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CEO BREAKFAST FORUM HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL NAIROBI

THEME: *'CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS AND COMPLIANCE IN KENYA'*



On Thursday, 18th February 2016 KPDA held a CEO Breakfast Forum at the Intercontinental Nairobi Hotel, the second forum for 2016. The forum was attended by one hundred and twenty five (125) participants; individuals in positions of senior management who are key sector players, including private and public developers, real estate managers, manufacturers as well as representatives from regulatory authorities.

National Construction Authority Chairman, Arch. Steven Oundo gave his remarks on the construction levy as well as a brief on the regulations. He gave a report on their progress of digitizing the NCA register offices, stating that though the process is yet to be completed, the Authority had appointed a Liaison Officer, Eng. Chrispus Ndinyo to increase dialogue with developers who are KPDA members.

The first presentation was made by NCA General Manager for Registration and Compliance, Eng. Raymond Karani which was 'A Progress Report on Compliance to the NCA Regulations.' He reported on how the Authority was working in unity to regulate, streamline and build capacity in the construction industry for sustainable socio-economic development.

'It is hoped that this will consequently prepare a competitive crop of local contractors, workers and skilled workers employable both locally and internationally with a positive contribution to employment of the Kenyan youths, while also helping the government reverse the negative balance of trade,' Eng. Karani said.

Guests were privileged to also receive a presentation from the event's sponsor PG Bison Kenya Ltd. Architectural Consultant, Anthony Bett in his remarks stated that, 'PG Bison (K) Ltd were the largest producer of MDF and particle boards in Africa. The boards are manufactured using the best German panel processing technology available and are designed to provide interior solutions to homes, offices, schools, hotels and shop fitting applications.'

Mrs. Rose Muema, Chief Officer for Urban Planning at the Nairobi City County Government presented a report on 'Development Compliance and Licenses.' As part of her presentation, she was also able to highlight progress on the Nairobi Master Plan which will involve, 'The development of projects in the outskirts of Nairobi to reduce its congestion as well as make the city active at night by making it operational 24 hours a day.'

'The Master Plan also includes plans to build more bypasses and flyovers as well as building a Northern Collector that will improve water supply in the Nairobi region and its environs, 'said Mrs. Muema.

NCCG noted that all masons, artisans and contractors must have certificates that indicate they have undergone the required, relevant training they require.

Following the presentations made, there was a plenary session made up of the following panellists:

- Arch. Steven Oundo - NCA Chairman
- Ms. Esther Omulele - Deputy Managing Partner, MMC Africa Law
- Eng. Raymond Karani - General Manager for Registration and Compliance
- Mr. Dominic Mutegi - Nairobi City County Government, Urban Planning Department
- Mr. Patrick Analo - Nairobi City County Government, Urban Planning Department

Some of the queries raised during the plenary session centred around NCCG's Nairobi Master Plan becoming a reality, interaction with the County Government (for developers) and the establishment of a Training Institute by the NCA. It was an interactive and lengthy session that provided for all queries to be addressed and for guests to engage the panellists as well as KPDA officials.

Arch. Daniel Manduku, Executive Director and Registrar for the National Construction Authority gave a few remarks thanking participants for attending the forum and noting that it was a follow up to the stakeholders' forum organized by KPDA in November 2014. He then welcomed the Chief Guest, Prof. Mwangi Maringa to officially close the event.

The official closing was done by Prof. Mwangi Maringa, Principal Secretary for Public Works, Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development who expressed his delight to be able to meet with the KPDA fraternity. He encouraged all the sectors in the real estate industry to provide growth models that would help the economic growth of Kenya.

WAY FORWARD

- ❖ It was agreed that the NCCG would share their Nairobi Master Plan with KPDA Members in order for them to review and explore possible areas of investment
- ❖ NCA was also to share the exhaustive list of NCA registered contractors with KPDA so that developers could hire their contractors from this list
- ❖ KPDA is to organize for intimate round table meetings with the Authority and the County Government to allow for members to exchange feedback on their day to day interaction with these regulatory authorities.
- ❖ The Principal Secretary for Public Works, Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development reiterated that the Ministry was working towards rationalising construction levies and licences to create for a more prosperous Kenyan construction sector.

KPDA would like to thank the following for contributing to another successful CEO Breakfast Forum:

- All our guests
- Prof. Mwangi Maringa, Principal Secretary for Public Works, Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development
- The National Construction Authority
- The Nairobi City County Government
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