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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Eng. Jane Mutulili, CE, FEIK
President, ACEK

As we step into the final quarter of 2025, I am proud to reflect on ACEK's continued growth and impact across the engineering profession. This past month has been marked by great milestones, from the success of

the 4th Annual ACEK Conference in Mombasa to our active participation at the Devolution Conference in Homa Bay. These platforms not only reaffirmed our thought leadership but also demonstrated our unwavering commitment to innovation, sustainability, and collaboration in driving Kenya's development agenda.

At the ACEK Conference, we saw powerful discussions on smart cities, digital infrastructure, and the evolving role of engineers in shaping Industry 4.0–5.0. The launch of the ACEK Future Leaders (FL) Bylaws was a defining moment, setting a strong foundation for the next generation of engineers to contribute meaningfully to our shared vision. We also reaffirmed our responsibility to the community through CSR at Shanzu Good Hope, underscoring

that engineering excellence must always touch lives beyond infrastructure.

Looking ahead, we are excited to offer upcoming trainings designed to sharpen professional expertise and capacity within our membership. These include the *Principles of Geotechnical Engineering, Soil Mechanics, Materials, and Pavement Design* (01–03 October 2025) and *Mastering FIDIC Claims, Disputes, and DAABs* (13–17 October 2025 at Maanzoni Lounge). I encourage all members to seize these opportunities for growth and networking as we continue to position ACEK at the forefront of professional development.

Together, let us embrace innovation, uphold excellence, and strengthen partnerships that will shape a sustainable and resilient future for our nation.

4TH ACEK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Opening Ceremony



The 4th Annual ACEK Conference 2025 opened on 18th August 2025 with powerful remarks at Sarova Whitesands, setting the tone for two days of high-level dialogue and exchange. ACEK President **Eng. Jane Mutulili** reflected on last year's resolutions while calling on engineers to embrace innovation, collaboration, and sustainability as non-negotiable drivers of progress. Chief Guest **Hon. James Opiyo Wandayi, Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum**, reinforced this message, emphasizing stronger partnerships between government, industry, and the engineering profession to accelerate Kenya's green energy transition and digital transformation. Together, these opening addresses framed the conference theme: *"Engineering the Future: Driving Innovation and Navigating the Industry 4.0 – 5.0 Transition."*

Keynote Speech by High dignitaries



Delegates were also honored by the presence of **Hon. Julius K. Korir, Principal Secretary, State Department of Water and Sanitation**, who delivered a keynote highlighting the critical role of engineering in advancing Kenya's water and sanitation agenda. He underscored the importance of climate-resilient systems, sustainable infrastructure, and deeper collaboration across sectors to ensure universal access to clean water and sanitation. His address tied directly into the conference theme, reminding participants that innovation must be purposeful, sustainable, and people-centered.

Panel Discussions



One of the most engaging sessions was the panel on *“Building Tomorrow’s Urban Landscape: Smart Cities and the Foundation of Digital Infrastructure.”* Moderated by **Eng. Harisson Keter**, the session brought together leaders from industry, academia, and government, including **Eng. Anthony Sang (Konza Technopolis)**, **Eng. Nicholas Airo (NAS International Holdings)**, and **Dr. Eng. Martin Nzomo (Kenyatta University)**. Discussions explored how digital infrastructure, resilient urban design, and smart technologies are shaping Kenya’s urban transformation, with a strong call for inclusive, sustainable, and connected cities.

Technical Paper Presentations



The paper presentations showcased the depth and breadth of innovation within Kenya’s engineering sector. From **Eng. Stephen Nyakondo’s** insights on public–private partnerships in infrastructure, to **Martin Mutuma’s** work on leveraging BIM and geospatial data for smart construction, the sessions highlighted practical solutions for Kenya’s evolving needs. Presentations by **Nicole Achieng** on enterprise resource planning (ERP) and **Eng. Andrew Wahome** on ESG-compliant infrastructure further demonstrated how digitalization, efficiency, and sustainability are converging to shape the future of engineering practice.

CSR at Shanzu Good Hope



Beyond technical discussions, the conference embraced its social responsibility through a CSR initiative at **Shanzu Good Hope**. Delegates spent time with the community, reaffirming ACEK's commitment to inclusivity and service beyond the engineering profession. The activity reflected the Association's ethos that sustainable development must also uplift the most vulnerable in society, ensuring that the impact of engineering excellence extends far beyond infrastructure to touch lives directly.

Technical Site Visits





The conference culminated in impactful technical site visits to some of Mombasa's most strategic infrastructure projects, including **Mwache Dam**, the **New Kipevu Oil Terminal**, and the **Safaricom Data Centre**. These tours offered participants an invaluable opportunity to witness firsthand the innovations driving Kenya's water security, energy sector, and digital transformation. By connecting conference discussions to real-world applications, the visits underscored how engineers are turning knowledge into action, embodying this year's theme of engineering innovation in the Industry 4.0–5.0 era.

Launch of the ACEK-FL Bylaws

Day One of the conference was marked by a milestone achievement for the Association with the official launch of the ACEK Future Leaders (FL) Bylaws. This critical governance tool provides a structured framework for empowering young professionals, ensuring their voices are effectively represented within ACEK, and formalizing their role in advancing the Association's objectives. The launch was celebrated as a progressive step toward inclusivity, accountability, and institutional sustainability.

The Bylaws will serve as a cornerstone for nurturing leadership within ACEK by providing clear guidelines for decision-making, participation, and mentorship. By institutionalizing the involvement of young engineers, ACEK is not only investing in the future of the profession but also reinforcing its relevance in a rapidly evolving socio-economic and technological landscape. This milestone represents the Association's deliberate effort to build continuity and resilience through the active participation of the next generation of leaders.



ACEK Future Leaders Forum

The ACEK-FL Forum was another key highlight of the conference, offering a platform for young engineers to deliberate on emerging issues shaping the engineering sector. A thought-provoking panel discussion explored the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in engineering design. Panelists underscored how these technologies are disrupting traditional practices, creating opportunities for efficiency, precision, and innovation in infrastructure development.

This conversation positioned young engineers at the heart of Kenya's transition from Industry 4.0 to Industry 5.0, demonstrating their readiness to harness technology for national development. The forum highlighted the creativity, adaptability, and forward-looking mindset of ACEK's future leaders, reaffirming the Association's commitment to cultivating professionals who are not only technically skilled but also visionary in addressing tomorrow's challenges. Through this platform, ACEK continues to nurture a culture of innovation, inclusivity, and excellence among the next generation of engineering leaders.



Mombasa County Courtesy Call



ACEK on 20th August 2025 concluded its participation at the Conference 2025 with a high-level courtesy call to the Governor of Mombasa County. This strategic engagement provided an avenue to share the key highlights and resolutions emerging from the conference, while also spotlighting critical issues impacting the built environment. The ACEK delegation emphasized the importance of creating stronger synergies between county governments and the engineering profession in advancing Kenya's development agenda.

During the discussions, particular focus was placed on infrastructure delivery, sustainable urban planning, and the role of engineering expertise in shaping resilient communities. The Governor acknowledged ACEK's contribution to national dialogue and welcomed continued collaboration aimed at providing innovative and sustainable engineering solutions. The courtesy call not only reinforced ACEK's thought leadership but also demonstrated the Association's commitment to strengthening partnerships at the county level for effective implementation of devolution.





DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE

12th -15th August 2025



The highly anticipated Devolution Conference 2025 was officially opened in Homa Bay County, bringing together leaders, policymakers, development partners, and stakeholders from across the country and beyond. Hosted under the theme “*Driving Inclusive Growth through Devolved Governance*”, the conference provided a platform for dialogue on Kenya’s devolution journey, highlighting both achievements and opportunities for strengthening governance structures. The event was graced by His Excellency President William Ruto, alongside governors, cabinet secretaries, and distinguished delegates, underscoring the national significance of devolution as a cornerstone of Kenya’s democratic and development agenda.



One of the most engaging plenary sessions focused on **sustainable infrastructure and service delivery under devolved units**, where participants deliberated on innovative models for enhancing efficiency and resource allocation at the county level. Panelists emphasized the role of public-private partnerships, technology adoption, and inclusive policy frameworks in unlocking new opportunities for development. The session provided valuable insights into how counties can scale up investments while ensuring equitable access to essential services, aligning closely with Kenya’s long-term vision for inclusive and sustainable growth.

The Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) proudly participated in the conference through its exhibition booth, which attracted significant interest from delegates and industry stakeholders. The booth served as an interactive platform to showcase ACEK’s role in advancing engineering excellence, professional capacity building, and infrastructure development across the country. Through meaningful engagements with attendees, ACEK highlighted its commitment to fostering collaboration between engineers, policymakers, and county governments in shaping Kenya’s infrastructural and socio-economic transformation.

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New Chapter at AfDB: Opportunities for Engineers

African Development Bank Group Elects Sidi Ould Tah as Ninth President



Sidi Ould Tah is now the President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), taking office on 1 September 2025. He succeeds Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, whose decade of leadership expanded AfDB's capital base and delivered major development gains. This transition signals fresh opportunities for the engineering profession, especially in projects backed by stronger financial models.

For engineers, this transition signals a stronger pipeline of bank-financed projects where technical expertise and innovative design will be critical. AfDB's priorities open space for engineering firms and professionals to engage directly in:

- Design and supervision of infrastructure works as AfDB continues to invest billions in roads, aviation, and energy systems.
- Feasibility studies and technical assessments that make projects bankable and attract private capital.
- Climate-resilient solutions for transport networks, water systems, and energy, aligning with AfDB's climate financing agenda.
- Agro-industrial and industrial hubs, where engineers will shape facilities, logistics systems, and value chain infrastructure.
- Technology-driven projects including digital infrastructure and early warning systems that need engineering innovation.

As AfDB shifts from aid to investment-led development, engineers are not only implementers but also key partners in creating sustainable, financially viable projects that deliver long-term impact.

Video available on LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/new-chapter-begins-african-development-bank-hsbmf?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&utm_campaign=share_via

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Congratulations, Eng. LaToya Ouna

ACEK warmly congratulates Eng. LaToya Ouna, Former ACEK Future Leaders Chair, on her remarkable achievement as she transitions to the distinguished role of Consulting Engineer. This milestone is a testament to her dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence within the profession.

We celebrate this significant step in her journey and wish her continued success as she makes an even greater impact in the engineering field.



UPCOMING TRAININGS

Principles of Geotechnical Engineering, Soil Mechanics, Materials, and Pavement Design



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As part of its commitment to advancing professional excellence, ACEK will be hosting a training on **Principles of Geotechnical Engineering, Soil Mechanics, Materials, and Pavement Design** from **01–03 October 2025**. The program is designed to equip participants with practical insights and best practices that can be applied directly within their organizations to enhance project quality and delivery. This session presents a valuable opportunity for engineers and practitioners to deepen their technical expertise while engaging with industry experts in a collaborative learning environment.

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