

KPDA WEEKLY MEDIA REVIEW REPORT AS AT 13TH APRIL 2018

Weekly Insights into Current Affairs Affecting the
Kenyan Real
Estate Market

*Every Friday, we select a few media articles from
The week that we think are worth your time as a
player in the property development sector. We look
for compelling articles not only about trends in the
market, but also policy issues, upcoming
technologies and global trends in real estate. We
would love to hear from you on what you are
engaged in to promote the sector. Contact us via
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UPCOMING EVENTS

KPDA AGM &
Corporate
Networking
KOROGA Event,
Friday 4th May
2018 in **Nairobi**

KPDA Affordable
Housing
Conference,
Tuesday 26th June
2018 at Safari
Park Hotel

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REPORT ON THE KAJIADO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ROUNDTABLE MEETING, 9TH APRIL 2018 HOSTED BY AAK



Following the release of a [report on a study conducted by the Architectural Association of Kenya \(AAK\) on automation of development control in the counties of Kajiado, Machakos and Nakuru](#), the Architectural Association of Kenya organized a roundtable meeting with the Kajiado County Government. Kenya Property Developers Association, Town and County Planners Association of Kenya and IFC visited the Office of the Governor of Kajiado County on 9th April 2018. To access the full report, please click on the link below:

[Automation of Development Control Processes in Kajiado County.](#)

KPDA PARTICIPATES IN THE 26TH KENYA HOMES EXPO, 12TH APRIL 2018



The 26th edition of Kenya Homes Expo commenced on Thursday, 12th April 2018 at the Kenya International Convention Centre. The opening ceremony was overseen by the Principal Secretary for Housing, Mr. Charles H. Mwaura who addressed issues concerning affordable housing in Kenya.

He stated that the Government is committed to working towards easing processes within different Government units meant to oversee affordable housing. He also mentioned that the Government is keen on tackling the current deficiency of housing in Kenya. The KPDA Vice Chairman was also amongst the invited guests who gave some few remarks. He pointed out that it was important for Government to work together with local developers in different projects as they have the capability to ensure affordable housing in this Kenya becomes a reality.

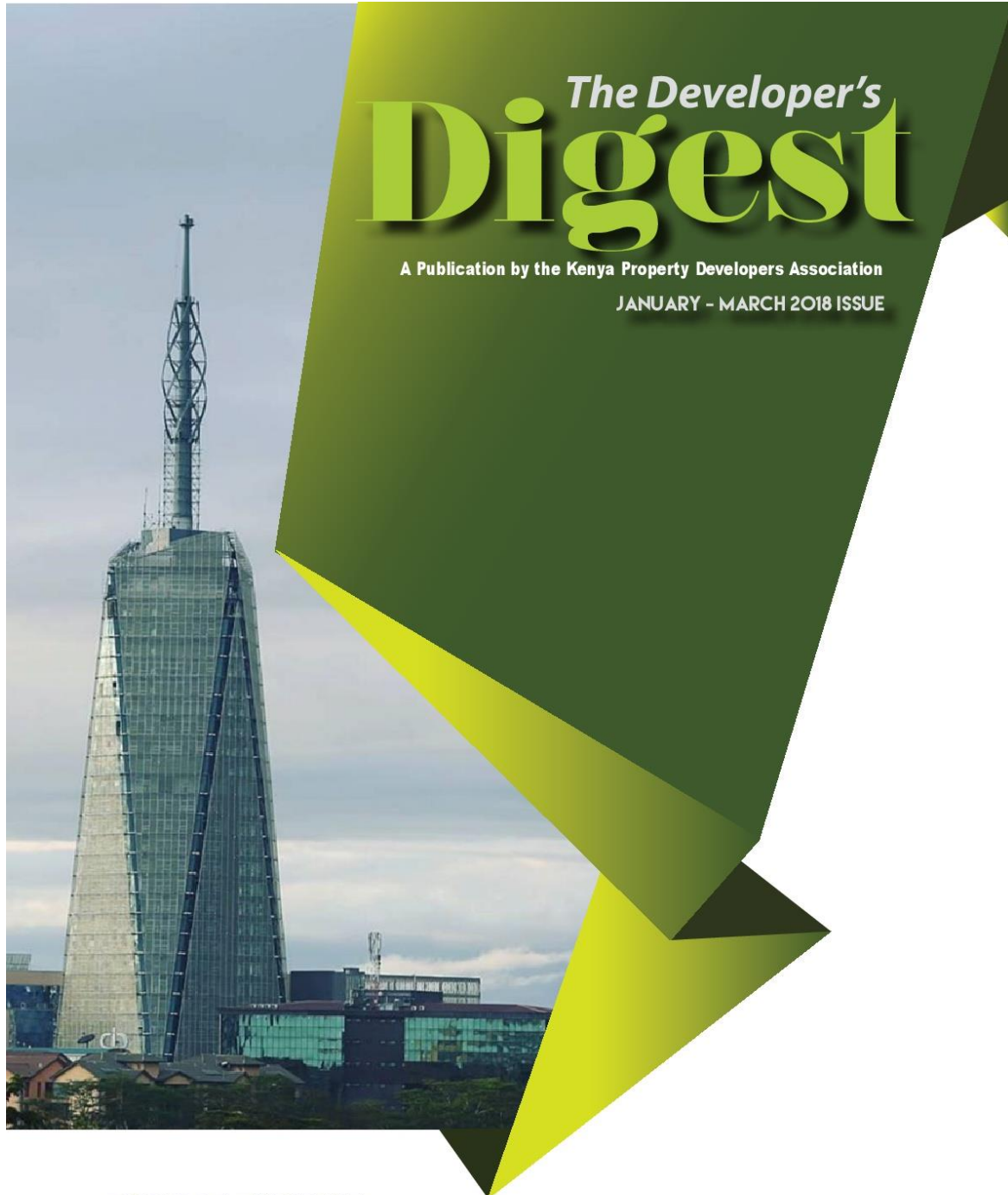
He also pointed out that **KPDA** will have an **Affordable Housing Conference** on **Tuesday, 26th June 2018** that will be addressing the issue of how private sector can work with government to realize the current administration's affordable housing agenda.

The 26th Homes Expo runs from 12th April 2018 to 15th April 2018 at the KICC.

THE DEVELOPER'S DIGEST: JANUARY - MARCH 2018 ISSUE IS OUT!!!

The current issue of the KPDA e-newsletter, *The Developer's Digest: January - March 2018 Issue* is now out. To download your copy, please follow the link below:

<http://www.kpda.or.ke/the-developers-digest>



TOPIC OF THIS ISSUE:

**Best Practices in the Kenyan
Construction Sector: What Every
Investor Should Know**

#KorogaNaKPDA: REMINDER INVITATION TO THE KPDA CORPORATE NETWORKING KOROGA EVENT, FRIDAY 4TH MAY 2018 AT THE SPICE ROOTS RESTAURANT, NAIROBI

To download the flyer, please click on the link below:

<..\..\..\Events - KPDA\Corporate Networking Koroga Matters\Friday, 4th May 2018 Koroga Matters\Invitation to the KPDA Corporate Networking KOROGA Event, 4th May 2018.pdf>

We encourage companies to register their cooking teams by writing to research@kpda.or.ke with the following details:

- The name of your company
- Number of members of your cooking team
- Names and contacts of your Cooking Team Leader
- Your menu

The Winner of the last KPDA KOROGA Cooking Competition held in 2017 was ACTIS...shall you compete to overthrow them?



Invitation to the KPDA Corporate Networking KOROGA Event

#KorogaNaKPDA

Friday 4th May 2018 at the Spice Roots Restaurant, Nairobi

An interactive and informal networking event!

WHERE: Spice Roots Restaurant
(Located along Forest Rd, Nairobi)

WHEN: Friday, 4th May 2018

TIME: 6.00pm onwards

The Koroga will run from 6.00pm onwards. Drinks will be served at a cash bar.

TICKETS FOR THE KOROGA (AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO THE RAFFLE COMPETITION)

Members Kshs. 2, 900 (incl. of VAT)

Non Members Kshs. 4, 060 (incl. of VAT)

THE DEADLINE TO RSVP (WITH PAYMENT) IS MONDAY 30TH APRIL 2018. Kindly send your confirmations to membership@kpda.or.ke and cc finance@kpda.or.ke.

NB:

- *Please note that registration fees once paid are non-refundable and cannot be transferred to cater for the cost of attending future events.*
- *Participants who attend this event without an RSVP will be surcharged at the door*
- *Non Members will not be allowed to participate in this event without prior payment*
- *Cancellations are only refundable if the secretariat is notified on email by no later than Friday, 27th April 2018*

KPDA ATTENDS A STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON THE PROPOSED BUILT ENVIRONMENT PRACTITIONERS BILL (DRAFT), 11TH APRIL 2018

AAK hosted key stakeholders in the built environment industry for a breakfast meeting on 11th April 2018 to strategize on the way forward for the recently released *Built Environment Practitioners Bill (Draft)*.

This Bill states that it seeks to “make provision for the training, registration and licensing of architects, quantity surveyors, landscape architects, interior designers, construction project managers and their related paraprofessionals, to achieve harmony in the regulation of professionals in the built environment; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of the Built Environment Practitioners Board and for connected purposes.”

A detailed report emerging on the way forward from the stakeholders’ forum will be shared in due course.

INVITATION TO THE 2018 DISCOVER GLOBAL MARKETS FOR THE DESIGN + CONSTRUCT INDUSTRY TRADE EVENT

The U.S. Department of Commerce would like to invite KPDA members to attend our flagship trade event Discover Global Markets for the Design + Construct Industry. **Discover Global Markets** will be held in Kansas City, MO, April 30 - May 2, 2018, and will be dedicated to the architecture, engineering and construction sectors. The U.S. Dept. of Commerce will bring 20 top Commercial Diplomats, stationed around the world, to provide counseling and advisory assistance on matching you with potential US business partners.

Key Benefits to KPDA Members:

- Admission to the conference for International delegates will be at no charge
- Two nights free is based on availability. Unfortunately there is a waitlist already for these based on high interest.

Reservation shall be made on a first come first served basis and delegates shall be vetted prior to confirming their participation.

For more information, kindly click on the link below:

[Invitation to the 2018 Discover Global Markets for the Design + Construct Industry Trade Event.pdf](#)

REMINDER INVITE TO THE AFRICA REAL ESTATE & INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT 2018

TCPAK invites its members to join the third edition of the award winning African Real Estate & Infrastructure Summit on 15th to 16th May 2018 to be held in South Africa.

For more information on this event, please contact the TCPAK Secretariat on 0725 028 572 or 0721 345 611 or visit the website <http://www.african-real-estate-summit.com/>



Internet security > Senators query ongoing digitisation of all land transactions

Idle land to be taxed in new Ministry Bill

New law hopes to spur productive use for agriculture and commerce, says CS

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The Ministry of Lands has introduced a policy that will allow taxation of idle land. But the policy will be implemented only after both the Senate and the National Assembly adopt it.

Land CS Farida Karoney yesterday told Senators during the Inaugural Retreat for the Senate Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources in Mombasa that the two houses have a role to play in ensuring that the changes take effect.

"In our Rural Settlement Planning at the ministry, we have the land taxation policy that seeks to provide a package of incentives to encourage productive and sustainable use of land and disincentives for keeping idle land," said Ms Karoney.

She said among the aims is to have all owners of idle land to be taxed to encourage sustainable use. She added: "This is pegged on the National Land Use Policy (NLUP). I am appealing to the Senate, through the committee, to support the fully implementation of the NLUP and the National Spatial Planning Policy (NSP)," she said.

The CS said the ministry needs adequate funding to ensure full implementation of its programmes. She said there are chunks of idle land that, were they well utilised for both agriculture and commercialisation, would make the country food secure and well developed.

"It is sad that we have all this idle land that can be used for agricultural and commercial purposes for our economic development. This is the land we are targeting. That land must be utilised for the growth of this nation," she said.

The CS called for a revisit of the land policy of 2009, saying it was adopted before the new Constitution. "The ministry is guided by the Constitution, the National Land Policy of 2009, and the enabling legislation in its work. But the current land policy was adopted in 2009, before the new Constitution, and needs to be revisited," she said.

She asked the Senate to encourage counties to allocate adequate funds to undertake their physical planning function.

"The Senate should fast-track enactment of the Physical Planning Bill No. 34 of 2017 to provide the framework to guide the physical planning envisaged," she said.

Senators took the minister to task over digitisation of all land transactions, which the ministry is currently implementing. "How safe is the digital online land transaction platform that your ministry is undertaking? We know some of these platforms also pose certain risks..."

Senate committee vice chairman Victor Prengei

Land Cabinet Secretary Farida Karoney addresses the Senate committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources at Pride Inn Beach Hotel in Mombasa yesterday.



For a long time, Ndeiya, which straddles Kikuyu and Limuru sub-counties in Kiambu County, remained largely undeveloped despite having vast tracts of land. [Read More.](#)

The Kenyan government's aim of building 500,000 affordable homes in five years, if successful, could jumpstart a lagging real estate sector. [Read More.](#)

While acres of newspaper pages have been devoted to various topics on matters real estate, not much has been written about air rights, Mr Michael Munene, a Nyeri-based property valuer, notes. [Read More.](#)

The National Land Commission (NLC) may have irregularly paid Sh1.5 billion for land at the centre of ownership dispute between two city schools and two private firms after it emerged on Tuesday that the land is government owned. [Read More.](#)

The Standard | Ferdinand Mwangela | Thursday 12th April 2018
KENYA HOMES EXPO OPENS TODAY, RUNS UP TO SUNDAY

The 26th edition of Kenya Homes Expo kicks off today at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre and runs up to Sunday. This year's edition is named the Blue Triangle Cement Homes Expo after the title sponsor. [Read More](#).

The Standard | Peter Muiruri | Thursday 12th April 2018
BANKS UNEASY WITH REAL ESTATE

The real estate sector is limping. Developers are struggling to offload new units, and as a result, many have a hard time servicing loans taken for development. [Read More](#)

The Standard | Dalton Nyakundi | Thursday 12th April 2018
OLDEST TOURIST HOTEL FACES AUCTIONEER'S AXE OVER SH380,000 COURT AWARD

Kisumu's Sunset Hotel- one of the oldest hospitality outposts in Western Kenya could lose all its movable assets over a Sh 380,000 salaries standoff with two former employees. [Read More](#)

The Standard | Ferdinand Mwangela | Thursday 12th April 2018
MAKING AFFORDABLE HOUSING A REALITY IN KENYA

The government's aim of building one million affordable homes in five years, if successful, could spur the real estate sector, and place Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) at the centre of economic life. [Read More](#)

11TH APRIL 2018

Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Wednesday 11th April 2018
EX-MOI AIDE GIVEN WEEKS TO SETTLE FRAUD CASE OUT OF COURT

A Nairobi magistrate on Wednesday gave four suspects, including former President Daniel Moi's aide Joshua Kulei, one month to finalize talks with a view of settling fraud charges against them out of court. [Read More](#).

Business Daily | Sam Kiplagat | Wednesday 11th April 2018
TWIST IN SIMMERS SUIT AS NEW FIRM CLAIMS PROPERTY

The fight for control of a property where Simmers Restaurant stood has taken a new twist after a tenant moved to court seeking to join the case. [Read More](#)

10TH APRIL 2018

Business Daily | Lynet Igadwah | Tuesday 10th April 2018
LIST OF KENYATTA ERA LAND DEALS WANTED

A State agency was at pains to reveal names of people in Kenyatta Senior era including political elite, senior civil servants and business people who were settled on land bought at Sh2.8 billion. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | James Kariuki | Tuesday 10th April 2018
CROWN PAINTS' NEW SHOWROOM TARGETS KISUMU PROPERTY MARKET

Crown Paints Kenya has invested Sh3 million in a new showroom in Kisumu targeting high-end shoppers. The facility that generated 15 new jobs will showcase premium brands in the market including decorative, automotive and protective paints as well as interior and exterior finishes, coatings and flooring products. [Read More](#).

9TH APRIL 2018

Business Daily | Galgallo Fayo | Monday 9th April 2018
SALE OF NAKUMATT LINKED PLOT HALTED

The High Court has temporarily stopped UBA from auctioning a prime plot owned by Park View Shopping Arcade over Sh118 million owed by Nakumatt Limited. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Rushdie Oudie | Monday 9th April 2018
JUDGE DENIES LINK TO SH2 BILLION LAND FRAUD DOCUMENTS

A High Court judge on Monday denied signing documents alleged to have been used by a former magistrate to fraudulently transfer land worth Sh 2.3 billion belonging to a sugar miller in Kisumu County. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Gerald Andae | Monday 9th April 2018
14 LANDLORDS ASK NAKUMATT TO LEAVE PREMISES

Nakumatt landlords have rejected the retailer's revival plan and want the supermarket out of their premises saying its stay is hurting their income and putting them at risk of being auctioned by banks. [Read More](#)

8TH APRIL 2018

Daily Nation | Neville Otuki | Saturday 7th April 2018
MINISTRY SWITCH TO ONLINE LAND REGISTRY SPARKS ROW WITH LSK

The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) has opened a war front with the Ministry of Lands over what it terms an illegal move by the ministry to switch to online land transfers, locking out lawyers who have been charging fees for the service. [Read More.](#)



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