

# Newsletter

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# From the Registrar's Desk



As we transition to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on the year 2023 which has been both eventful and fruitful.

The Board continues to scale up collaborations and partnerships in the built environment. The Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK), Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board (KETRB), and the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) through a consultative forum with the Public Service Commission embarked on a comprehensive review of the engineers, technologists and technicians Scheme of Service.

In the last quarter, EBK has actively participated in conferences and conventions that are shaping the continuous professional development of engineers. We gathered in the Eldoret for the 2nd Annual Conference of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK), themed “Engineering Food Security,” marking a groundbreaking event where critical issues in infrastructure, roads, transport, rural housing, irrigation, water resources, and machinery were deliberated upon. At the 30th IEK Annual International Convention themed “Engineering A New World,” EBK played a crucial role in engaging stakeholders and

other industry leaders on the training, mentorship, capacity building, and regulation of the engineering profession. The convention was graced by His Excellency, The Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, EGH. The three day event saw delegates deliberate on the current state of the profession, reflecting on our collective journey in adopting and embracing technology for better engineering practices. In November, the Board also partnered with Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board (KETRB) in the inaugural Engineering Technology Conference themed “Economic development through engineering Technology” held in Mombasa.

EBK remains committed to actively facilitate the transition of graduate engineers, to increase the number of Professional Engineers practicing in the country. We conducted training workshops for Kenya Railways and Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) focusing on the preparation of Professional Examination Reports.

The Board initiated its engagement's with County government's to enhance professionalism and adherence to building standards in government projects and investments. We held consultative forums with the Governor, Murang'a Country and the County Secretary, Siaya County. The board also paid a courtesy call meeting to the Inspector General, Japhet Koome. This meeting underscored the importance of engaging law enforcement in supporting EBK's compliance mandate. The meeting also addressed the transition of graduate engineers within the National Police Services with the support of the Board.

We express our gratitude to every individual and agency that contributed to the success of the Board. Our appreciation also goes all EBK staff members, whose dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment have been the bedrock of our achievements.

**Eng. Margaret Ogai**  
**Registrar/CEO**  
**Engineers Board of Kenya**

# EBK Collaborates for Progress

In a strategic collaboration with the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK), Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board (KETRB), and the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), the Board recently participated in a consultative forum with the Public Service Commission (PSC) to conduct a comprehensive review of the engineers, technologists and technicians Scheme of Service.

Chaired by a representative of the PS Roads, who also serves as the scheme's administrator, the forum was marked by a collective commitment to expedite the review of career progression for the built environment within the Public Service.

To ensure alignment with market standards, the proposals presented to the PSC were developed after an all-inclusive comparison with other professions, including Lawyers, Doctors, Architects, and Quantity Surveyors. This is to establish a harmonized scheme of service that reflects the dynamic nature of the engineering profession.



The anticipated outcome of this collaborative effort is a structured career progression path for technologists, technicians and engineers. The objective is to ensure that professionals experience continuous growth and development, preventing stagnation within a single Job Group.

# Bridging the Gap Between Academia and the Profession



The Board organized a stakeholder workshop tailored for academia-based Graduate Engineers. The focus of the workshop was to collaboratively develop a framework that integrates graduate engineers employed in local universities offering EBK-recognized engineering programs into the Board's Graduate Engineers Internship Program (GIEP) to facilitate their seamless transition to Professional Engineer (PE) status.

One of the key objectives of the framework is to expose graduate engineers in academia to industry standards, codes, and regulations. By doing so, there will be a bridging of the gap between theoretical knowledge acquired in academic settings and the practical demands of the industry. An alignment that is crucial to ensure that graduate engineers emerging from academia are well-prepared to meet the standards and expectations of the profession.



To encourage collaboration between academia and industry, EBK has actively facilitated stakeholder engagement forums. These forums serve as a platform for stakeholders from both sectors to discuss emerging trends, share valuable insights, and identify areas of mutual interest. This collaborative approach is essential in creating a cohesive environment where academia and industry can work hand in hand to enhance the overall competence and preparedness of graduate engineers.

# Preparing Graduate Engineers for Professional Success



The Board conducted a training workshop with Kenya Railways and the Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO). The focus of the workshop was on the preparation of Professional Examination Reports, a crucial step for graduate engineers seeking to transition to Professional Engineers.

At the heart of this initiative is the Board's promise to nurture skilled and competent engineers. The Chairman, in addressing the workshop participants emphasized the need to facilitate a

smooth transition of Graduate Engineers throughout the country. This initiative aligns seamlessly with the Board's strategic intent to register 10,000 Professional Engineers in the next five years.

During the workshop, the Registrar emphasized the significance of having competent engineers and engineering services, underscoring their crucial role in contributing to sustainable socio-economic development in the country. She linked this commitment to the broader vision of EBK, envisioning a

landscape with safe, efficient, and effective engineering infrastructure, systems, and processes.

The panelists at the workshop included seasoned professionals Eng. Benjamin Maingi, Eng. Julius Riungu, and Eng. Paul Ochola, alongside mentors Eng. Fredrick Ouma Ogutu and Eng. Eliud Wanyoyi. Their collective expertise and insights provided invaluable guidance to the workshop participants, nurturing an environment of shared knowledge and mentorship.

# ACEK's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference Unites Engineers for Food Security



The Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) held its 2nd Annual Conference on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, at Sirikwa Hotel in Uasin Gishu County.



Centred around the theme “Engineering Food Security,” the conference served as a platform for stakeholders to deliberate on critical issues within Infrastructure, Roads, Transport & Rural Housing; Irrigation & Water Resources; as well as Machinery, Mechanization, Economics & Finance.

Speaking on behalf of the Board, Eng. Dr. Johnson Matu highlighted the crucial need for engineers to adopt a collective approach in advancing food security. In his opening remarks, he specifically emphasized the importance of minimizing post-harvest losses and augmenting the processing capacities of agro-industries.

Emphasizing on recent advancements within the Board, the Registrar highlighted significant progress in facilitating the liberalization of engineering services through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA). This initiative is designed to empower engineers to operate seamlessly across borders, extending the impact of their expertise beyond national boundaries. She encouraged engineers to register their projects on the Engineers Portal, stressing its significance in ensuring the safety and integrity of engineering structures.



The conference was graced by the Uasin Gishu Governor, H.E Hon Chelim Bii. In his address as the Chief Guest, the Governor placed emphasis on the need for engineers to implement solutions that distinguish them in their field. He particularly highlighted on the potential for high-tech agriculture, citing examples such as vertical agriculture and hydroponic technology.

He also spoke on the numerous opportunities for engineers in affordable housing, the development of the railway city, and the airport expansion.

He revealed plans for establishing an Export Processing Zone (EPZ) in the county, underscoring the vital role of solution providers, especially engineers, in driving such initiatives.

## Engineering Excellence Through Records Management



Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) and Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) embarked on a journey marked by shared vision and a commitment to advancing the field of engineering.

EBK paid a courtesy visit to KNLS. At the forefront of the discussions was the need to streamline document management processes through meticulous indexing and appraisal of Board documents and records. Both institutions aim to transform accessibility and efficiency in handling critical information.

Through the Kenya School of Engineering, KNLS will provide support in the development of capacity-building programs for engineers. These courses will be geared towards enhancing the skills and knowledge of engineers, nurturing their professional growth and contributing to the overall advancement of the engineering field.

In a bid to embrace digitalization, the partnership also encompasses the development of an E-library and e-resource platform tailored specifically for engineers. This initiative is poised to empower engineers with easy access to a wealth of information, facilitating seamless research and referencing for projects and studies.



# Empowering Engineers Through Project Management



Striving towards professional excellence and the advancement of the engineering landscape in Kenya, the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) has developed a Project Management Curriculum for Engineers in the Kenyan Roads Sector.

The curriculum was subjected to a stakeholder review for further refinement. Recognizing the crucial role that effective project management plays in the successful execution of road projects, the Registrar emphasized the need for continuous professional development to safeguard public investments. Speaking at the validation workshop, she added that “this is a key component in improving and delivering quality road projects in the country.”

The curriculum focuses on imparting leadership skills that are indispensable in project management. Engineers will be equipped with the ability to communicate project requirements, risks, and objectives effectively to a diverse range of stakeholders.

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## EBK Strengthens Ties with National Police Service to Enhance Compliance

The EBK Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwongera led a team from the Board in paying a courtesy call to the Inspector General of the National Police Service, Japhet N. Koome. The meeting discussed areas of mutual interest and collaboration, focusing on the compliance and enforcement function of the Board.

At the meeting, the Chair expressed appreciation for the crucial role played by the National Police Service in safeguarding Kenyans. He appraised the Inspector General on the Board’s mandate and our strategic intent to preserve the quality and integrity of the engineering profession for the protection of the public.

The Registrar conveyed gratitude for the anticipated partnership and collaboration with the National Police Service. She emphasized EBK’s dedication to enhancing compliance and enforcement in the engineering sector, stating, “The board is committed to fostering sustainable development and ensuring value for money in public and private investments.”

In response, Inspector General Japhet Koome expressed concern over recent developments, including building collapses, demolitions, and insecure structural sites. He committed to working closely with EBK to ensure the protection of Kenyan

citizens and to uphold the compliance standards set by the Board.

The meeting also delved into building the capacity for Graduate Engineers within the National Police Service to aid their transition into Professional Engineers. Furthermore, a mutual beneficial internship program for Graduate Engineers was on the agenda, aiming to enhance professional service delivery within the National Police Service.



# State Department for Roads Awarded for Exemplary Performance



The State Department for Roads received the prestigious Certificate of Exemplary Performance from the Directorate of National Cohesion and Values. This recognition is testament of the department's exceptional adherence to the 2022/2023 performance contracting guidelines, in promoting national values and principles of governance.

The award was presented to the Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua by Mr. Joseph Musili, the Secretary of National Cohesion and Values. Mr. Musili commended the department and its affiliated agencies for their exemplary performance in integrating national values and upholding national cohesion while fulfilling the critical mandate of ensuring seamless connectivity in the road infrastructure sector across the entire country.

The State Department for Roads achieved the top-ranking position alongside the Ministry of Health and the State Department for Water and Sanitation. This recognition is the result of a concerted effort by the department to integrate national values into its operational framework, significantly contributing to the enhancement of cohesion within the country.

Instituted two years ago, the award scheme aims to acknowledge institutions that have demonstrated exemplary performance in mainstreaming national values and cohesion in the execution of their mandates. The State Department for Roads has consistently shown commitment and dedication to these principles, as evidenced by its impressive 21 mentions in the recently published 10th annual report for the year 2022-2023.

Expressing his gratitude upon receiving the award, Eng. Joseph Mbugua emphasized the collaborative efforts of the entire team in upholding values and cohesion. He admitted that the recognition would serve as an encouragement to the departments staff and agencies, pledging continued dedication to maintain exemplary performance.



## EBK's Digitalization Roadmap in Collaboration with Konza Technopolis



The EBK Board and management team paid a courtesy visit to the Board and Management of Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential partnerships and opportunities that could significantly contribute to the development of the engineering landscape in the country.

Among the discussions, was the engagement of Graduate Engineers with EBK's internship program GEIP at the Authority. This will provide Graduate Engineers with practical experience, nurturing a generation of dynamic and forward-thinking professionals.

In a bid to revamp engineering education, EBK will also collaborate with the Konza Technopolis' Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). This collaboration will facilitate Masters programs for Engineers exposing them to a curriculum that aligns with international standards and entry requirements, positioning them for success on the global stage.

Recognizing the importance of digital transformation, EBK will be getting technical support from the Authority to digitalize its processes. This includes implementing e-board systems and upgrading data center capabilities, demonstrating EBK's commitment to operational efficiency and innovation.

# EBK and IEK Partner to “Engineer a New World”



“ We have given permission to EBK to crack down on quacks in the industry ”

**H.E Rigathi Gachagua, EGH**  
Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya

The 30th IEK Annual International Convention themed “Engineering A New World” took place at the Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort Convention Centre and Spa in Mombasa. This event was a collaborative effort between the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK) and the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK).

The Deputy President Hon. Rigathi Gachagua set the tone for the convention at the official opening as the Chief Guest. His opening remarks centered on the indispensable role of qualified professional engineers. He also gave a fervent appeal to the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) to eradicate quacks from the profession placing emphasis on the far-reaching consequences of engaging unqualified individuals on projects.

Following the Deputy President’s call for professional integrity, the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Roads and Transport, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, championed the role of engineers in economic development. Emphasizing the pressing need for innovation and excellence in technology, The CS commended IEK for its inclusivity efforts, singling out the Women’s Engineering Forum and Future Leaders Summit held during the convention week. He also addressed the growing concerns about collapsing buildings, urging strict compliance with standards and a heightened focus on research and development within the field.

Eng. Joseph M. Mbugua, the PS for Roads, expressed gratitude to IEK and EBK for orchestrating the Convention. His address highlighted the State Department’s pivotal role in regulating engineering practice and ensuring a skilled workforce. He lauded the Deputy President for recognizing the transformative value of engineers within the economic landscape.

Extending a warm welcome to the Deputy President at the Convention, Eng. Erastus Mwangera, the Chair of the Board, expressed gratitude for the government’s recognition of engineers and their significant contributions to national projects. He affirmed the Board’s commitment to 21st-century skills development, calling for support to enhance engineering capacities at the county level.



# EBK's Engagement at the Inaugural KETRB Conference



The Board played a pivotal role at the first Annual Conference of the Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board (KETRB), held from 8th to 10th November, 2023. The conference themed “Economic Development through Engineering Technology” brought together thought leaders, professionals, and stakeholders to deliberate on pressing issues shaping the nation’s future.

EBK engaged with stakeholder’s in a panel discussion on Affordable Housing, a topic that is not only pertinent but

also symbolic of the intricate challenges facing our nation. EBK, as a key participant in the discussion, actively contributed to exploring opportunities within the construction and built sector. The focus was on ensuring affordability and scalability, aligning with the commitment to make housing accessible to all Kenyans. The discussions ventured into the integration of cutting-edge technologies, underscoring their role in expediting progress and narrowing the gap for developers and homebuyers alike.

The Principal Secretary Eng. Joseph Mbugua, representing the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Roads and Transport, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, echoed the conference discussions. He addressed the importance of sustainable agriculture and food security, emphasizing the need for technological integration and engineering practices that promote resilient food systems. Eng. Mbugua outlined a vision where infrastructure is reimagined to facilitate timely access to essential elements of farming, from inputs and machinery to labor.

## Professional Examinations Review Workshop



EBK conducted a workshop focused on Professional Examinations and Document Review. This workshop intended to elevate the efficiency of the registration process for Graduate Engineers.

The Board’s Chair, opened the workshop articulating the Board’s ambitious vision to register 10,000 Engineers over the next five years. This visionary goal stands as a testament to EBK’s alignment with Vision2030, a national aspiration that seeks to fortify and propel the engineering sector. He further emphasized the collective effort required to refine and strengthen processes, ensuring their robustness and responsiveness to the dynamic needs of the profession.



Urging participants to seize the opportunity, Eng. Mwongera set the tone for aligning procedures and standards. This alignment, he highlighted, is crucial to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the registration process, paving the way for a larger number of applicants to navigate the professional examination successfully.

The Registrar while speaking at the workshop underscored the Board’s unwavering commitment to ensuring a robust and efficient professional registration process. She called upon panelists to collaboratively establish unified guidelines for assessing the quality of applications, expressing a desire to harmonize registration guidelines and Professional Examination tools.

# EBK Fosters Collaboration for Enhanced Service Delivery in Siaya County

To strengthen ties and improve service delivery in the counties, a delegation from the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK), led by Eng. Dr. Johnson Matu and the Registrar/CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai, paid a courtesy visit to the Siaya County Government. The meeting was joined by the County Secretary and the Secretary to the County Public Service Board of Siaya County.

Eng. Dr. Johnson Matu, emphasized the importance of building synergy between the Board and counties. He highlighted that counties, as extensions of development to the National government, play a crucial role in realizing the Government's BETA goals and enhancing the well-being of Kenyan citizens.

The Registrar urged counties to enhance their technical capacity in core engineering departments by employing Professional Engineers as this would ensure value for money in government projects. She also encouraged counties to engage Graduate Engineers to gain practical experience, assuring that EBK would actively partner to coordinate their training.



## Pictorial

The Board was able to engage with its clients, stakeholders and members of the public by participating in various public forums, conferences and trade fairs. The purpose of this initiative is to shed more light on the Boards mandate, functions and services which are geared towards the empowerment of Engineers and protection of the public.

### ACEK Conference in Pictures



## 30<sup>th</sup> IEK Convention In Images



## Partnerships and Collaborations

### EBK and Konza Technopolis



# EBK to Enhance Compliance in County Government Projects

In a proactive move towards fostering safety and efficiency in the built environment, a delegation from the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK), led by Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwongera, paid a courtesy call to the Murang'a County Governor, Hon. Irungu Kang'ata. The meeting, centered on partnerships and collaborations, exploring avenues to enhance safety measures and project efficiency.

The Chairman highlighted the Board's commitment to a proactive approach to disaster prevention through meticulous project planning, approvals, and strict adherence to safety protocols. He emphasized that this approach is not only cost-effective but also a moral duty to safeguard the well-being of Kenyan citizens.

Appraising the Governor on EBK's mandate and strategic intent, Registrar highlighted achievements made by the Board in the training and capacity building of engineers. She emphasized EBK's pursuit to accede to the Washington Accord, aiming to facilitate global mobility for Kenyan engineers.

At the meeting, the Murang'a County Governor, Hon. Irungu Kang'ata acknowledged the role played by engineers in economic growth, commending the Board's proactiveness in addressing the profession's needs. He emphasized the importance of harmonizing engineering training and practice to facilitate a smooth transition for graduate engineers to become professionals.



At the heart of the meeting was a discussion on recent structural inspections conducted by EBK and partner agencies on various sites in Murang'a County, along with the resultant recommendations. The Governor expressed commitment to collaborating with EBK to ensure the effective implementation of these recommendations.

Exploring areas of collaboration, the meeting focused on building the capacity of graduate engineers within the county to ensure their seamless transition to professional engineers. Additionally, a mutual beneficial internship program was discussed, aiming to absorb 150 graduate engineers. This initiative is expected to enhance professional service delivery in county-commissioned projects.

# Celebrating Success and Partnership at EBK's Year-End Luncheon

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) gathered in appreciation at its end-of-year luncheon. The event was graced by Eng. Joseph Mbugua, Principal Secretary of the State Department of Roads, who joined the EBK team in reflecting on the year's accomplishments.

The luncheon had in attendance the Board and Staff of EBK, who were also joined by Eng. Patrick Wambulwa, Chairman - ACEK, Eng. Erick Ohaga President - IEK, and Eng. James Mwangi VP - FIDIC, along with other key stakeholders.

The PS. Eng. Mbugua, acknowledged the pivotal role of EBK in creating an enabling environment for professional engineers to drive economic growth. He pledged unwavering support and encouraged the board to strengthen its partnerships with other roads agencies. Emphasizing the importance of collaboration, he highlighted the need to align efforts with the country's development agenda, particularly in agriculture, manufacturing, and infrastructure. The PS also urged the recognition of women's uniqueness and dynamic contribution to the national development agenda.

The Board's Chair, Eng. Erastus Mwongera, expressed gratitude to the PS and the ministry for their support throughout the year. The Chairman acknowledged the support received in implementing the scale of fees, developing the strategic plan, facilitating the registration of foreign engineers working in the country, and other critical projects.

The Registrar/CEO, took a moment to express her gratitude for the invaluable support from partners and collaborations that have contributed to the success of 2023. She highlighted significant achievements made by the Board emphasizing the collective effort that has propelled EBK in the fulfillment of its mission and mandate.



# EBK Courtesy Call to University of Nairobi

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) paid a courtesy call to the University of Nairobi, Vice Chancellor, Professor Stephen Kiama who expressed interest in collaborating with the Board to align with the set standards, aiming for global recognition of the university's engineering programs. The VC not only expressed his support on the Washington Accord accession but also pledged partnership to ensure recognition and accreditation of the university's engineering programs by the Board.

At the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor commended EBK for its foresight in pursuing international recognition through acceding to the Washington Accord. He acknowledged the importance of aligning engineering programs with global standards to enhance the competitiveness of UON graduates on the international stage.

The Chairman reiterated the significance of the Washington Accord accession for the overall growth and recognition of engineering education in Kenya. He emphasized that collaboration between EBK and UON would contribute in achieving this milestone, fostering a culture of excellence and innovation in engineering education.

The Registrar further outlined the potential benefits of acceding to the Washington Accord, including increased opportunities for academic and research collaboration on a global scale. She highlighted that this strategic move would not only elevate the standing of UON but also contribute to positioning Kenya as a hub for quality engineering education.



# EBK Engages Stakeholders in Strategic Plan Validation

In September, the Board convened a stakeholder validation workshop for its Strategic Plan, outlining the roadmap for the organization's journey over the next five years. The workshop was graced by Eng. Joseph Mbugua, Principal Secretary, State Department of Roads, EBK Chair, Eng. Erastus Mwongera, and the Registrar, Eng. Margaret N. Ogai, alongside other key stakeholders.

The Principal Secretary affirmed the Ministry's commitment to support the Board in fulfilling its mandate. He lauded the Board's commitment to extending the influence of engineers in the region and beyond.

The Chairman appraised stakeholders on the achievements garnered in the implementation of previous strategic plans. He

outlined the Board's renewed strategic focus, emphasizing the strengthening of partnerships in key sectors such as Agriculture, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Economy, Housing and Settlement, Healthcare, and the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy.

Recognizing the importance of having stakeholders' input to improve the Board's strategic intent, the Registrar also highlighted the Board's dedication to creating a strategic plan that not only incorporates its mandate but also ensures a safe and sustainable engineering infrastructure, systems, and processes for Kenya.



# DIGEAT Workshop Paves the Way for Streamlined Engineering Regulations in East Africa

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK), in collaboration with regional partners and regulators, convened for the “Digitalization for East Africa Trade and Integration (DIGEAT)” workshop. This initiative not only marks a substantial advancement in the engineering field but also aligns seamlessly with recognized regional development objectives.

During the opening session of the workshop, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, the Principal Secretary of the State Department of Roads, conveyed his optimism for the initiative. He endorsed the commitment to streamline licensing procedures, highlighting its significance in recognizing engineering qualifications across East African Community member states. His words echoed a collective dedication to fostering a more efficient and integrated engineering landscape in the region.

The DIGEAT workshop emerges at a critical moment in the East African engineering landscape where regulatory bodies, in collaboration with regional partners, are actively developing an operational plan to streamline licensing and registration processes. This collaborative effort aims to facilitate seamless cross-border mobility of engineers, contributing not only to national development goals but also aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063.

As East Africa charts the course for a more interconnected and digitally driven future, the DIGEAT initiative stands out as a beacon of progress. The commitment to harmonize regulations and leverage digital tools is not only a testament to the region’s dedication to excellence in engineering but also positions East Africa at the forefront of innovative and efficient regulatory practices.



# Running For Environmental Sustainability

EBK staff led by the Registrar participated in the 20th edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon. The marathon is celebrated two decades of running excellence with the backdrop of enhancing environmental sustainability, an objective that aligns with EBK’s drive to protect the environment.

Celebrating 20 years of running is not just a milestone for the marathon but a testament to the enduring spirit of community and collaboration. The marathon continues to identify and provide opportunities for local athletic talent creating a pathway for the younger generation to thrive in both athletic and environmental pursuits.

The event also brings together people from diverse backgrounds, abilities, and locations. Mirroring EBK’s value to promote inclusivity where we envision a society where everyone plays a role in environmental betterment.



# EBK Joins Inaugural National Tree Planting Day

In a significant display of environmental stewardship, the Engineers Board of Kenya participated in the inaugural tree planting day in various parts of the country. EBK staff, led by the Registrar/CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai, joined the Cabinet Secretary in marking the Day in Gana Hola, Mikindani.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Roads and Transport, Hon. Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen, while gracing the event, commended the collaborative efforts of EBK and other stakeholders in shaping a sustainable future. He emphasized the importance of tree planting in mitigating climate change,

enhancing biodiversity, and preserving the natural beauty of Kenya.

In the County of Mombasa, EBK staff led by the Chairman Eng. Erastus Mwangera collaborated with The Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK) and Bamburi Cement by planting 1500 tree seedlings of 15 diverse species at the Bamburi Nature Trail. This initiative, nestled within rehabilitated limestone quarries, representing a transformative approach to land use, turning quarries into flourishing ecosystems.

In Nairobi county, other EBK staff took part in planting trees in Langata and

Mamlaka. This was in partnership with Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and the Engineering Students Association, University of Nairobi. The tree planting activities in diverse locations underscored EBK's holistic approach to environmental stewardship, recognizing that sustainable practices transcend geographical boundaries.



## EBK Joins Forces for Safer Roads

Engineers' Board of Kenya (EBK) in partnership with KURA, KeRRA, NTSA, and the Ministry of Roads and Transport, marked the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims (WDoR). Led by Registrar/CEO Eng. Margaret Ogai, the team conducted a vital safety training session focusing on BodaBoda and TukTuk drivers in Mombasa County.

The government's steadfast dedication to road safety was evident. Eng. Muhini, while representing the Principal Secretary, State Department for Roads, highlighted on the ongoing efforts to review and update Kenyan road design manuals

for nationwide development. He stressed the department's mission to provide affordable, safe, and efficient road and transport systems to Kenyans.

Reflecting on the impact of road traffic crashes, the Registrar, stressed the global significance of the day. She emphasized the importance of remembering victims, acknowledging emergency services, and demanding a serious legal response to road safety. Encouraging unity among TukTuk drivers, she advocated for the protection of female drivers and those with disabilities with the sole

aim of fostering a safe and inclusive working environment for all.

In attendance were representatives from the traffic police, who stressed on the importance of valid operating licenses for drivers. The resounding message was a call for strict adherence to the law, especially when transporting the public, emphasizing the collective responsibility to prioritize safety and legality on the roads. As part of the commitment to road safety, the participants were also provided with essential first aid kits at the event.



# Engineers Board of Kenya and COEDP Forge Partnership for Engineering Excellence



The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) and the Council of Engineering Deans & Principals (COEDP) recently convened in a consultative forum to discuss the development of engineering education.

The consultative forum delved into three key areas: the road-map to Washington Accord accession, lecturer professional growth, and innovative strategies to enhance the quality and approval of engineering programs in Kenyan universities.



Recognizing the pivotal role lecturers play in shaping the next generation of engineers, focus was given on strategies to facilitate their continuous professional development, ensuring that they stay abreast of the latest industry trends and methodologies.

The Board is committed to fostering globally competitive engineers for national development under BETA. This commitment extends to strengthening the vital collaboration between academia and the regulator, with the overarching goal of producing engineers capable of meeting global standards.

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The Board, Management and Staff of The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) wishes you all a fruitful and prosperous New Year 2024!



Ministry of Roads and Transport





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**To ensure production of globally competitive engineers and quality engineering services through regulation, capacity building and enforcing compliance with set engineering standards to meet the current and future needs of society.**







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