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From the Registrar's Desk

Building a Globally Competitive Engineering Profession



Welcome to the 17th edition of the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) Newsletter.

This edition captures a defining period in our journey towards strengthening engineering excellence, advancing international recognition, and reinforcing the profession's contribution to Kenya's sustainable development agenda.

A key highlight is the successful hosting of the **7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026)** under the theme "Blueprint for Prosperity – Engineering a Sustainable Blue Economy." The Convention brought together government leaders, industry, academia, development partners and engineering professionals to deliberate on how engineering can unlock opportunities within the Blue Economy while driving innovation, resilience and inclusive economic growth.

Beyond the insightful discussions, EPC 2026 produced practical resolutions that will guide policy, strengthen engineering practice and deepen collaboration across the profession. Equally important was the Convention's focus on nurturing the next generation of engineers through mentorship, promoting diversity within the profession, and extending our impact beyond the conference halls through community initiatives that improve lives.

As we continue our journey towards attaining Full Signatory Status to the Washington Accord by 2029, this edition also highlights the significant progress being made in transforming engineering education through the nationwide rollout of Outcome-Based Education (OBE) and accreditation initiatives. These efforts are equipping universities to deliver globally benchmarked engineering programmes that will produce graduates with internationally recognised competencies and greater professional mobility.

Our participation in the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) Meetings further demonstrates Kenya's growing presence within the global engineering community. Through strategic engagements with international partners, we continue to strengthen collaboration, exchange knowledge and position Kenyan engineers to compete confidently on the global stage.

Internally, I am proud to celebrate another important milestone—EBK's recognition as the best-performing Regulatory State Corporation in the 2024/2025 Performance Contract Evaluation. This achievement reflects the dedication, professionalism and unwavering commitment of our Board of Directors, Management and staff to delivering quality regulatory services and creating value for our stakeholders.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our partners, universities, professional associations, government institutions and all stakeholders whose collaboration continues to strengthen the engineering profession. Together, we are laying a firm foundation for globally competitive engineers capable of delivering innovative solutions that improve lives and shape a more sustainable future for Kenya.

I invite you to explore this edition and join us as we continue building a profession that is innovative, accountable and recognised both regionally and internationally.

Eng. Grace Onyango
Ag. Registrar/Chief Executive Officer
Engineers Board of Kenya

Strengthening Global Partnerships for Engineering Excellence



The Kenyan delegation, led by Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, accompanied by EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, with IEA President, Prof. Elizabeth Taylor, in Cape Town.

As part of Kenya's ongoing involvement in the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) Meetings 2026 in Cape Town, a high-level delegation from Kenya, led by Principal Secretary for Roads Eng. Joseph Mbugua and accompanied by EBK Acting Registrar/CEO Eng. Grace Onyango, held a significant meeting with IEA President Prof. Elizabeth Taylor. The purpose of their discussion was to enhance international collaboration in engineering education and professional practice.

The engagement focused on strengthening cooperation in areas that support the global recognition of Kenyan engineering qualifications, promote international mobility for engineering professionals, and enhance alignment with internationally recognised accreditation and competency standards. The discussions also

explored opportunities for capacity building, knowledge exchange, technical collaboration, and the development of future-ready engineering competencies to respond to emerging global challenges and technological advancements.

These engagements reinforce the country's commitment to attaining Full Signatory status under the Washington Accord and to continuously strengthening the quality of engineering education and professional practice in line with international best practices. Through sustained collaboration with global partners, Kenya is positioning itself to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of engineering excellence while expanding opportunities for its graduates and professionals on the international stage.



The Kenyan delegation, led by Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, and accompanied by EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, during a meeting with IEA President, Prof. Elizabeth Taylor.



Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua; EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango; and IEA President, Prof. Elizabeth Taylor.

Kenyan Delegation Engages FAE0 President



The Kenyan delegation led by Principal Secretary, State Department for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, together with EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, with Eng. Refilwe Buthelezi, President of the Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO).

At the IEA Meetings in June, the Principal Secretary, State Department for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, together with the Engineers Board of Kenya CEO/Registrar, held a high-level engagement with Eng. Refilwe Buthelezi of the Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO) to discuss strengthening international collaboration and advancing harmonized standards in engineering education and professional practice. The discussions highlighted the importance of strategic partnerships, knowledge exchange and closer cooperation among signatories to the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) Accords and Agreements, with a shared focus on enhancing the quality, recognition and global competitiveness of engineering education and professional practice.

In acknowledging the unwavering support of Kenya's State Department for Roads in the country's journey towards attaining Full Signatory status under the Washington Accord, the FAEO President commended Kenya's commitment to strengthening engineering education and professional standards. The FAEO President further called upon African countries to work collectively towards compliance with the IEA Accords and Agreements, emphasising the importance of harmonised accreditation systems and competency frameworks in promoting internationally recognised engineering standards across the continent.



Principal Secretary, State Department for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua; EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango; and Eng. Refilwe Buthelezi President of the Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO).

She also underscored the value of structured mentorship and capacity-building initiatives to strengthen institutional capabilities, enhance engineering skills and facilitate the seamless cross-border mobility of engineering professionals, ultimately contributing to Africa's integration into the global engineering community.



The Kenyan delegation, led by Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, and accompanied by EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, with (FAEO) President, Eng. Refilwe Buthelezi.

Jamaica Benchmarks with Kenya on Engineering Standards



Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, Chairman of the Jamaica Professional Engineering Board, Eng. Glaister Ricketts, Registrar Dr. Lynette Baile and other officials.

Kenya held a strategic engagement with representatives of the Jamaica Professional Engineering Board to exchange experiences and explore opportunities for collaboration in strengthening engineering education, accreditation systems and professional practice.

The meeting, led by Principal Secretary for Roads Eng. Joseph Mbugua and attended by Engineers Board of Kenya Acting CEO/Registrar Eng. Grace Onyango, Chairman of the Jamaica Professional Engineering Board Eng. Glaister Ricketts and Registrar Dr. Lynette Bailey, focused on knowledge sharing and benchmarking as Jamaica advances its own engineering standards and international recognition agenda.

Drawing from Kenya's experience in attaining Provisional Signatory status to the Washington Accord, Eng. Grace Onyango shared the milestones achieved, lessons learned and institutional reforms undertaken throughout the accession process. She underscored the importance of structured mentorship, continuous stakeholder engagement and strict adherence to International Engineering Alliance standards and regulatory requirements in successfully navigating the journey towards international recognition.

Reaffirming Kenya's commitment to regional and international collaboration, Principal Secretary Eng. Joseph Mbugua expressed Kenya's readiness to provide the necessary technical support and share its experiences with Jamaica as it strengthens its engineering accreditation and professional systems.

He also encouraged the Jamaican delegation to engage with Kenyan engineering deans and academic institutions to facilitate benchmarking, information exchange and the sharing of best practices on engineering education standards and accreditation processes. The discussions highlighted opportunities for continued collaboration in engineering regulation, accreditation, professional mobility, capacity building and knowledge exchange, with both countries recognising the value of strong institutional partnerships in advancing globally recognised engineering standards.



The Kenyan delegation held a strategic engagement with representatives of the Jamaica Professional Engineering Board.

The engagement reflects the Engineers Board of Kenya's continued commitment to fostering international partnerships that strengthen engineering education, enhance professional competence and support the attainment of globally recognised standards under the Washington Accord and the broader International Engineering Alliance framework.

Engineering Leaders Chart Blueprint for Prosperity at EPC 2026



Principal Secretary for Roads, Eng. Joseph Mbugua, and other dignitaries during the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026) held in Mombasa.

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) successfully convened the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026) from 22nd to 24th April 2026 at the Pridelnn Flamingo Beach Resort & Spa in Mombasa, bringing together engineering professionals, policymakers, academia, development partners, researchers and industry leaders to chart the future of engineering in Kenya. Held under the theme

“Blueprint for Prosperity – Engineering a Sustainable Blue Economy,”

the Convention provided a strategic platform for dialogue on how engineering can unlock Kenya’s vast blue economy potential while promoting sustainable development, innovation and economic growth.

Throughout the three-day convention, delegates examined emerging opportunities in maritime transport, fisheries, coastal infrastructure, renewable energy, digital transformation, manufacturing, climate resilience and regional integration. Discussions consistently reinforced the role of engineering as the backbone of national development and a catalyst for achieving Kenya’s Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

A defining outcome of EPC 2026 was the recognition that the Blue Economy extends beyond coastal resources. Delegates emphasized that sustainable prosperity requires integrated infrastructure, robust regulation, innovation-driven industries, competent

professionals and strengthened partnerships across government, academia and the private sector.

The Convention also highlighted the growing importance of research commercialization, digital technologies and sustainable engineering practices. Participants called for increased investment in engineering research, adoption of circular economy principles, utilization of low-impact construction materials and greater collaboration between universities, research institutions and industry to transform innovative ideas into practical solutions.

Professional mobility and international recognition equally featured prominently during the Convention. Delegates reaffirmed the importance of strengthening regional collaboration through the East African Community Mutual Recognition Agreement while encouraging Kenya to continue pursuing full signatory status to the Washington Accord to enhance the global recognition of Kenyan engineering qualifications.

As discussions concluded, one message resonated throughout the Convention: engineering remains central to Kenya’s economic transformation. By investing in professional excellence, strengthening regulation, embracing innovation and building strategic partnerships, the profession is well positioned to drive sustainable development and unlock the immense opportunities presented by the Blue Economy.



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EPC QUOTES

22ND APRIL 2026



We have to continue supporting the implementation of the national blue economic strategy, aligning our programs to its priorities. We should strengthen integrated transport and marine infrastructure so that ports, highways, logistic zones, industrial parks, and regional corridors reinforce one another.

**PS, State Department for Roads,
Eng. Joseph Mbugua, CE**



22ND APRIL 2026



We aim to grow the number of registered professional engineers to 10,000 by 2028. We have the capability to drive the blue economy and support the President's roadmap towards achieving a Singapore-like level of development.

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



21ND APRIL 2026



Our engineering programs are accredited by the Engineers Board of Kenya and the approach we take on training and learning make our students stand out. We appreciate the Board for inviting our engineering students for this development mentorship.

**Dr. Sameer Kamrudin
Technical University of Mombasa**



22ND APRIL 2026



From pollution and unsustainable practices, if we look at our entire systems, our systems are fragmented. Therefore, it is important that we start looking into our capabilities and our capacity as to whether this ambition, which we are going to be talking about throughout this convention, is truly feasible. And if not, what do we have to put in place to ensure that we achieve it?

**Eng. Refilwe Buthelezi,
President, FAEO**





ENGINEERING PARTNERSHIPS CONVENTION | 2026

EPC QUOTES

22ND APRIL 2026

“ We have shared ideas; now we must act. Let this convention drive collaboration and turn commitments into impact, strengthening partnerships and shaping a sustainable, competitive future for our region

Evans Atambo
Board Member, EBK



22ND APRIL 2026



“ As the global demand for maritime resources continues to grow, the need for innovative, environmentally responsible, and policy-driven solutions becomes increasingly urgent. At the heart of this transformation lies engineering. Engineers not merely build infrastructure but they are architects of systems, innovators of solutions, and stewards of sustainability.

Eng. Aden Abdi Millah,
PS, State Department for Shipping & Maritime Affairs

22ND APRIL 2026

“ We need engineers who can design climate and coastal protection systems, resilient transport links, serve and land-based wastewater and waste management systems, nature-compatible infrastructure, monitoring systems, and restoration support works. We need planners and investors who understand that good environmental governance reduces risk, protects assets, and improves project bankability.

Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno, PE – PS,
State Department for Environment & Climate Change



22ND APRIL 2026



“ In the next ten years, the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) should significantly expand opportunities for engineers to practice across all signatory countries. With the current five members as a foundation, the immediate priority over the next two years is to establish robust digital registration systems, harmonize registration processes, and standardize the accreditation of engineering degrees

Eng. Ronald Namugera - Registrar of the
Engineers Registration Board (ERB), Uganda

Women and Young Engineers Poised to Shape the Future of Kenya's Blue Economy



Former EBK Registrar, Eng. Margaret Ogai, addressing engineering students from the Technical University of Mombasa during the mentorship session at the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026) held in Mombasa.

One of the defining messages emerging from the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention was that the future of engineering will depend on how effectively the profession nurtures its next generation of innovators and leaders. Recognizing the importance of succession planning within the profession, EPC 2026 placed significant emphasis on empowering women and young engineers through mentorship, skills development and greater participation in engineering leadership.

Ahead of the Convention, the Engineers Board of Kenya organized a Career Development and Mentorship Session for students at the Technical University of Mombasa. The programme created a valuable platform where experienced engineers shared practical career guidance, professional ethics, emerging opportunities and pathways to registration with aspiring engineers preparing to join the profession. The mentorship initiative reflected EBK's broader commitment to strengthening the engineering pipeline by ensuring that graduates transition into competent professionals equipped to respond to emerging national and global challenges.

Throughout the Convention, speakers underscored the importance of creating an enabling environment where young engineers can innovate, undertake research and contribute meaningfully to national development. Delegates observed that investment in youth capacity development is essential for strengthening local engineering expertise and reducing reliance on imported technical solutions.

Women engineers also featured prominently in discussions on leadership and inclusion. Participants emphasized that engineering excellence thrives when the profession embraces

diversity and creates opportunities for women to participate fully in decision-making, infrastructure development, research and innovation. Delegates further noted that the rapidly evolving engineering landscape demands professionals who possess not only technical competence but also digital skills, entrepreneurial thinking and the ability to collaborate across disciplines.



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, addressing engineering students from the Technical University of Mombasa during the mentorship session.



Delegates and engineering students from the Technical University of Mombasa

The Convention therefore encouraged continued investment in mentorship programmes, professional development initiatives and stronger partnerships between universities, industry and regulators to prepare engineers capable of delivering innovative, sustainable solutions for Kenya's Blue Economy.

As Kenya pursues ambitious infrastructure and economic transformation goals, EPC 2026 reaffirmed that empowering women and young engineers is not simply an investment in the profession—it is an investment in the country's future prosperity.

Convention Resolutions Provide Roadmap for the Future of Engineering



Officials representing various partner organisations pose for a group photo during the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).

Beyond the presentations and technical discussions, the lasting legacy of the 7th EPC lies in the resolutions adopted to guide the future of engineering practice in Kenya. The resolutions provide a comprehensive action framework for government, regulators, academia, industry and development partners, focusing on strengthening professional regulation, improving infrastructure delivery and positioning engineering as a key driver of Kenya's Blue Economy.

Among the key recommendations was the call for sustainable funding to strengthen the Engineers Board of Kenya's regulatory mandate, enabling enhanced enforcement of engineering standards, improved public safety and expanded continuous professional development programmes.

Delegates further urged National and County Governments to fully implement approved career progression guidelines for engineers within the public service. This, they noted, would improve motivation, strengthen technical capacity and enhance service delivery across government institutions.

The Convention also advocated for greater investment in local engineering expertise by prioritizing domestic manufacturing, local content and value addition in national development projects. Participants emphasized that strengthening local capacity will not only create employment opportunities but also enhance Kenya's technological independence and economic resilience.

Recognizing the importance of innovation, the Convention called upon government, universities, research institutions and development partners to

establish stronger mechanisms for commercializing engineering research. Delegates encouraged structured collaboration, pilot programmes and investment in emerging technologies that can transform research into practical solutions capable of addressing societal challenges.



Industry experts engage in a panel session during the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).



FAEO President, Eng. Refilwe Buthelezi, and EBK Director, Compliance, Standards and Enforcement, Eng. Anthony Okere, during a panel session on promoting regional and global synergy in engineering.

Environmental sustainability remained central to the Convention's vision. Participants recommended wider adoption of circular economy principles, lifecycle assessment methodologies, environmentally responsible materials and sustainable engineering practices to reduce emissions while protecting natural ecosystems.

The Convention further reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to regional and international cooperation by encouraging deeper implementation of the East African Community Mutual Recognition Agreement, increased professional mobility across the region and continued pursuit of full Washington Accord signatory status.

Celebrating Engineering Excellence at EPC 2026 Gala Dinner



Engineering students who received various awards during the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).

It was a night of celebration, elegance and achievement as engineering professionals, students, institutions and stakeholders gathered for the Gala Dinner and Engineering Recognition and Excellence Awards during the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC) 2026.

The awards provided an opportunity to celebrate individuals and institutions whose exceptional contributions continue to advance engineering through innovation, mentorship, professional development and excellence in education.

The Graduate Engineer of the Year Award was presented to Mr. Brian Omaanya Onchuru for his innovative Automated Solar-Powered Electrolysis Cells for Wastewater Treatment project. The solution applies electrolysis principles to transform wastewater into reusable clean water for commercial, residential and irrigation applications, addressing challenges including water scarcity, sanitation, pollution and food security. The innovation has also earned recognition through the VIJANAA and DADA Sanitation Award and the IKO SAFI Innovation Award.

Women making a difference in engineering were also celebrated. Loise Nyawira Ndirangu, recognised under Women in Engineering – Below 35 Years, was honoured for her mentorship and role-modelling efforts, including initiatives that have reached and empowered more than 300 women in TVET institutions. Eng. Latoya Ouna, recognised under Women in Engineering – Above 35 Years, was celebrated for creating opportunities for female graduate engineers and championing women's participation in engineering leadership.



Dance and celebration during the Gala Dinner at the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).

Innovation took centre stage in the Student Innovation Awards. Ruth Olumo and Mutwa Maryanne Farida emerged winners with an autonomous mobile robot that uses robotics and artificial intelligence to detect tomato diseases and enable precision spraying. Elijah Junior Oiriga, the first runner-up, was recognised for an AI-enhanced digital weather station integrating local sensor measurements with regional weather data while Aaron Kilonzo Mulandi, the second runner-up, was recognised for an Offline Adaptive E-learning System designed to deliver digital learning content without dependence on active broadband connectivity.

The awards further recognised organisations investing in the growth of engineering profession. Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) received the Organisation of the Year – Professional Development Programme Award, while Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) was recognised as the Outstanding Organisation of the Year – Training Graduate Engineer Award for preparing graduate engineers for transition into professional engineering practice.

In the Excellence in Engineering Education category, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology and Strathmore University were recognised for their contribution to shaping the future of engineering education and for being among the first universities to transition their programmes to Washington standards.



Delegates dancing during the Gala Dinner at the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).



Winners of various Engineering Excellence Awards during the awards ceremony.

The Gala Dinner was therefore more than a celebration of award winners; it was a celebration of the ideas, people and institutions shaping the future of engineering in Kenya. From innovative technologies and student-led solutions to mentorship, professional development and quality engineering education, the honourees demonstrated that engineering excellence is ultimately about creating solutions, developing people and delivering meaningful impact to society.



EBK staff and other officials during the Engineering Excellence Awards ceremony.

EPC Extends Beyond the Conference Halls



The 10,000-litre water tank donated to Bedzimba Comprehensive School as part of the EPC 2026 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC) 2026, the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK), with the support of ICEA Lion and Jubilee Insurance, donated a 10,000-litre water storage tank to Bedzimba Comprehensive School in Junda Ward, Kisauni Sub-County.

The initiative underscored the Convention's commitment to creating lasting social impact beyond technical discussions and aligns with the 2026 Convention theme, "Blueprint for Prosperity – Engineering a Sustainable Blue Economy." By improving access to clean and reliable water, the project contributes to healthier learning environments while promoting sustainable community development.

The donation was received by the school's Headteacher, Elizabeth Katana, who welcomed the EBK delegation and expressed appreciation for the support. Bedzimba Comprehensive School serves more than 1,500 learners, making it one of the largest public primary schools in the area. The additional water storage capacity is expected to enhance water availability for drinking, sanitation and other essential school activities.



The water tank will contribute to improving access to water for the school and the community



Delegates and members of the Bedzimba Comprehensive School community during a group photo session.

The CSR initiative reflects EBK's belief that engineering is not only about designing infrastructure but also about improving lives and supporting communities through practical, sustainable solutions. It also demonstrates the value of partnerships, with ICEA Lion and Jubilee Insurance joining the Board in delivering an initiative that will have a lasting positive impact on the school community.

Growing a Greener Coast: EBK's Mangrove Conservation Legacy



Delegates, Kenya Forest Service (KFS) officials and members of the community during the planting of 10,000 mangrove seedlings at Junda Creek.

Kenya's Government launched the ambitious 15 Billion Trees Campaign in 2022, targeting 30% national tree cover within ten years. The initiative seeks to combat deforestation and climate change while promoting biodiversity, ecosystem restoration and sustainable livelihoods.

In support of this national agenda, the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) has continued to champion environmental conservation through its mangrove restoration programme at Junda Creek, Mombasa County. EBK adopted the site in 2021, establishing a long-term commitment to restoring and protecting the coastal ecosystem.

Ahead of the 7th Engineering Partnership Convention (EPC) in Mombasa, EBK planted 10,000 mangrove seedlings at Junda Creek, further strengthening its contribution to coastal restoration. The initiative is implemented in partnership with the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and the local Brain Youth Group, whose continued involvement has been instrumental in nurturing, monitoring and protecting the restored mangrove area.

Mangroves are vital ecosystems that protect coastlines from erosion, provide breeding and nursery grounds for fish and other marine life, support biodiversity and absorb significant amounts of carbon dioxide. Their restoration therefore

contributes directly to climate change mitigation and the health of coastal ecosystems.

Beyond environmental benefits, the mangrove restoration programme has created opportunities for community livelihoods, including mangrove beekeeping. Healthy mangrove forests provide suitable environments for bees and can support honey production, creating an additional source of income for local communities. Such initiatives demonstrate how conservation can go hand in hand with economic empowerment, particularly for youth.

The collaboration between EBK, KFS and the Brain Youth Group has transformed Junda Creek from a tree-planting site into a community-driven conservation initiative. Through continued restoration and monitoring, the partnership is helping improve the survival of mangroves while encouraging the community to take ownership of the ecosystem.

EBK's journey at Junda Creek demonstrates that meaningful environmental conservation goes beyond planting trees. It is about restoring ecosystems, empowering communities and creating a sustainable legacy for future generations—one mangrove at a time.



The mangrove tree-planting exercise at Junda Creek.



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, leading the planting of mangrove seedlings at Junda Creek.

ACEK Strengthens Collaboration Through New Leadership



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, delivering her remarks during the ACEK Presidents' Dinner.

The Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) brought together leaders from Kenya's engineering and infrastructure sector during its Networking Dinner held in June 2026 at the Pridelnn Azure Hotel, marking the inauguration of the ACEK Council for the 2026–2028 term.

The event celebrated the spirit of collaboration within the engineering fraternity while ushering in a new leadership team led by ACEK Chairman Eng. Gabriel Jabongo. In his remarks, Eng. Jabongo outlined the Council's commitment to advancing the interests of consulting engineers through stronger advocacy, innovation, strategic partnerships and closer collaboration with regulators and public institutions.

Outgoing Chairman Eng. Jane Mutulili congratulated the incoming Council and reflected on the Association's achievements during her tenure. She underscored the importance of visionary leadership, professionalism, integrity and stakeholder engagement in strengthening the consulting engineering profession and addressing emerging infrastructure challenges. She also reaffirmed her confidence in the new Council and wished them success as they steer the Association over the next two years.

Representing the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK), Ag. Registrar/CEO Eng. Grace Onyango reaffirmed the Board's longstanding partnership with ACEK in promoting professional standards, ethical practice, licensing and continuous capacity building. She emphasized the importance of sustained

collaboration among industry stakeholders in advancing engineering excellence and supporting the delivery of quality infrastructure.

The networking dinner attracted representatives from key public and private sector institutions, including NaMATA, KURA, KeRRA, EPRA, The Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK), CIArb Kenya, the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya, Atlas Copco, Wilo East Africa, Davis & Shirliff, Apsea Kenya and Tertiary Consulting Engineers Limited. Their presence reflected the shared commitment to fostering partnerships that will strengthen Kenya's engineering profession and accelerate sustainable infrastructure development.

As a long-standing partner of ACEK, EBK continues to work closely with professional associations and industry stakeholders to enhance engineering standards, promote ethical practice and build institutional capacity in support of the country's development agenda.



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango; ACEK President, Eng. Gabriel Jabongo; NuPEA Chairman, Eng. Prof. Lawrence Gumbo; and other officials during the ACEK Presidents' Dinner.

EBK Tops Regulatory Agencies



Building Capacity for Better Service Delivery

S/No.	Name of State Corporation	Composite Score
1.	The Engineers Board of Kenya	2.3478
2.	National Irrigation Authority	2.4499
3.	Kenya Bureau of Standards	2.4605
4.	Capital Markets Authority	2.5391
5.	Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority	2.5783
6.	Retirement Benefits Authority	2.6106
7.	TVET Curriculum Development, Assessment and Certification Council	2.6195

EBK was recognised as the best-performing agency in the regulatory sector.

EBK reaffirmed its commitment to institutional excellence by convening its Quarter 4 Staff Meeting, bringing together employees from across the Board for a day of learning, engagement and organizational reflection.

Chaired by the Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, the meeting provided an opportunity to review the Board's progress, strengthen collaboration across departments and equip staff with knowledge and skills that support effective service delivery. The forum underscored EBK's belief that investing in people is fundamental to achieving its mandate of regulating the engineering profession and safeguarding the public interest. In her remarks, Eng. Onyango emphasized that a competent, motivated and collaborative workforce remains the Board's greatest asset. She noted that continuous professional development and institutional capacity building are essential to enhancing organizational performance and delivering quality services to stakeholders.



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, addressing staff during the staff meeting.

Our success as a regulator depends on the knowledge, professionalism and commitment of our people. By continuously investing in staff development, we strengthen our ability to serve the engineering profession and the public more effectively, she said.



Facilitators and EBK staff pose for a group photo following the staff meeting.

A key feature of the meeting was a series of sensitization sessions delivered by partner institutions, each addressing topics that contribute to both individual well-being and institutional effectiveness. Representatives from ICEA Lion shared insights on insurance solutions, financial planning and risk management, equipping staff with practical knowledge to enhance their financial wellness.

The National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) conducted a session on disability inclusion, accessibility and compliance with disability rights, reinforcing the Board's commitment to fostering an inclusive workplace and ensuring equitable access to public services.

Staff also benefited from a road safety awareness session facilitated by the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), which highlighted responsible road use, adherence to traffic regulations and the shared responsibility of promoting safer roads. The sensitization programme concluded with a presentation by the Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman) on administrative justice, fair administrative action, public service accountability and effective complaint handling. The session emphasized the importance of transparency, responsiveness and citizen-centred service delivery in strengthening public trust.

Board Advances National Rollout of Outcome-Based Education



Participants during the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Training Workshop for the Nairobi Region held at Strathmore University.

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) is accelerating the transformation of engineering education through a nationwide rollout of Outcome-Based Education (OBE) and accreditation initiatives aimed at aligning university engineering programmes with internationally recognised standards under the Washington Accord.

Led by the Board's Engineering Accreditation Committee (EAC), the initiative combines regional capacity-building workshops with accreditation exercises to support universities in implementing OBE frameworks and strengthening the quality of engineering education across the country. The programme forms a key pillar of Kenya's roadmap towards attaining Full Signatory Status to the Washington Accord by 2029, following the country's admission as a Provisional Signatory in June 2025.

As part of the rollout, EBK has conducted a series of regional OBE training workshops for engineering lecturers and university staff. Following the inaugural training at Strathmore University, subsequent workshops brought together participants from the University of Eldoret, Moi University, Egerton University and Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, equipping academic staff with the knowledge and tools required to implement Washington Accord-aligned teaching, learning and assessment approaches.

The Board also conducted a dedicated training programme at Kabarak University, focusing on aligning the institution's proposed Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering programme with international accreditation standards. Kabarak University was commended for proactively designing its engineering programme in accordance with Washington Accord requirements

even before formal accreditation, becoming the first institution in Kenya to take such an initiative.

Speaking during the training sessions, Ag. Registrar/CEO Eng. Grace Onyango said the regional OBE programme is intended to strengthen universities' capacity to develop graduate attributes, learning outcomes, curriculum design and assessment systems that meet globally accepted accreditation standards. She noted that successful implementation of Outcome-Based Education will promote student-centred learning, continuous quality improvement and evidence-based accreditation while ensuring Kenyan engineering graduates remain globally competitive.

“Achieving Full Signatory Status to the Washington Accord requires the entire engineering education ecosystem to embrace Outcome-Based Education. Through these trainings and accreditation exercises, we are working closely with universities to build the capacity needed to deliver engineering programmes that meet international benchmarks,” She said.



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, making a presentation on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) at the University of Eldoret.



Outcome-Based Education (OBE) trainers, EBK Secretariat staff and Kabarak University staff and lecturers during the OBE training workshop.

The national rollout has been complemented by ongoing accreditation visits to universities. Most recently, EBK's Engineering Accreditation Committee conducted a Tier I accreditation evaluation at Machakos University, assessing the Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering programmes against internationally recognised accreditation requirements informed by the Washington Accord framework.

The assessment involved extensive engagement with university leadership, academic and technical staff, students, alumni, employers and other stakeholders to evaluate programme design, teaching and learning processes, assessment

methods, staffing, infrastructure, quality assurance systems and graduate outcomes.

During the visit, Machakos University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joyce J. Agalo reaffirmed the University's commitment to continuously enhancing the quality of its engineering programmes and aligning them with global standards to expand opportunities for graduates both locally and internationally.

Similarly, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration and Finance) Prof. Wilson Ng'etich, representing the University of Eldoret Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the need for universities to align engineering programmes with international standards through sustained curriculum review, investment in infrastructure, stronger industry collaboration and robust quality assurance systems.

Through the combined implementation of regional OBE training and accreditation exercises, EBK continues to strengthen institutional capacity across Kenya's universities while fostering a culture of continuous quality improvement. The initiative not only supports the country's journey towards Full Washington Accord Signatory Status but also ensures that engineering graduates possess the competencies, professional attributes and global recognition required to thrive in an increasingly competitive engineering profession.



Outcome-Based Education (OBE) trainers, Kabarak University lecturers and staff during a group photo session.

Registration of Professional Engineers



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango; representatives from Kenya Breweries Limited; panelists; and graduate engineers from KBL during a group photo session.

The Professional Engineers Registration Training Workshop for graduate engineers has contributed to an increase in the number of registered Professional Engineers. The workshop aims to demystify the Professional Engineer (PE) registration process, with a focus on the preparation of training and experience reports, as well as project reports. This training is open to all graduate engineers seeking to advance towards professional registration.

As part of the Board's continued efforts to support professional registration, graduate

engineers working at Kenya Breweries Limited recently participated in the training, equipping them with the knowledge and skills required to pursue Professional Engineer registration.

To date, more than 3,000 engineers have benefited from similar workshops. Other organisations that have participated in the programme include Kenya Power, Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA), Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC),



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, delivering her remarks during the workshop.



The workshop aimed to demystify the Professional Engineer (PE) registration process.



Graduate engineers from Kenya Breweries Limited during the workshop.

EBK Joins Mau Forest Restoration and Conservation Efforts



H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, alongside other dignitaries during the Mau Forest Restoration and Conservation exercise.

The Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) joined H.E. Mama Rachel Ruto, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, alongside national and county government leaders, development partners, environmental champions, and local communities in advancing the Mau Forest Complex Integrated Conservation and Livelihoods Improvement Programme (MFC-ICLIP). During the visit to the Marinda's Restoration Area in Baraget Forest, Kuresoi North, the First Lady adopted a 31-hectare restoration block, planted indigenous trees, and commissioned a one-million-seedling tree nursery. The delegation also visited Baringo Primary School, where she commissioned a biogas unit, a kitchen garden, and waste management facilities, flagged off fruit tree seedlings for women farmers, and launched the One Tourist, One Tree Initiative in partnership with the Kenya Tourism Board. Through its participation, EBK reaffirmed its commitment to supporting national initiatives that promote environmental conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable development.



Thousands of citizens follow proceedings during the Mau Forest Restoration and Conservation event.

EBK also participated in the Mau Conservation Marathon 2026, joining hundreds of conservation champions in raising awareness of the importance of protecting the Mau Forest Complex.



Ambassador Dr. Ida Odinga and Principal Secretary for Environment, Eng. Festus Ngeno, at the Mau Forest Complex in Nakuru County.

The marathon highlighted the link between environmental conservation, community livelihoods, and collective action, demonstrating that every effort contributes to safeguarding Kenya's natural resources. By participating in these initiatives, EBK underscored the vital role of the engineering profession in promoting environmental stewardship, supporting sustainable infrastructure development, and contributing to a greener, more climate-resilient future.

EPC 2026 Calls for Innovation, Regional Collaboration and Global Recognition of Kenyan Engineers



EBK Ag. Registrar/CEO, Eng. Grace Onyango, and ACEK CEO, Eng. Barbara Adoch, during a panel session at the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).

Innovation, research and international collaboration emerged as key priorities during the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention, with delegates calling for stronger partnerships to position Kenyan engineers competitively at the regional and global levels.

The government, universities, industry and development partners were encouraged to support commercialization of engineering research, adoption of emerging technologies and application of sustainable engineering practices. It was emphasized that research should translate into practical solutions that address national development challenges while promoting environmental sustainability.

A key recommendation from the Convention was the implementation of the East African Community Mutual Recognition Agreement to support the cross-border movement of engineers through a digital registration platform. The Convention further urged Kenya to pursue Full Signatory Status under the Washington Accord to enhance the global recognition of its engineering qualifications.

The Convention also called for stronger regional partnerships, technology transfer, mentorship and specialized training in marine engineering to prepare professionals for emerging opportunities within the Blue Economy.



Delegates follow proceedings during the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).



Participants during a breakaway session at the 7th Engineering Partnerships Convention (EPC 2026).

INSIDE THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION,

THE JOURNEY FROM ENGINEERING STUDENT TO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Engineering shapes every aspect of modern life, from the roads and bridges that connect communities to the energy systems, water, infrastructure, and technologies that drive economic growth. In Kenya, the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) regulates the engineering profession to ensure that those entrusted with designing and delivering engineering solutions meet the highest standards of competence and professionalism.



1 ACCREDITED ENGINEERING DEGREE

The journey begins with an accredited engineering degree, where students acquire the scientific knowledge and technical skills needed to solve complex challenges across engineering sectors such as construction, manufacturing, energy, transport and telecommunications. Graduation, however, is only the first step.



2 REGISTER AS GRADUATE ENGINEER WITH EBK

Engineering graduates are eligible to register as Graduate Engineers with EBK, formally recognising their academic qualifications and marking the beginning of structured professional development. At this stage, graduates gain practical experience under the guidance of experienced engineers, applying classroom knowledge to real-world projects.



3 GAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Engineers gain practical experience under the guidance of experienced engineers, applying classroom knowledge to real-world projects.



4 3 YEARS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

With the required 3 years practical experience, Graduate Engineers can apply for registration as Professional Engineers.



5 REGISTER AS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

This involves demonstrating competence through training and experience reports, project reports and a professional assessment. Achieving Professional Engineer status signifies that an individual has met recognised standards and is qualified to take on greater professional responsibilities.



6 CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

Recognising that engineering continues to evolve, EBK also promotes Continuous Professional Development (CPD), encouraging engineers to participate in training, workshops, conferences and research. Continuous learning ensures that professionals remain current with emerging technologies, industry trends and global engineering best practices.



7 SUPPORT THROUGH REGISTRATION TRAINING WORKSHOPS

To support aspiring professionals, EBK regularly conducts Professional Engineers Registration Training Workshops, which guide Graduate Engineers through the registration process and help them prepare the reports required for professional examination. These workshops continue to demystify the registration process and equip engineers with the knowledge needed to advance their careers.

ETHICS AT THE CORE



Ethics remains central throughout an engineer's career. Engineers are expected to uphold integrity, accountability and public safety in every decision they make, reinforcing public confidence in the profession.

BUILDING KENYA'S FUTURE



As Kenya continues to invest in infrastructure, industrialization and sustainable development, competent and ethical engineers remain essential to the country's progress.

OUR COMMITMENT



REGULATE

We uphold standards and protect the public.



ACCREDIT

We assure quality in engineering education and training.



DEVELOP

We promote continuous growth and professional excellence.



PARTNER

We collaborate for a strong and sustainable engineering profession.

Through quality regulation, accreditation and professional development, the Engineers Board of Kenya continues to strengthen the profession, ensuring that engineers are well prepared to deliver innovative solutions that improve lives and contribute to national development.

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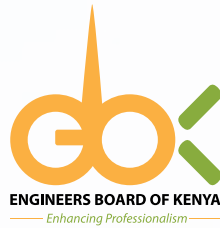
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Safe and sustainable engineering infrastructure.



OUR MISSION

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.



OUR VALUES

- ✔ Integrity
- ✔ Customer-Centric
- ✔ Accountability
- ✔ Respect
- ✔ Excellence

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