders Summit (FL Summit) held on Tuesday. The event was also attended by Eng. Erastus Mwongera of the Engineers Board of Kenya, and the two summits were led by Eng. Jennifer Gache, Chair of the Women Engineers Committee (WEC), and Eng. Annette Ingaiza, Chair of IEK. The powerful symbolism of collaboration underscored the commitment to developing future engineering leaders and fostering growth within the profession.





FUTURE LEADERS CHAPTER

ACEK FL Sports Day at Karura Forest Grounds



On 12th October 2024, ACEK FL members gathered at the scenic Karura Forest Grounds for a fun-filled Sports Day. The event was a great success, with participants enjoying a day of friendly competition, team-building, and outdoor activities. From thrilling relay races to a spirited tug-of-war, the energy and enthusiasm were contagious!

It was a wonderful opportunity for members to unwind, foster camaraderie, and promote health and wellness in a relaxed setting.



ACEK FL Members Present on the Impact of Pending Bills at the 31st IEK Convention

At the recent 31st IEK Convention, Isaac Were, a member of ACEK FL, presented a critical paper titled “*The Effect of Pending Bills on Kenya’s Construction Industry*”, co-authored with Eng. Barbara Adhoch. The paper, presented under the sub-theme Economic Growth, Industrialization, and Innovation, explored the far-reaching impacts of pending bills on the construction sector and Kenya’s economy.



The presentation emphasized that the construction sector is a key driver of Kenya’s industrialization and economic growth, with infrastructural projects such as roads, dams, factories, and housing forming the backbone of many other sectors. However, the growing challenge of pending bills has significantly disrupted this vital industry.

As of June 2024, Kenya’s pending bills had soared to Ksh 662.3 billion, up from Ksh 539 billion at the end of 2023. These unpaid bills, primarily owed by state corporations and government agencies, have led to stalled construction projects, impacted contractors, suppliers, consultants, and slowed down economic progress. The presentation explored the financial strain these unpaid bills have placed on the entire construction ecosystem, including the government and private sector players.



Through global comparisons, data analysis, and stakeholder feedback, Isaac Were and Eng. Barbara’s report provided practical recommendations for addressing these issues and revitalizing the construction industry. Their insights underscored the urgent need for better project management and timely payment frameworks to support sustainable economic growth in Kenya.

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ENG. NATHANIEL MATALANGA ON HIS ELECTION AS THE PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (WCCE)

The Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) is thrilled to congratulate Eng. Nathaniel Matalanga, CE, FIEK, OGW, on his election as President Elect of the World Council of Civil Engineers (WCCE).



ACEK FORMS A NEW ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) SUB-COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP

In response to the growing need for effective dispute resolution in the engineering and construction sectors, the Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) has formed a new committee to promote Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The working group aims to encourage the adoption of adjudication and arbitration in both public and private sector projects.

The committee is composed of experienced professionals, led by Eng. Alexander Mbugua as the Chair, with Eng. Aluoch Odhiambo serving as Vice Chair. Eng. LaToya Ouna holds the position of Secretary, supported by Eng. Peace Oduk as Vice Secretary. The committee also includes members Eng. Kariuki Muchemi, Eng. Patrick Wambulwa, Eng. Lawrence Njue, and Eng. Paul Karekezi, all of whom bring valuable expertise to the team.

Key initiatives include strengthening collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), advocating for ADR in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), and addressing the skills gap by increasing the number of qualified ADR practitioners. ACEK is also developing a policy paper to guide ADR adoption and working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CIArb. Additionally, the group seeks to engage legal practitioners and institutions like the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) to broaden ADR's application across the industry.



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