

WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY, TOWN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE AND DINNER 2014

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1 INTRODUCTION

On 5th November 2014, over 120 participants stepped away from their daily routine to mark the World Town Planning Day in Nairobi Kenya. Marked on the 8TH November, the World Town Planning Day brings together professionals, national and county governments, corporates, various stakeholders and individuals to appreciate of our towns and cities and also promote of sustainable urban planning and development.

The year 2014 event was organized by the **Town and County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK)**, in partnership with the Architectural Association of Kenya-Town Planners Chapter and the **International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)-Nairobi Liaison Office**. The event was graced by His Excellency Prof. Samson Onger, Kenya Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN-HABITAT and Ms. Mariamu El Maawy, the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development. Irene Keino and Prof Jane Onsongo both of Kenya Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and Dr Rose Musyoka of the National Land Commission also attended the function.

The attendance was drawn from the national and county governments. Some of the key institutions present include the Ministry of Land Housing and Urban Development, National Construction Authority, LAPSSSET-Corridor Development Authority, Transition Authority, Housing Finance, Posta Kenya, and Kenya Power.

2 PRESENTATION BY MAIRURA OMWENGA - CHAIRMAN, TCPAK AND AAK TOWN PLANNERS CHAPTER



Mr. Mairura Omwenga, giving welcome and opening remarks at the World Town Planning Day 2014

Mr. Mairura, as the Chairman of Town and County Planners Association of Kenya and also AAK Town Planners Chapter and ISOCARP Nairobi Liaison Officer, opened the event by acknowledging the presence of the guests and welcomed all participants to the World Town Planning Day celebrations and Kenya Town Awards for Excellence.

2.1 International Society for City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)

He highlighted that the World Town Planning Day is celebrated globally on 8th November each year, as an important day when world nations focus their attention on the development potential of cities and their challenges. In Kenya and developing countries as a whole, towns and cities are experiencing very rapid growth and spatial expansion. He recognized the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) for the leading effort to improve planning and attain sustainable development in urban areas and cities. He noted that ISOCARP has opened Nairobi Liaison Office to coordinate its activities in Africa and act as the link to UN agencies in Nairobi. He also thanked ISOCARP for hosting the 2010 46th ISOCARP international Congress in Nairobi.

2.2 Town Awards for Excellence

The objective of the Town Awards for Excellence is to recognize individual and corporate efforts in improving the planning and development of towns and cities in Kenya. The town awards are split into various categories that reflect different development sectors, including – governance and management, housing, commerce, manufacturing industry, transport, infrastructure and utilities, building construction, ICT, finance, and academics and research.

2.3 Collaboration among Institutions

The new Kenya Constitution 2010 has established two levels of government – national and county governments. Kenya has now 47 county governments that include Nairobi City County. It is noted that under the new Constitution, towns and cities are under the county governments. It is also noted that town planning and development is the responsibility of the county governments. He therefore appreciated the important role that county governments play in the planning and development of towns in Kenya. TCPAK welcomes the close working relationship with the county governments, ISOCARP Nairobi Liaison office and UN-Habitat.

3 PRESENTATION BY PROF. ONGERI, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN-HABITAT



Prof. Samson Ongeri is congratulated by Irene Keino of Kenya EACC. Looking on is Prof. Jane Onsongo of EACC

In his speech, Prof. Ongeri highlighted the role of urban planning in creating liveable and sustainable communities for future growth and development. He recognized and appreciated the Town and County Planners Association of Kenya, AAK Town Planners Chapter and the International Society for City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP Nairobi Liaison Office) for their continued support in marking the World Town Planning Day. TCPAK and AAK Town Planners Chapter were commended for their contribution to the betterment of towns and cities in Kenya. At the global level, ISOCARP was recognized for its role in encouraging the exchange of professional knowledge between planners, promotion of the

planning profession in all its forms, stimulating and improving planning research, training and education and enhancing public awareness and understanding of major planning issues.

3.1 Relevance of the World Town Planning Day

The World Town Planning Day provides an opportunity to look at planning from a global perspective, in order to draw attention to its contribution to the quality of human settlements and the environmental impact resulting from the development of cities and territories.

The theme of this year; “*Better Towns, Counties and Country*” is both timely and appropriate in our current set up as a country in terms of national and county development. Kenyans adopted the Constitution of Kenya 2010 is to deliver a better life to all Kenyans and this has to be achieved in our towns, counties and the entire country.

3.2 Challenges Facing Towns and Cities

Kenya is experiencing a number of challenges in terms of planning and development of towns and cities -

- Unplanned and uncontrolled rapid growth and development;
- Inadequate housing leading to proliferation of slums and informal settlements;
- Inadequate and poor education facilities and social amenities;
- Poor and inadequate infrastructural facilities;
- Poor urban transport system; and
- Poor waste management leading to pollution and environmental degradation.

Kenya must reflect best practices in matters of human settlement, sustainability and environmental management since the country hosts the global headquarters of the UN-HABITAT and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

3.3 Kenya Vision 2030

Town and county planning forms an integral part of Kenya Vision 2030, the national development blue print. Town planning sets the foundation for efficient and sustainable growth in all sectors of the economy which is espoused in the government manifesto. The government manifesto aims at transforming the counties into actual centres for development and growth.

The government manifesto also aims at improving Kenya's infrastructure system that include roads, rail and water supply. The new Public Private Partnership (PPP) legislation encourages private investment in public projects and thus speed up the delivery of infrastructure needed to achieve objectives spelled out in the Vision 2030.

3.4 Rapid Urbanization

Africa has experienced the highest urban growth during the last two decades at 3.5% growth per annum and this rate is expected to hold into 2050. Kenya, like the rest of Africa is witnessing unprecedented rural-urban migration and this high urbanization rate and this poses both opportunities and challenges to the country.

We therefore have a duty to ensure that our towns and cities become places where our aspirations for decent livelihoods, economic and employment opportunities are abound; where the quest for social inclusion and justice is realized; where safety and security is guaranteed and where we can live in harmony with nature.

3.5 Habitat III

The Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, in its report which the UN General Assembly adopted in September 2014, proposed a goal of *making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*.

The 3rd United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) to be held in 2016 is still in the preparatory stages. It aims to review and re-shape the Habitat agenda for the next 20 years and its outcome will reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urban development.

3.6 Town Awards for Excellence

Prof Ongeru noted that the launching of the inaugural Town Awards for Excellence was a first of its kind in Kenya and the larger African continent. The aim of the Town Awards is to recognize and honour individual and corporate efforts in making our towns and cities better and will inspire greater commitment and encourage healthy competition among professionals, towns and counties.

The award categories reflect the various urban development sectors namely:

- Planning and Development Control
- Governance and Management
- Housing Development
- Manufacturing Industry
- Commerce
- Transportation and Infrastructure services
- Energy
- Environment and Natural Conservation
- ICT
- Finance

County governments and town authorities are invited to actively participate in the activities of this award and in the process of making our towns, counties and country better. Prof. Ongeru also congratulated the award winners and also TCPAK and ISOCARP for leading the agenda of making our towns, counties and country better.

He called upon the participants to foster sustainable development agendas as we strive towards making Kenya a medium income country and restore the glory of all our towns and counties. He concluded by calling upon the national government, county governments, TCPAK, **ISOCARP**, UN-HABITAT and other stakeholders to partner for the betterment, safety and sustainability of our towns and cities.

4 PRESENTATION BY MARIAMU EL MAAWY, PS MOLHUD



PS Lands, Mariamu El Maawy when making her presentation

Ms. El Maawy noted that the World Town Planning Day was an important event in the world calendar as all nations focus attention on urban planning and development matters.

4.1 Development Challenges

She highlighted that Kenya is experiencing rapid urbanization estimated at 3.4% annually and it is due rural-urban migration and also natural growth within the towns themselves. This has however caused a lot of problems and challenges in both the small and major cities like Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu.

Some of the urban development challenges include:

- Increased unemployment, poverty levels and increased cost of living;
- Poor housing and expansion of informal settlements;
- Inadequate community facilities and poor infrastructure services;
- Poor and disorderly public transport;
- Urban sprawl into rich agricultural areas;
- Increased pollution and deterioration of the environment;
- Unplanned and uncontrolled urban development;

She added that the only way to guarantee sustained growth and development in our towns is through the preparation of updated and integrated urban development plans.

4.2 Efforts by the Ministry

The Kenya Municipal Program is currently being undertaken by the Ministry of Land Housing and Urban Development and its development partners. The program includes the preparation of integrated urban development plans for 15 towns that include; Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu,

Malindi, Garissa, Embu, Kitui, Machakos, Thika, Nyeri, Nakuru, Naivasha, Kericho, Eldoret and Kakamega. The ministry will also work together and support county governments to ensure that integrated development plans are prepared for all urban settlements in the country, including local centres and markets.

She further noted that the organization of the annual events requires resources. She thanked the Town and County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK), in partnership with the Architectural Association of Kenya-Town Planners Chapter and **the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)-Nairobi Liaison Office** for their commitment to host the event. She noted that the ministry will support the hosting of future events by allocating financial provisions in the ministry annual budget.

4.3 Town Awards for Excellence

She acknowledged and congratulated the winners of the Town Awards for Excellence stating that the awards will lead to healthy competition among various towns and counties and this will lead to improved planning and development.

4.4 International Best Practice

The PS challenged urban planners to be more vigilant on planning matters and ensure liveability and functionality in the towns and counties. She gave illustrations from other countries Japan and Singapore. She explained that services must be interlinked to ensure that people are living in harmony with the environment. She noted that this is an aspect that is absent in our Kenyan situation and which planners needed to work on.

5 TOWN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Presented below is a profile of winners of the Town Planners Award 2014

5.1 Building Sector

5.1.1 National Construction Authority



Wangui Gitei receives the award on behalf of National Construction Authority from PS Mariamu El Maawy

The National Construction Authority received the Town Award for Excellence (Building Sector). The Authority was formed under the National Construction Act of 2011 and is under the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development. Its main objective is to oversee the construction industry and coordinate its development. The mandate of the Authority is also to streamline, overhaul and regulate the construction industry in Kenya and establish a code of conduct in the industry. The Authority qualified for the award for its contributions in the following areas:

- Under its jurisdiction, the construction sector has continued to expand and contribute to the national economy. In 2014, the sector was estimated to have grown with 5.5% in its contribution to the economic development of Kenya;
- Since its establishment, collapse of buildings has greatly reduced in Kenya;

- The Authority has managed to register and regulates all building contractors and has therefore brought order in the construction industry; and
- NCA has organised training courses for all contractors within the country to improve performance of the construction industry in Kenya.

5.2 Sanitation Sector

5.2.1 Ecotact Limited

Ecotact is a Social Enterprise incorporated in Kenya in 2006 with the sole objective of developing innovative social investments in environmental sanitation and management in Africa and beyond. The company received the Town Award for Excellence for Sanitation.



Ecotact Limited's
Caroline Gatwiri is all
smiles as she receives
the award on behalf of
Ecotact

The Iko Toilet concept was driven by the local need to improve urban and urban-rural environment through investment in environmentally responsive projects, including sanitation facilities in urban, schools and low-income settlements. The concept concentrates on optimizing social responsiveness as well as ecological systems such as Low water sanitation systems, which will reduce water consumption and increase human waste recovery in terms of energy (methane) and nutrients. The Iko Toilet is also:

- Revolutionizing the sanitation industry into a dignified and decent service to the public; and
- Serving an average of 1,000 persons per day through provision of quality loo and shower services in urban, markets, parks and the Informal Settlements.

5.3 Energy Sector

5.3.1 Kenya Power



Mrs. Leah Ng'ang'a
making a
presentation for
Kenya Power during
the event

The Kenya Power Kenya Power owns and operates most of the electricity transmission and distribution system in the country and sells electricity to over 2.6 million customers (as at April 2014). The Company's key mandate is to plan for sufficient electricity generation and transmission capacity to meet demand;

building and maintaining the power distribution and transmission network and retailing of electricity to its customers. The following also outlines its achievements:

- The planned 5,000 MW power expansion will see the company deliver more reliable power and at lower costs to the consumer;
- Responsible for the maintenance of supply and quality of electricity across the country; and
- Through continuous efforts by Kenya Power and all its stakeholders, Kenya is on the international map as one of the countries with the best annual connectivity rate in Africa.

5.4 Financial Sector

5.4.1 Housing Finance



**Housing Finance
headquarters along
Kenyatta Avenue**

Housing Finance was incorporated on 8th November 1965 as per the Banking Act, under the name the Housing Finance Company of Kenya. The corporation:

- Continually offers finance for home ownership and housing developments within the country; and
- Has indeed grown into the now listed company in the NSE and is ‘Turning Dreams into Homes’

5.5 Academics and Research Sector

5.5.1 University of Nairobi, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Education and Research institutions play a vital role in supplying human resources and technology required to advance national development. The Department of Urban and Regional Planning is recognized as a pioneer as it has trained town planners who are responsible for the management of majority of the towns and cities in Kenya and the East and Southern Africa.



Charles Karisa, a lecturer at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning on receiving the award from the TCPAK Chairman, Mr. Mairura Omwenga

The Department was established in 1971 and has trained about 1000 town planners at diploma, undergraduate, masters and PhD levels. While most of the trained planners have joined their countries' respective ministries as physical planners, many of the planners have found their way into Universities, International Organizations and NGOs, whose development activities focus on urban and regional planning, the management of the natural and the built environment and community development.

5.6 Best Graduate Student

5.6.1 Planning Students Association (PLASA)

PLASA is a professional body of students within the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP), University of Nairobi



Planning Students Association (PLASA) executive members share a photo with Dr. Rose Musyoka and Ms. Mariamu El Maawy

Its core businesses are to champion for the academic welfare of the students and to foster relationship between students and the corporate world inclusive of the relevant National Professional bodies, especially Kenya Institute of Planners and Architectural Association of Kenya

- Therefore, there is need to recognize the input of young university students as the foundation for the town planning profession

5.7 Professional Firms

5.7.1 TRIAD Architects



Paul Oburu (centre)
and Julius Kibwage
(right) of TRIAD
Architects from Mr.
Ahmed Abdi CEC
Member (left)

TRIAD Architects received the Town Award for Excellence in Professional Firms. The iconic architectural firm was formed in 1963 and is hailed for its 1967 initiation and formation of the Architectural Association of Kenya, an umbrella association for town planners, architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, landscape architects and environmentalists. Their presence is spread beyond these countries with projects undertaken in Sudan, Tanzania, Somali and Ethiopia. Triad has also worked and continues to work on projects in association with other international architects. Their core services are architecture, project management and interior design.

Some of their projects include:

No.	Commercial	Residential	Industrial	Institutional	Medical
1.	Barclays Plaza, Nairobi	Kololo Town Houses, UG	Kibimba Rice Mills, UG	Peace Support Training College	Clinical Officers Houses
2	Bishop Garden Towers	Komarock Estate, KE	Thomas De la Rue KE	British Council	Enrolled Community Nursing School
3	Coca cola Headquarters, KE	World Bank Housing, Sudan	Car and General KE	East African Standby Brigade	Isiolo District Hospital
4	Credit Finance Corporation KE	Gertrude Gardens Flats, KE	Haco Industries	ICRAF Master Plan	Nairobi Hospital Master Plan
5	Corner House, KE	Longonot Place, KE	Chloride Exide/ NAS	Margaret Thatcher Library	Nairobi Hospital-South Wing
6	Rwenzori House UG	Maki Apartments, KE	Power Technics Factory	National Museums of Kenya	NASCOP/ Malaria Control Unit
7	Nairobi Business Park	Stephanie Powers, KE	Beiersdorf E.A. Ltd KE	Indian Embassy, Khartoum	Nyumbani Hospice
8	NIC Bank	Waterfront Gardens, KE		Resource Centre at Maridi	PCEA Hospital
9	Prof. Nelson Awori Centre KE	Detleft House, KE		Ministry of Finance, Kigali	
10	Times Tower KE				
11	Bank of Kigali				



Barclays Plaza, NRB



Professor Nelson Awori Centre, Kenya



Ministry of Finance, Kigali



Times Tower, Kenya



Kololo Town Houses, Uganda



Resource Centre, Khartoum



IPS Building, Kampala

Source: www.triad.co.ke

5.7.2 Howard Humphreys E.A. Ltd



Bernard Mandere
Howard Humphreys
(EA) Ltd receiving
the award from
Ahmed Abdi

Howard Humphreys is one of East Africa's leading consulting engineering companies and has been carrying out project management, engineering design and construction supervision of buildings, roads and transportation, water and sewerage projects in Eastern Africa since 1931. The Company was rewarded due to its significant contribution to the development of urban infrastructure services in Kenya.

Their services are also centred around; project management, safety, health and the environment, building and structures, M&E Building Services, Transportation, Roads and Bridges, and Water and Sanitation.

Some of the projects that they have undertaken within East Africa include:

NO	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	BUILDING & STRUCTURES	TRANSPORTATION, ROADS & BRIDGES
1	Blue Bell Gardens Housing Project – Mombasa Rd	BRITAM 30-Storey Tower at Upperhill, Nairobi	Rumbek to Yirol to Shambe Road South Sudan
2	Extensions to Brookside Dairy Factory – Ruiru	Garden City Development Thika Road	Kaya to Faraksika Road South Sudan
3	Kenya Airways Pride Centre II	Kisumu Airport Terminal Building, Kisumu	Kakamega – Webuye Road
4	Radisson Blu Hotel in Upper Hill	Rwanda Embassy at Gigiri, Nairobi	Kitui Turn Off – Mwingi – Garissa Road (A3)
5	Olkaria IV and Olkaria I Unit 4 Additional Units	Nairobi Baptist Church – Ngong Road	Dundori – Olkalau – Njabini (C69) Road
6	USAID Project – US Embassy, Gigiri, Nairobi	ESAMI Headquarters, Kampala, Uganda	Emali-Ukia Road (C99)
7	Emmanuel Christian Training Centre, Goli, Sudan	Olkaria II Geothermal Plant	
8	Coca Cola Bottling Plant; Asmara, Eritrea	Education Development Centre, Sudan	
9	Howard Humphreys House, Westlands	The Junction Shopping Mall for Junction Ltd	
10	USAID Project – US Embassy, Gigiri	UAP Headquarters office building in Nairobi.	



Citi Bank, Nairobi



CFC Bank, Nairobi



Kwale Mineral Sands Project



Marakwet Water Project



Nanyuki Water Supply Project

Source: <http://www.howardhumphreys.com/>

5.8 ICT Sector

5.8.1 Postal Corporation of Kenya



PCK Headquarters,
Posta House off
Kenyatta Avenue,
Nairobi

Postal Corporation of Kenya is fully owned by the Government of Kenya through an Act of Parliament whose core business portfolio is designed to ensure that Kenyans and by extension all citizens of the world have access to communication as a fundamental human right.

PCK has put in place a strategic business plan to ensure efficient delivery of services and improvement of the corporate image. The corporation is managed by professionals and dynamic team with the objective of driving the corporation to meet its objectives, which include:

- Grow and maximise revenues by positioning PCK to be the market leader in the provision of financial distribution services in the country;
- To increase overall market share and grow revenue in the provision of courier and mail business; and
- Partnerships with banks such as Kenya Commercial Bank and recently, the National Bank of Kenya for the provision of agency services.

The corporation has continued to serve the country through its various services such as letter boxes, money transfer services and international mail and parcel services. It continues to provide innovative and affordable services to the local citizens. The post office is always a major point of reference in all our towns

5.8.2 Attain Enterprise Solutions



Mr. Brian Kili,
Director at Attain
Enterprise
Solutions receiving
the ICT award

Founded in 2003, Attain Enterprise Solutions Limited is an I.T. firm that specialises in the provision of solutions both locally and regionally to corporate with an aim of having workable systems for the nations. It has a large pool of clients in the industry is drawn from NGO's, Government Ministries, parastatals and Private Business Enterprises. The Company also:

- Boasts of proven best practices and processes that improve efficiency in businesses, cuts operating costs and generally contributes to its growth;

- Accredited for its solutions in software design and development, project management, systems audit, information technology and management, solutions deployment, business process automation and cloud services; and
- Has received the following achievements:
 - 2013 Microsoft WECA Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Partner of the Year
 - 2011/2012 Microsoft WECA Content Management Partner of the Year

5.9 Professional Services

The Town Award for Excellence is bestowed on individuals who have shown commitment in supporting sustainable city planning, development and management. The Award also recognizes individuals who support professional development.

5.9.1 Mariamu El Maawy

Currently serving as the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development, Ms. El Maawy was recognized for the professional services award.



**PS Mariamu El
Maawy receiving the
Town Award for
Excellence Award
for her role in the
provision of
professional services**

Her profile is as outlined below:

- Has previously been engaged in various public service including: - Africa Public Procurement Network, Privatization Commission of Kenya as a member. The Faza Fire Disaster Fund as a Chairman, Mombasa Polytechnic University Council - council member, Public Procurement Oversight Authority - Advisory Board Chairman, Steering Team on the upgrading of National Polytechnics as a member and Mombasa Old Town Conservation - Local Planning Commission;
- Holder of B. Arch from the University of Nairobi, M. Arch Urban Redevelopment, University of Kwa Zulu Natal Durban, and Accounts ACCA Part 1 & 2.;
- She is also holds professional qualifications and membership as a registered architect, Board of Registered of Architects and Quantity Surveyors (BORAQS), Member of Architectural Association of Kenya; and
- Oversight role in the preparation of urban development plans in many towns in Kenya – Nairobi, Mombasa, Malindi, Embu, Kitui, Machakos, Thika, Nyeri, Nakuru, Naivasha, Kericho, Eldoret and Kakamega.

5.9.2 Tom Odongo



**CEC Member,
Lands, Housing
and Urban Devt.
Mr. Tom Odongo**

Mr. Odongo is the head of the Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Department, Nairobi City County Government; he has overseen all responsibility for policy formation and leadership in the following areas: Land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing, and city planning and has been recognized for the professional services award. Below is his profile:

- Holds a Master in Urban Planning from Oxford Brookes University;
- He has 33 years experience as Assistant Director of Planning, Director of City Planning and Town Clerk;
- Under his superintendence, the city introduced the first on-line application for development permission; and
- A member Town Planners Chapter AAK.

5.9.3 Mairura Omwenga



Mairura Omwenga
receives the award from
Prof. Onsongo

- A trained and qualified engineer and town planner, holding Bsc in civil engineering, MA in Urban and Regional Planning, and presently pursuing PHD;
- He is currently a lecturer at the University of Nairobi, College of Architecture and Engineering/Department of Urban and Regional Planning;
- Runs a private consulting firm – Kenmt Bill;
- Worked as a consultant in projects for Government, UNCHS (Habitat), UNDP, World Bank, JICA, African Development Bank;
- Registered with Engineers Registration Board (ERB), Physical Planner Registration Board, and NEMA;
- Chairman of TCPAK, Town Planners Chapter AAK;
- Member of Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI, UK); and
- Member of International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP, The Hague) and Member of ISCARP Jury for International Awards.

5.9.4 Irene Cheptoo Keino

Irene Keino,

EACC Vice-Chair



Irene Keino's major achievements are:

- Holder of M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning, Master of Business Administration, and BA in Geography and Sociology;
- Currently the Vice Chairperson of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
- Secretary of TCPAK and long serving member of Town Planners Chapter AAK;
- A registered Town/Physical Planner and Lead Environmental Impact Assessment Expert;
- A member of Royal Town Planning Institute (UK) and International Society of City and Regional Planners (The Hague Netherlands);
- Previously worked for National Cereals and Produce Board; Kenya Power and Lighting Company and Ministry of Lands and Settlement.

5.9.5 Wilson Kanyoro Njoro



Wilson Njoro
receiving his award
from Prof. Onsongo

Mr. Njoro is one of the long serving members of TCPAK AND AAK Town Planners Chapter. He qualifies for the award for the award for his long service to the town planning profession as outlined below:

- A qualified quantity surveyor and town planner;
- Director of Plumblin Consultants, a private consultancy firm;
- Presently is Chairman, Nairobi City Planning Technical Committee;
- Presently Treasurer of TCPAK and a long serving member and official of Town Planners Chapter AAK;
- Member of the Physical Planners Registration Board; and
- He previously worked for a long time in the City Council of Nairobi.

5.9.6 David Gatimu



**David Gatimu, Chief Officer
Land, Housing and Spatial
Planning, Kiambu County**

David Gatimu has been a long serving member of TCPAK and AAK Town Planners Chapter. He qualifies for the award due to his long service to the town planning profession as outlined below:

- Holds a Masters in Urban Planning from Oxford Brookes University;
- Registrar of TCPAK and AAK Town Planners Chapter;
- Currently the Chief Officer, Lands, Housing and Spatial Planning-Kiambu County Government; and
- Previously a Director of Development Control at the Nairobi City Council and Nairobi City County.

5.9.7 Eunice Karoki



Eunice Karoki CEC
Member, Kiambu County
Govt. receiving her award
from Prof. Onsongo

Eunice Karoki has been a long serving member of TCPAK and AAK Town Planners Chapter. She qualifies for the award due to her long service to the town planning profession as outlined below:

- Holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a Bachelor's degree in Science (Survey)
- County Executive Committee member in charge of County Planning and Development. She was feted because:
- She has experience in preparation of physical development plans of Awendo, Macalder, Rongo and Kisumu;
- Responsible for preparation of Kiambu county spatial plan and sub-county plans for Ruiru, Kiambu, Thika, Juja, Kikuyu and Limuru;
- Possess hands-on-experience in technical software like GIS, AutoCAD and SPSS among others; and
- Has worked in private practice and ISK, taught at JKUAT and worked in Ministry of Lands and Settlement.

5.10 Public Governance and Management

The Town Award for Excellence (Governance/Management) is in recognition and honour of individuals and corporate that has demonstrated record in good governance and management of our towns and cities in Kenya.

5.10.1 Ethics and Anti Corruption Commission



Prof. Onsongo receives the award from Prof. Sam Ogeri

Corruption is one major problem and challenge facing our towns and the country at large. Poor governance and management, poor delivery of services, uncontrolled development, poor housing, poor transport etc are all elements of corruption in our towns.

The Ethics and Anti- Corruption Commission (EAAC) has been at the fore-front in tackling this challenge in our towns and the country as a whole.

The Commission was feted because of its contribution in improving the administration and governance of towns as outlined below:

- Lead agency in tackling corruption in our towns and the country;
- Has assisted in the recovery of public land in towns; and
- Has supported professional organizations in fighting corruption and improving service delivery in our towns.

5.10.2 Nairobi City County Government



John Barreh receives the award on behalf of the Nairobi County from PS. El Maawy

Nairobi City County Government has demonstrated record of good governance and management of the capital city. The County has made considerable strides since its inception and thus has been recognized as outlined below:

- It is the capital and largest city of Kenya and with about 4 million people and contributes about 50% GDP;
- Nairobi city is not only the national capital but a regional and international commercial and service hub;
- Automation of services to improve efficiency in service delivery and reduce corruption;

- Has designed and developed an interactive website through which public information can be shared between the county government and stakeholders; and
- It's the only city with fully established technical departments, including Town Planning Department.

5.10.3 Prof Sam Onger



Prof. Onger
receives his award
from Mairura
Omwenga

His Excellency Prof. Sam Onger received the Town Award for Excellence (Public Governance and Management) for his long public service. During his tenure as cabinet minister, Prof Onger formulated policies aimed at improved and sustainable urban development. Prof Onger was also was the chairman of the commission that introduced administration reforms in Nairobi City Council.

Prof Onger has contributed a lot in serving to the country as outlined below:

- Currently he is the Kenya Permanent Representative to the UN HABITAT;
- Previously served as a cabinet Minister for foreign affairs, education, and local governments; and

- Has been professor of medicine at the University of Nairobi.

5.11 Transport Sector

5.11.1 Wajir County Government



Ahmed Abdi, CEC Member,
Wajir County receives his
award from PS El Maawy.
Looking on is Abdulahi
Adan, County Planner

The County is located in the former North Eastern Province. The County Government qualifies for the award as it has made major strides in the last two years as outlined below:

- The County Government has started the construction of the first time, 9 Km tarmac road within the township area since independence;
- Construction of abattoir for meat processing;
- Implementation of Wajir Integrated Spatial Urban Development Plan;

- Preparation of county spatial plan by conducting aerial photography and lidar mapping for seven centres
- Construction of six (6) sub- County Administration office block and 30 Wards administrators’ offices to decentralize service delivery;
- Putting up of street lights in all the major centres; and
- Construction of 13 new fresh produce markets across the county at a cost of Ksh. 78 million.

5.11.2 LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority



LAPSSET Corridor
Development Authority’s
Judith Sarange and John
Musale receiving the award
from Member Mr. Ahmed
Abdi

In March 2013, the LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority (LCDA) was established through the Presidential Order Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 51, Legal Notice No. 58, The LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority’s mandate is to plan, coordinate and manage the implementation of the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport Corridor.

The LAPSSET Corridor Development is the first largest game changer that the Government has initiated and prepared under the Vision 2030 strategy framework. The project is expected to generate significant benefits in the country and the neighbouring countries such as South Sudan and Ethiopia as outlined below:

- Foster transport linkage between Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia;
- Promotion of regional socio-economic development along the transport corridor; and
- Statistics indicate that the project will inject between 2% to 3% of GDP into the national economy.

5.12 Improved Infrastructure Services

Mandera County Government



Adan Hussein CEC Member
Mandera County receives
the award from PS El
Maawy. Looking on are Mr.
Rashid Hassan, Director of
Land (2nd left) and Christine
Muchiri, County Planner

The County is located in the North Eastern part of Kenya; it borders Ethiopia to the North, Somalia Republic to the East and Wajir County to the South and South West. It has been feted due to its contribution for development in the following areas:

- Creation of a ‘new town’ on a selected site of about 50 acres. The master plan is in place;
- Proposed regional livestock market that will promote trade in cows, camels, donkeys, sheep and goats;
- Proposed International Airport that is to be located at Libehia, about 40 Km West of Mandera town;
- Improvement of road transport in the region by tarmacking the 24 Km of Mandera roads;
- Upgrading the drainage system, water supply to residents and also the installation of solar-powered street lighting;
- Automating the revenue collection system through adoption of the Integrated Financial Management System;
- Construction of a 5 star hotel to facilitate provision of conference venues and facilities; and
- Provision of modern maternity services in fully equipped health centres.

5.13 Town Award for Excellence (Best Overall)

Machakos County Government

The County is within the Nairobi Metropolitan region. The County boasts of the availability of massive arable land and a well endowed with natural resources including agriculture, livestock, minerals, wild game, tourist attraction sites and rangeland.

The county government also has an ambitious master-plan that will see the face of the county lifted by the envisioned planned Machakos Techno City.

As a county, Machakos won the Town Award for Excellence for the following reasons:

- This is the first county to recognize towns as engines of development by having a fully fledged Department of Urban Development
- All towns in Machakos County are clean and major roads are landscaped with planted trees and flowers and with street lighting
- In one year, the county had police patrol vehicles and ambulance vans;
- County government has been in the lead to plan and develop ICT city, people's park etc



H.E. Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta and Hon. Alfred Mutua, Governor, Machakos County during the Launch of New Machakos City



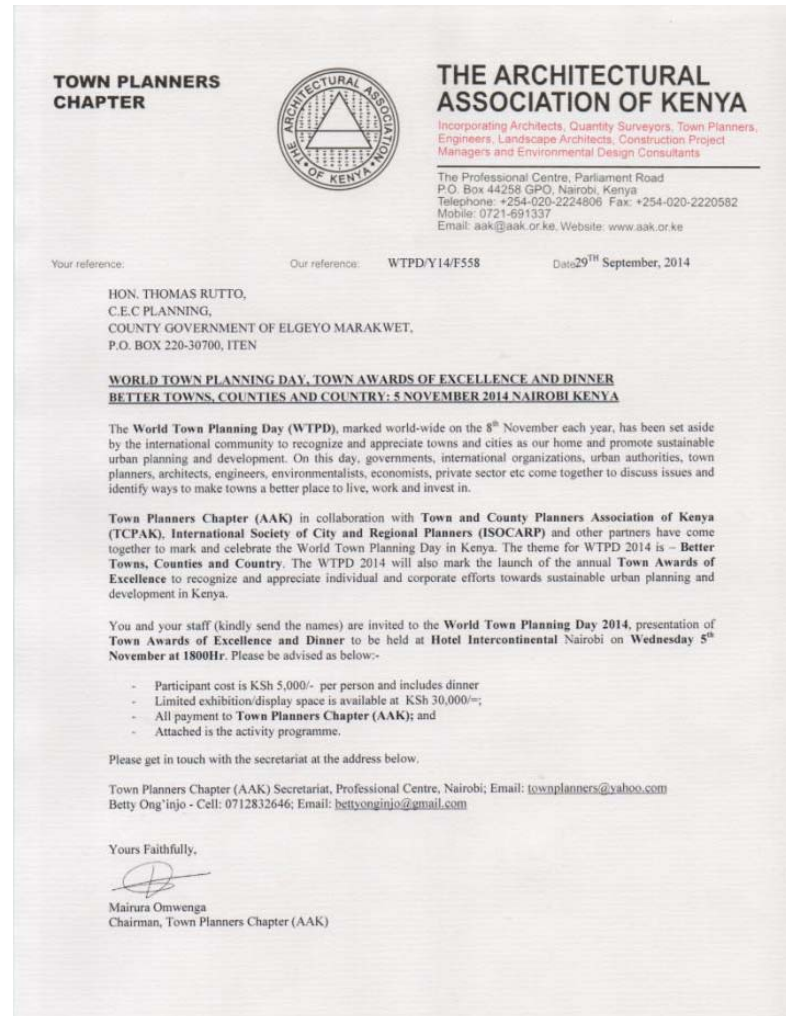
The envisioned Konza Techno city



Machakos Security Patrol Cars

APPENDIX


Appendix A: Sample Letter of Invitation to Participants




Appendix B: World Town Planning Day Banners




Appendix C: World Town Planning Day Poster



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TOWN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE-2014

- A PARTNERSHIP -

Town Planners Chapter (AAK)


International Society Of City And Regional Planners (Nairobi Liaison Office)

Venue: Intercontinental, Nairobi.

Date: Wednesday, 5 November 2014.

Time: 6.00 – 10.00 pm.

Charges: Ksh. 5,000/= per head (Including Dinner).



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Appendix D: Town Award for Excellence Certificate



Appendix E: Photo Gallery



Appendix F: Attendance Sheet

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Jane Onsongo, EACC chair, looks on after presenting a certificate to Wilson Njora.
[PHOTO: JONAH ONYANGO / STANDARD]

Planners feted for urban development

By KEVIN OGUOKO

Kenyan urban planners doing exceptional work will be awarded every year in recognition of their effort.

This follows the launch of the annual Town Award for Excellence to recognise and appreciate individual and corporate efforts in sustainable urban planning and development in Kenya.

The awards were launched last week during the World Town Planning Day held in Nairobi. World Town Planning Day is a day the international community recognises and appreciates towns and cities and promotes sustainable urban planning and development.

It is marked worldwide on November 8, but this year, the World Town Planning Day in Kenya was celebrated on November 5.

It was organised by the Town and County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK), in collaboration with Town Planners Chapter (AAK) and the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP - Nairobi Liaison Office).

The event was presided over by Prof Sam Onger, Kenya's Ambassador/Permanent Representative to UN-Habitat and graced by Mariamu El Maawy, principal Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

For the awards, TCPAK wished to identify and profile cities, municipalities, towns, institutions and individuals in Kenya that continue to promote sustainable development and the policy agenda through the lenses of urban and regional planning.

The first category of the award went to...

that has trained town planners who now manage many of the towns and cities in Kenya, East and Southern Africa. The department has trained about 1,000 town planners at diploma, undergraduate, masters and PhD levels.

The Town Award of Excellence in a Professional Firm was presented to Triad Architects. The iconic architectural firm was hailed for its 1967 initiation and formation of the Architectural Association of Kenya, which is the umbrella association for town planners, architects, engineers and quantity surveyors.

LANDMARK BUILDINGS

It was also recognised for its designs of landmark city buildings in Kenya and East Africa including the Kenya Parliament, Times Tower and Barclays Plaza in Nairobi.

The Town Award for Excellence also went out to Howard Humphreys (East Africa) Ltd owing to its significant contribution to the development of urban infrastructure services in Kenya.

The company has excelled in major town infrastructure works, including carrying out project management, engineering design and construction, supervision of buildings, roads and transportation, water and sewerage projects in Eastern Africa since 1931.

The company has been associated with the design and development of Nairobi's water supply and other consulting and engineering works including Times Tower, Athi Bridge, the JKIA Terminal and Kisumu Airport renovation, Thika Dam and Blue Bells Apartments for Safaricom Investments.

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A. SHOP / OFFICE PREMISES TO LET.

Rent (Kshs)	Location
Rent 80/- (office) S/C 20/-	Galana Plaza, Galana Road, Kilimani Yaya Centre).
Apply for details	20 th Century Plaza, Mama Ngina / Park Street in the CBD.
Rent Kshs. 100/-, S/C Kshs. 20/-	Telesi Plaza along George Padmore next to its junction with Marcus Gama Road in the Kilimani area.
Rent Ground Floor - 1.765 Offices - 1.23 S/C - 0.25\$.	Renaissance Building along Elgon Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi.
Rent Kshs. 75/- Office Kshs. 125 G/Floor S/C Kshs. 25/-	ICPAK Located along Thika Road in Ruaraka area, Nairobi (Opp. NYS)
Rent - Godown 30/-, Showroom 70/-, Office 50/-	Pokomo Road, Off Lusaka Road, Industrial Area.
Rent Kshs. 95/- S/C Kshs. 20/-	Real Towers, Hospital Hill Road, Upper Hill area.
Rent Kshs. 25/- S/C Kshs. 5/-	Off Mombasa Road, Nairobi before consumer Products Ltd / Nice & Luxe

B. SHOP / OFFICE PREMISES FOR SALE.

Rent (Kshs)	Location
Sale Price: 15,500/ p.s.f	Mihrab Plaza, at the junction of Lenena Road and Ring Road, Kilimani, Nairobi
Sale Price: 15,500/ p.s.f	Nachu Plaza, along Kiambere Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi.

C. INDUSTRIAL / COMMERCIAL PLOTS FOR SALE

Offers invited	Location	Area
550 Million	Upper Hill Road, opp Don Bosco Church	1.24 acre
75 Million	Off Enterprise Road (Gilgil Road), Industrial Area.	Situated on a large plot with a lease
75 Million	Bamburi Road, off Enterprise Road, Nairobi	Godown plot for sale only

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

300 Million	Parklands, Wambugu Road	On approved residential plot
35 Million	Tassia Estate, 100 metres off Fedha Donholm junction, off Outering Rd.	On 0.04 acre (4 x 2 blocks)
25 Million	Safaripark View Estate, Mirema Rd.	On 1/8 acre
24 Million	One Red Hill, off Limuru Road	On approved DSQ, vacant
20 Million	Syokimau	On 1/8 acre with shamba
18 Million	Ruiru, Northern By-Pass	A 4 bed house
13.5 Million	Kariba Estate, South B	A 3 bed house
10 Million	Buru-Buru Phase II	3 bedrooms
Offers invited	Grovia Grove, Westlands	A large 5 bed house with large terrace
Offers invited	South C, Opposite MOW	4 bedrooms

RESIDENTIAL PLOTS FOR SALE

50 Million per acre	Juja, near JKUAT	Approx. 4 acres with residential development fronting road
32 - 35 Million	Ridgeway	3 x 1/2 acre residential plot
12.5 Million per plot	Red Hill, Limuru Road	Prime vacant and serviced market and 20 minutes restricted to a 5 bedroom town house per plot.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

650,000/-	Naiyasha Avenue, Mutunga	On approved 1/2 acre plot having 5 bed, 4 bath
500,000/-	Eagle Park, Runda	On approved 1/2 acre plot having 5 bed, 4 bath
300,000/-	Parkview Estate, Langata	On 2.5 acre residential plot with 5 bed, 4 bath
300,000/-	Off Kiungu Road, Lavinton	On 5.75 acre plot detached DSQ