



ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF KENYA.

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Dear Member ,

ACEK welcomes you to this edition of the Newsletter. The Newsletter condenses all news pertaining to the happenings at ACEK, The industry and any other news that our members would like to disseminate. Members are welcome to submit news items i.e, product launches, events and general industry news that they would like to be included in the newsletter via the email [acek@mitsuminet.com](mailto:acek@mitsuminet.com).

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## 1. News

- Kenyatta University/ACEK MOU: -In a meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, both sides agreed to have a formal signing ceremony of the MOU after the Vice chancellor confirms availability. Press coverage expected in the launch. Watch this space.

- On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014 KEPSA had the Round table meeting where one of ACEK council members Eng. Matu attended. Parliamentary Departmental committee that deals with transport and infrastructure discussed issues of capacity building and payment to contractors. It was noted that the committee was very supportive of ACEKs idea for capacity building and stated that they will support us in amending the procurement law to include local content on all the infrastructure projects regardless of where the funding originates.
- GAMA conference in Maputo, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March, was successful. ACEK members, including council members attended .They met with FIDIC President and CEO and had a preliminary meeting on the FIDIC 2016 conference.(see below)  
ACEK Chairman, Eng. James N.Mwangi elected member of GAMA executive with the highest votes and was also elected as the secretary of GAMA EXCO
- IEK-Eng. Ndugah vied and won a seat on the IEK council on the 9<sup>th</sup> May at the IEK conference in Leisure Lodge.
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- ACEK had a fruitful visit to Athi River Mining.UON students, ACEK and IEK members in attendance. This increased visibility.
- ACEK held their annual general meeting in March 2014. The new council has the following executive committee members: elected as the office bearers for the year 2014/2015.  
Chairman: Eng. James N. Mwangi (CEO of Kurrent Technologies Ltd),  
Secretary: Eng. John Ndemi (CEO of Norken),  
Treasurer: Eng. Henry Ndugah (CEO Batch Associates).



Eng. James N. Mwangi – Chairman ACEK



Eng. John Ndemi – Honorary Secretary ACEK



Eng. Henry Ndugah –  
Honorary.Treasurer ACEK

- March 2014:-.Acek recruited an Executive officer, Ms Anne Gumbi. Anne is a Bachelor of Science graduate from JKUAT and an MBA holder (Marketing and Strategic Management) from University of Nairobi.



Anne Gumbi.-Executive Officer ACEK.

- The Engineering Students Association (ESA), University of Nairobi elected a new executive committee following a peaceful and well organized election that took place on 4th April 2014 in the Civil Engineering building. Ms Mukabana Cynthia is the new Chairperson
- In its quest to make ACEK a vibrant association, the executive officer sent members a form to fill. This is a Members Satisfaction Survey form sent on 5<sup>th</sup>May.Members are encouraged to fill the form and send to the e-mail address below.
- EBK NOTICE on may 6<sup>th</sup>:-Notice in the newspaper for persons practicing Engineering without a license to obtain one in 21 days from day of notice. This notice was circulated to members.
- Annual National Public procurement and Asset Disposal forum took place on 30<sup>th</sup> May at KICC, beginning 8.00am. Our chairman, Engineer James

N.Mwangi and Eng.J.M Matu attended.

## 2. Marketing & Events



- **February 6<sup>th</sup>**: -Engineering meeting held at the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure headquarters.
- **30<sup>th</sup> April**: -The Annual General Meeting of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance was held on the 30th day of April 2014 at the Panafric Hotel at 10.30a.m .
- **Professionals sector PPP function held on 15<sup>th</sup> April** at the Hilton hotel. Several ACEK members in attendance. Our Chairman, Engineer James N.Mwangi gave the opening remarks on behalf of ACEK.
- **The Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK)** held its 19 th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16 th May 2014.
- **41<sup>st</sup> APSEA AGM meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Our chairman, Eng. James N. Mwangi attended
- **Thursday 19 June** : -Export Promotion Council (EPC), The Commonwealth Secretariat (COMSEC) in conjunction with APSEA organized a Workshop to discuss the development and promotion of services exports from Kenya and discuss the findings and recommendations to further enhance the services sector in Kenya.
- **Cocktail in honor of PS, Eng Joseph Njoroge, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum**. The cocktail was held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at Nairobi Club. We had more than 40 participants including our partners, stakeholders and Engineering Students Association.



Principal Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Eng. Joseph Njoroge, showing a Memento he received from ACEK.



PS, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Eng. Joseph Njoroge, in a discussion with some of the participants in the cocktail in his honor on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.



PS, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Eng. Joseph Njoroge, in a group photo with some of the participants in the cocktail in his honor held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

- ACEK/IEK Luncheon: -ACEK hosted a luncheon for the Institute of Engineers of Kenya, on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at the Nairobi club. The Luncheon, hosted by ACEK had the following agenda.

- Welcome the new chairman of IEK who is also a member of ACEK.
- Welcome the new IEK council
- Discuss future areas of collaboration and a beginning to strong partnership. This involves identifying issues for Engineers and coming up with a common road map.

Discussions included but not limited to

- Better remuneration for Engineers in civil service
- Participation in major projects and changes in procurement law.
- Institutional capacity and lobby
- ACEK/IEK Strategic plan
- Insecurity in the country.



ACEK and IEK council members who attended the ACEK/IEK Luncheon in a group photo.



ACEK Chairman, Eng. James N. Mwangi addressing participants during the ACEK/IEK Luncheon.



IEK Chairman, Eng.R.Kosgey, addressing participants during the ACEK/IEK Luncheon.



IEK immediate past chairman, Eng.J.Riungu, IEK Chairman, Eng R.Kosgey and ACEK chairman Eng.JNMwangi, sharing a light moment during the ACEK/IEK luncheon held in Nairobi club on 20<sup>th</sup> June,2014.

- 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.: -ACEK Courtesy call visit to Ethics and Anti-corruption



Commission (EACC) Chairperson, Mr ,Mumo Matemu.

Agenda included: -

1. Introduction,
2. Overview of ACEK,
3. ACEK: Concerns/recommendations,
4. Overview of EACC/response,
5. Way forward.



ACEK executive committee and EACC senior officers who were present in the ACEK courtesy call visit to EACC at Integrity Centre, on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.



ACEK Chairman, Eng. James N. Mwangi issuing ACEK's code of conduct booklet to Chairperson of EACC, Mr. Mumo Matemu



EACC Chairperson, Mr. Mumo Matemu issuing EACC's Strategic plan booklet to ACEK's Chairman, Eng. James N. Mwangi.

- Consultative Meeting on Roads Infrastructure Development was held at Panafric Hotel - Tuesday 24th June, 2014.
- REMINDER INVITATION: The Architectural Association of Kenya is pleased

to announce the AAK Annual Convention 2014, AAK's premier annual CPD event. This year's theme - MOBILITY NETWORKS: Whither Kenya? – will focus on mobility as a key driver of socio- economic development and its impact on the built environment in Kenya. We will focus our discussion on the following sub-themes:



1. Technology, Innovation and Connectivity
2. Economics and Investment
3. Population, Land Use & the Environment
4. Infrastructure & Accessibility

- Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Events	
July,	ACEK/RACECA meeting IJK Golf Tournament
August	AAK Annual Convention
August	Enrico Vink Managing Director  International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) To Visit Kenya: -14 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> August.
September 28 <sup>th</sup> to October 1st	FIDIC Centenary Conference, Rio, Brazil ESA Convention
October	School career talk.
November	Annual ACEK Engineers Golf FIDIC training

### 3. Strategic Communications

- 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014: -Our immediate former Chairman, Eng. K. Muchemi writes to newsrooms about ACEK's displeasure by closure of Nakuru-Eldoret highway by the Uasin Gishu Governor.
- FIDIC 2016 Cancellation: - ACEK Council wrote to FIDIC about our disappointment by FIDIC's cancellation on holding the 2016 conference in Kenya.

ACEK has since requested for a meeting with Hon.Eng.M.S.Kamau, cabinet secretary, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, on the issue and we are hoping for government intervention.

- June 05, ACEK writes to the Parliamentary National Assembly security committee requesting that they intervene on matters of security as this is not good for the country's growth.
- We are in the process of procuring a service provider to revamp and reenergize our website. Ideas are welcome from our members.

#### 4. Contractual Affairs

- Press release on 21<sup>st</sup> January: -Labor cabinet secretary defers commencement of the NSSF ACT NO.45 from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2014.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014: -Request for submissions for the 2014/15 National budget statement. communication from KEPSA
- KEPSA release: -Amendments to selected Kenya Laws in line with EAC-CMP. Circulated to members on February 5<sup>th</sup>.
- KEPSA Press Release, February 10th: National Assembly to create a conducive environment for the private sector as the Engine for growth through an enabling legislation. Release following the KEPSA-National Assembly retreat held on 7th February in Leisure Lodge, Mombasa. Release following the KEPSA-National Assembly retreat held on 7th February in Leisure Lodge, Mombasa.
- EBK Notice- persons practicing Engineering without a license to obtain one in 21 days from day of notice. This notice was circulated to members. Public Procurement Oversight Authority–May 23<sup>rd</sup>, ACEK Writes to Director General, Public Procurement Oversight Authority with ACEK members comments and sentiments on the Public Procurement and Assets Disposal bill. This is a reaction to a notice in the Daily Nation and as a follow up to a similar letter written to the National Treasury, on the same.
- FIDIC Publications –Fidic publications are available in ACEK offices at affordable prices.

## 5. GAMA

- Working committees are defined in the By-Laws of the GAMA constitution as follows:
  - (a) Standing or Liaisons Committees  
These Committees shall apply themselves to certain tasks for an extended and unspecified period of time.
  - (b) Task Committees  
These Committees shall be appointed to achieve specific assignment of limited scope before a set date.
- 29, april 2014 –GAMA working committees–The following ACEK members volunteered to join GAMA working committees

COMMITTEE	MEMBER
GROWTH	Eng.PeterO.Wanday
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT	Eng.Joel.M.Wanyoike
COMMUNICATION	Eng.S.W.Mumenya
INSTITUTIONS AND PROF.REGISTRATION	Eng.G.W.Jabongo
STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS	Eng.Joel.M.Wanyoike.
CONFERENCE	Eng.Kariuki.Muchemi
FIDIC	Eng.James .N.Mwangi
UNDERSTANDING SUSTAINABILITY	Eng.Johnson .M. Matu

- March 2014:-Seven members, including council members of ACEK also attended the annual GAMA (Group of African Member Associations) annual conference held in Maputo, Mozambique in March 2014. During the conference, the GAMA general assembly meeting was held in which Eng. James N. Mwangi was elected to the executive committee (EXCOM) of GAMA and was subsequently elected as the secretary to the EXCOM. He becomes the first Kenya to sit in the EXCOM.



GAMA Executive Committee: Eng. James N. Mwangi (third from left) was elected Secretary



Kenyan Delegation to the GAMA conference at Maputo held in March 2014:  
From Left – Eng. Ndugah (Treasurer ACEK), Eng. Mwangi (Chairman ACEK),  
Eng. Wanyoike (Council Member ACEK) Eng. Muchemi (Immediate past

chairman ACEK), Eng. Mambo (Past Chairman ACEK), and Eng. Matu (Council Member ACEK)



East African delegation to the GAMA conference held in Maputo Mozambique.

## 6. FIDIC

- FIDIC/MDB Conference - Harmonising International Practice

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Place Rogier, Brussels, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014

Programme coordinated by:

- The World Bank, EBRD, ADB, AfDB, CEB, BSTDB, CDB
- Building Workers International (BWI), Geneva
- Confederation of International Contractors' Association (CICA), Paris
- European International Contractors (EIC), Berlin
- International Labour Organisation (ILO), Geneva
- International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC), Geneva-

- FIDIC/MDB Conference -Harmonising International Practice. Brussels 2nd -3rd June 2014: - ACEK sent Invitation to attend and give a talk to Eng.Kidenda of KENHA. Unfortunately he couldn't attend.
- 29<sup>th</sup> April, - FIDIC Train the Trainers Program. Forwarded ACEK nominees Eng. S. Mambo and Eng. J.M.Wanyoike .
- 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014:- FIDIC executive Committee took the reluctant decision NOT to hold the FIDIC International Infrastructure Conference in Kenya in 2016 sighting security reasons.
- FIDIC TRAINING:- Module 1 and Module 2. Held at Pride Inn Hotel from 16<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> June,2014.

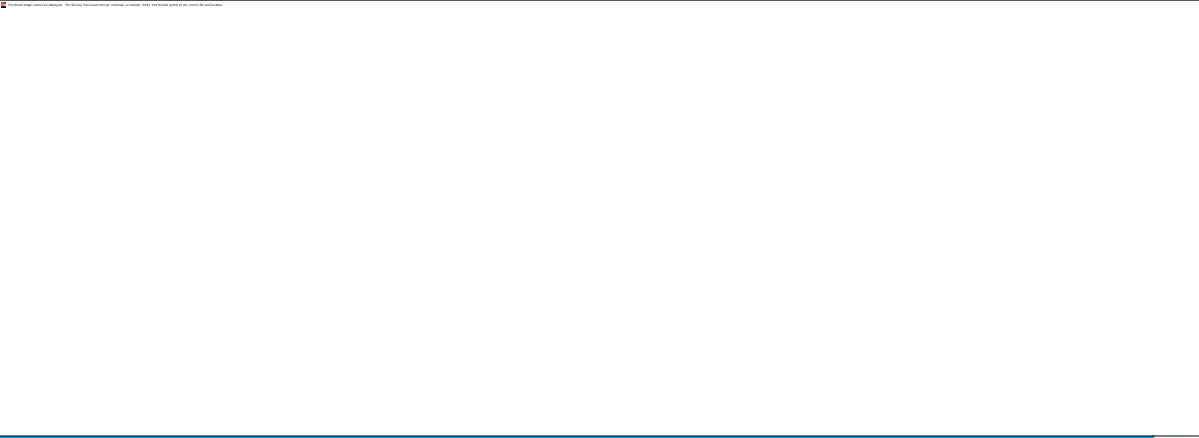






Participants at the recently held FIDIC Training at Pride Inn Hotel, 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.





## 7. Industry Events



Space is still available to  
book your exhibition  
booth. [Click here for  
more information.](#)



### 1.1.1 Register Today!

Register now for the FIDIC 2014 International Infrastructure Conference. Register to join the discussion on global cross cutting issues with industry leaders and international experts. Benefit from new business and networking opportunities in the biggest market of Latin America. Register at [www.fidic2014.org](http://www.fidic2014.org)

### 1.1.2

#### **Gala Dinner & FIDIC Award Ceremony**

Don't miss out on the FIDIC Gala Dinner and FIDIC Award Ceremony being held at the prestigious Copacabana Hotel. The FIDIC 2014 Awards Ceremony will recognize the best consulting engineering projects representing the FIDIC principles - Quality, Sustainability and Integrity.

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