



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

# Planners feted for urban development

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**K**enyan 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 Ssecretary 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 organisations in the infrastructure sector, including the Lapsset Corridor Development Authority, which took the Town Award for Excellence in the Transport Sector.

## INSTITUTIONS

The National Construction Authority was recognised for its efforts in the building sector; Ecotact took the Town Award for their role in improving sanitation with mobile toilets; Kenya Power for lighting and Housing Finance for their financing role.

In the second category, governance and professional institutions were awarded for their role in planning of Kenyan cities and towns. University of Nairobi, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, which was established in 1971, was recognised as a pioneer

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.

## COMMITMENT

The third round of category winners went out to individuals who have shown commitment in supporting sustainable city planning, development and management.

They included Mariamu El Maawy, principal secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development; Wilson Kanyoro Njora, a quantity surveyor and chairman of the Nairobi City Planning Technical Committee; Irene Cheptoo Keino, vice-chairperson of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC); Mairura Omwenga chairman of the Town Planners Chapter of the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK); and Tom Odongo, who has 33 years experience as assistant director of Planning, in the Department of City Planning.

Rent Ground Floor - 1.76\$ Offices - 1.2\$ S/C - 0.25\$.	Renaissance Building along Elgion Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi.
Rent Kshs. 75/= Office Kshs. 125 G/Floor S/C Kshs. 25/=.	ICPAK Located along Thika Road, Ruaraka area, Nairobi (Opp. NYS).
Rent - Godown 30/=. Showroom 70/=. Office 50/=.	Pokomo Road, Off Lusaka Road, Upper Hill 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 (between consumer Products Ltd / Nice & ...)

## B. SHOP / OFFICE PREMISES FOR SALE.

Rent (Kshs)	Location
Sale Price: 15,500/ p.s.f	Mihrab Plaza, at the junction of Lenana 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 acres
75 Million	Off Enterprise Road (Gilgil Road), Industrial Area.	Situated with a letter
75 Million	Bamburi Road, off Enterprise Road, Nairobi	Godown for sale on

## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

300 Million	Parklands, Wambugu Road	On approx. consisting of apartment
35 Million	Tassia Estate, 100 metres off Fedha Donholm junction, off Outering Rd.	On 0.043 (4 x 2 beds)
25 Million	Safaripark View Estate, Mirema Rd.	On 1/8 acre
24 Million	One Red Hill, off Limuru Road	On approx. DSQ, comm
20 Million	Syokimau	On 1/8 acre with study
18 Million	Ruiru, Northern By-Pass	A 4 bed room
13.5 Million	Kariba Estate, South B	A 3 bed room
10 Million	Buru-Buru Phase II	3 bedroom
Offers Invited	Grevillia Grove, Westlands	A large 5 bedroom large family
Offers Invited	South C, Opposite MOW	4 bedroom

## RESIDENTIAL PLOTS

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

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650,000/=	Naivasha Avenue, Muthaiga	On approx. 1 acre having 6 bed, 4 bath
500,000/-	Eagle Park, Runda	On approx. 0.5 acre having 5 bed (all
300,000/-	Parkview Estate, Langata	On 2.5 acre main 3 bath, study, semi
300,000/-	Off Kingara Road, Lavington	On 0.75 acre plot detached DSQ
275,000/-	Palm Springs, State House Road	4 bed town house DSQ.
250,000/-	Off Lower Kabete Road	On 0.5 acres, a 4
250,000/-	Crossroads Estate, Lower Kabete	4 bedroom, 3 bath study.
220,000/-	Kibagare Way, Loresho	4 double storey 3 bedrooms, 3 bath
180,000/-	Gitanga Road, Lavington	A 5 bedrooms (all
150,000/-	Off Kingara Road, Lavington	On 0.75 acre plot
100,000/- to 160,000/=	Arborville/Royal Apartments, off State House Road	Furnished 1, 2 and
90,000/-	off Riverside Drive	3 bedroom, 2 bath
90,000/-	Nanu Apartments, Chaka Road	2 bedroom flat with
90,000/-	Stands Apartments, Dennis Pritt Rd, Kilimani	3 bedroom, 2 bath
65,000/-	Ngong View, Karen	2 bed, 2 bath furn
28,500/-	Hekima Flats, South C	2 bedroom flats.

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