



# THE ACEK NEWSLETTER

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## Trending News:

ACEK gets a new CEO | 2021 Events Calendar

## Chairman's Note



Greetings from the Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya!!!

Welcome to the first edition of ACEK Newsletter this year. Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 Pandemic, ACEK achieved a number of milestones in the year 2020. While it was not possible to hold physical meetings, a number of online events were conducted and our signature FIDIC trainings were equally successful.

I therefore thank all our members and partners for the unwavering support to the association. 2021 promises great opportunities for the consulting engineering industry as we all work together in delivering projects focusing on sustainability and resilience.

While we are not out of the woods, we are extremely optimistic that 2021 promises a variety of opportunities for the consulting engineering industry. As I present our first newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year 2021.

**Thank you all,**  
Eng. Henry A. Ndugah  
Chairman ACEK



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# New ACEK CEO takes Office

By Eng. Patrick S.Wambulwa, Hon. Secretary



The ACEK Council recruited a new CEO in line with the ACEK Strategic Plan to ensure continuity in the implementation of set out goals and objectives. Having gone through a highly rigorous and competitive recruitment process one candidate was settled upon.

Lilian Ogombo was appointed Chief Executive Officer in January 2021. She holds a Master of Science in Energy Studies from the University of Dundee in the United Kingdom, and a Bachelor

of Science (Hons) in Civil Engineering from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. She is a Corporate Member of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK) and a Member of Kenya Institute of Management (KIM).

She brings 14 years of progressive experience gained in consulting, energy sector, public sector and the health sector. Over and above her responsibility for the day to day management of all affairs of ACEK, she will serve as a link between the ACEK Secretariat and the many stakeholders in the consulting engineering industry.

## New Year greetings from the CEO

Receive warm new year greetings from the Council and Management of ACEK. 2020 was marred with a lot of challenges due to the Covid -19 pandemic. The pandemic slowed down, halted and reversed some of the significant milestones in matters Engineering.

The global public health initiatives domesticated through the Ministry of Health of Kenya and roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine will go a long way in managing the pandemic into post covid period.

2021 promises great opportunities for the Engineering fraternity as we all work with our partners to deliver projects that will aid in sustainable economic recovery in the months and years ahead. We look forward to a fruitful 2021 as ACEK family.

Lilian Ogombo  
CEO - ACEK



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# Disruptive Change – The Year 2020. Promising Times ahead

**D**isruption is both the greatest threat and the biggest opportunity for any business. While some can proactively manage this potential risk and leverage it to further grow their business, others fall behind by not acknowledging the profound impact that this type of change

might have. And like most of us change is never easy on anyone.

2020 was unprecedented year of uncertainty, trauma for majority marred with market complexities, a good percentage of our members however showcased resilience and commitment of the

consulting engineering industry. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pandemic and the restrictions on physical interactions ACEK successfully engaged its members through online discussions on a number of issues that were of interest to members to ensure business continuity.

In the year 2020, the following Webinars and trainings were held;

- Management of Covid-19 Outbreak on Projects Under FIDIC Conditions 1987, 1999 & 2017
- Private Public Partnerships (PPP) Webinar
- Public Investment Management (PIM) Guidelines Webinar
- Virtual AGM held in April 2020 and a new council was elected.
- FIDIC Training on
  - I. Module I *"The Practical use of the 2017 FIDIC Conditions of Contract for*

*Construction (Red Book and Design & Build – Yellow Book)"*

- II. Module 4 *"The Contract Management & Administration of the 2017 FIDIC Conditions of Contract" (Construction Contract and Plant & Design-Build)*
- III. Module 5 *"Practical Use of FIDIC EPC Conditions of Contracts (Silver 2017)"*
- IV. Module 2 *"Management of Claims and Dispute Resolution Under the FIDIC Contracts Red and Yellow Book 2017"*

## Fast forward ....2021 and Beyond



**C**ovid-19, the pandemic that changed the world. What lessons can we learn as the infrastructure sector and how can we improve our resilience to deal with future global pandemics? This indeed is the big elephant in the room. The pandemic has highlighted our shortfalls while also spurring the urgency to act fast. All the

challenges and conditions that existed prior to the pandemic still prevail, with many intensified, demanding new approaches in order to cope with these changing complexities in the new normal. We need to re-engineer the engineering consultancy approach and offer solutions in development of sustainable infrastructure. Innovation, quality,

outstanding workmanship and professionalism will remain key in the engineering industry.

The association has lined up a number of activities where the members can network, share ideas as we all work towards making the new normal more normal.

## THE EVENTS CALENDAR 2021

|                                              |                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> February                    | <b>Business Continuity in challenging times</b>                        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March                       | <b>Water Webinar</b>                                                   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                       | <b>World Water Day</b>                                                 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March                       | <b>Annual General Meeting</b>                                          |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> April                       | <b>Renewable Energy – Creating a greener Future</b>                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May                          | <b>World Environment Day</b>                                           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> May       | <b>FIDIC Africa Annual Conference</b>                                  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June                        | <b>Project Finance – PPP and other Infrastructure Financing Models</b> |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> July      | <b>FIDIC Training Mod 1</b>                                            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> July      | <b>FIDIC Training Mod 4</b>                                            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> September | <b>FIDIC Annual Conference</b>                                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> October   | <b>ACEK Annual Conference</b>                                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> November   | <b>FIDIC Training Mod 2</b>                                            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> November  | <b>FIDIC Training Mod 3</b>                                            |
| 09 <sup>th</sup> December                    | <b>ACEK Annual Dinner</b>                                              |

## Future leaders

### *Message from ACEK - Future Leaders chair*



2020 kept us hooked on to words such as “unprecedented”, “pandemic”, “catastrophic” which generally spelt doom. The bright overlook predicted in January 2020 soon lost its shine by March when the dark cloud of COVID-19 virus landed in our country. Since then, we have all been trying to deal with the situation as it comes, one way or another. By and large, the virus had taken a toll on our health and economy.

As a result, ACEK-Future leaders also had to adapt to the restrictions on

human interactions provided by the Ministry of Health without grinding to a halt. We immediately embraced the use of technology and engaged with our members through online platforms such as Zoom.

Through Zoom, we held various webinars touching on different topics. We learnt a lot from Eng Paul Karekezi on PPP Financing, Eng Eustace Mutea and Eng Karoti on the application of Force majeure during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Eng Stanley Kamau on Public Investment Management and the FIDIC courses held by ACEK and INDUNA of South Africa. We were impressed with the attendance considering many were used to face to face seminars and conferences.

In addition, we held mentorship webinars with the Jomo Kenyatta University of Technology and the University of Nairobi 5th year students. These sessions were also well attended by both Future Leaders members and University students. The webinars were focused on enlightening the student on engineering career options post-graduation.

By the end of the year, the government eased restrictions and we decided to celebrate the tumultuous year, 2020. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, ACEK-FL members got together for a day of activities, networking, food and drinks at Mzuzi Park, Thindugua, Kiambu county. We would like to thank our generous sponsors, members and the ACEK organization for the day's success.

We are conscious that this year comes with its own challenges. We are ready to embrace and hopefully build upon last year's successes. First, we plan to take advantage of the ease of restrictions and visit a popular Megaproject construction site in Nairobi city early this year. Further details will be communicated by ACEK and ACEK-FL secretariat. Lastly, the ACEK-FL committee of 2020 would like to thank you all for your engagement, participation and support despite the “unprecedented” times. We look forward to a year of more learning and interaction during our planned events in February, May and August 2021.

Yours,  
Eng LaToya Ouna PE, MIEK, MCiarb  
ACEK-FL Chair 2020-21

# ACEK Council Members



**Eng. Henry A. Ndugah**  
Chairman



**Eng. Solomon M. Kitema**  
Hon. Treasurer



**Eng. Patrick S. Wambulwa**  
Hon. Secretary



**Eng. Peter Wanday**  
Former Chairman



**Dr. Eng. Siphila Mumenya**  
Member



**Eng. Jane Mutulili**  
Member



**Prof. Eng. Lawrence Gumbe**  
Member



**Eng. Matu Mwangi**  
Member



**Eng. Gabriel Jabongo**  
Member



**Eng. Tom Opiyo**  
Member



**Eng. LaToya Ouna**  
Member



**Lillian Ogombo**  
CEO

## ACEK COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

- I. Eng. Henry A. Ndugah - Chairman
- II. Eng. Patrick S. Wambulwa - Hon. Secretary
- III. Eng. Solomon M. Kitema - Hon. Treasurer

### ADVOCACY (POLICY, STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE) - PSE

- I. Eng. Peter Wanday - Chair
- II. Eng. Solomon M. Kitema - Member
- III. Eng. Matu Mwangi - Member
- IV. Eng. Andrew Wahome - Member
- V. Eng. James N. Mwangi - Member
- VI. Passy Wairimu - Co-opted (FL)

### CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING COMMITTEE (CBT)

- I. Eng. Jane W. Mutulili - Chair

- II. Eng. Solomon M. Kitema - Member

- III. Eng. Patrick S. Wambulwa - Member

- IV. Eng. LaToya Ouna - Co-opted (FL)

- V. Hesbon Okari - Co-opted (FL)

### MEMBERSHIP & HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE (MHR)

- I. Prof. Eng. Larry Gumbe - Chair
- II. Eng. Jane Mutulili - Member
- III. Eng. Gabriel Jabongo - Member

### RESEARCH & PUBLICATION COMMITTEE (RPC)

- I. Dr. Eng. Siphila Mumenya - Chair
- II. Eng. Tom O. Opiyo - Member
- III. Prof. Eng. Larry Gumbe - Member
- IV. Hon. Eng. Nicolas Gumbo - Member
- V. Eng. Nancy Abira - Member (FL)

## BECOME A MEMBER



ACEK offers numerous benefits and keep the membership on top of important, ever hanging issues and trends in the sector.

### 1. Advocacy

Close liaison with government and other industry bodies on contractual and legislative issues. Lobbying for better procurement laws.

### 2. Networking & Knowledge Sharing with other consulting engineers both locally and globally.

ACEK organizes a number of events throughout the year, both local and internationally being a member of FIDIC Africa and FIDIC.

### 3. Business Support to Members

Identification and Sharing of business

opportunities. Access to database of regional and international consulting firms.

### 4. Capacity Building

ACEK has well-coordinated local and international industry specific training. Members enjoy discounted training rates.

### 5. Becoming a member of both FIDIC and FIDIC Africa through ACEK

ACEK is a member of FIDIC and Africa. Members automatically become members of these international organizations through ACEK.

### 6. Public and Private Sector Support

The association acts as a public watchdog on engineering issues and acts as an interface between the public and consulting engineers.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- ACEK Members profess to possess the relevant qualifications, expertise and facilities to offer the highest quality of service in their engineering disciplines of expertise while adhering to the highest ethical and professional standards.
- To join ACEK, an Engineer must be registered with the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) in the category of Registered Consulting Engineer.
- Must be a corporate member of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK)
- Must be actively practicing engineering as a partner, director or sole principal in a firm registered as a legal entity under the Laws of Kenya.

# Past Events



Group Photo- FIDIC Previous CPD Training



ACEK Previous Annual Dinner, Chief Guest H.E. Prof. Kivutha Kibwana Governor, The Government of Makueni County



ACEK Previous Golf Event



ACEK Members and Future Leaders Savannah Cement Plant Tour



Future Leaders Fun day 2020



# Available FIDIC Publications

**EPC/Turnkey Contract (Silver Book) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed 2017**

**Plant and Design-Build Contract (Yellow Book) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed 2017**

**Construction Contract (Red Book) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed 2017**

**Design-Build-Operate Contract (Gold Book) 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 2008**

**Short Form of Contract (Green Book) 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 1999**

**Construction Contract MDB Harmonised Ed (Pink book) Version 3: June 2010 Harmonised Red Book**

**FIDIC Golden Principles Free**

**Construction Subcontract 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 2011**

**Client-Consultant Agreement (White Book) 5<sup>th</sup> Ed 2017**

**FIDIC Procurement Procedures Guide 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 2011**

**FIDIC Contracts (1999 editions) Guide 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 2000**

**Sub-Consultancy Agreement 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed 2017**

**DBO (2008 Gold Book) Contract Guide 1<sup>st</sup> Ed 2011**

**FIDIC Guide to Practice, The Business of a Professional Services Firm 2015 Edition**



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- I. Dr. Eng. Siphila Mumanya- Editor in Chief.
- II. Eng. Tom O. Opiyo-Member
- III. Prof. Eng. Larry Gumbe-Member
- IV. Hon. Eng. Nicolas Gumbo-Member
- V. Eng. Nancy Abira- Member
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