



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### IQSK NEWS

- The IQSK Monthly Newsletter is your go-to roundup of key events, updates, and developments that have shaped the Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK) and the broader Built and Natural Environment industry. Each edition highlights the most relevant issues and insights we believe are important for our members and partners to stay informed and engaged. We value your thoughts, feel free to share your feedback with us at

#### 5th March

#### **Masterclass Webinar: Demystifying Carbon Management, Carbon Credits & Markets – Emerging Practices in the Built Environment**

The Institute hosted an insightful masterclass webinar focused on the evolving role of carbon management within the built environment.

Under the theme "The QS Who Counts More Than Money," the session explored how carbon is fast becoming the profession's second currency. Traditionally, quantity surveyors have operated within a financial framework managing cost plans, bills of quantities and procurement strategies. However, a transformative shift is underway.

- Carbon is now a measurable, reportable and increasingly regulated cost. With global standards such as those set by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on Whole Life Carbon Assessment and the growing emphasis on net-zero targets, QS professionals are being called upon to expand their expertise.

The session emphasized that quantity surveyors are uniquely positioned to lead this transition, given their analytical strength, lifecycle approach and influence in procurement. The focus now is on how quickly professionals can build fluency in this critical area.



#### 25th March

#### **President's Koroga**

- Members gathered for the President's Koroga, an engaging and interactive forum designed to foster connection, dialogue and professional collaboration.

The event provided a platform to discuss key developments within the built environment, including updates on the Quantity Surveyors Bill 2026 and other emerging industry trends. It also offered a valuable opportunity for members to exchange ideas, strengthen professional networks and engage directly with the Institute's leadership.



### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### **Kenya's National Infrastructure Fund Governing Council is finally constituted**

Kenya reached a turning point in its infrastructure journey. President William Ruto formally unveiled the Governing Council of the National Infrastructure Fund, a body designed to steer the country away from debt-heavy development and toward investment-driven growth.

- At the helm sits Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi, signaling the Fund's deep integration into Kenya's fiscal framework. He is joined by Central Bank Governor Dr. Kamau Thugge and Attorney-General Dorcas Oduor, ensuring monetary and legal oversight. Alongside them, four independent members bring a wealth of private sector and continental expertise: Prof. Benedict Oramah, a veteran of Afreximbank; Faith Boinett, a seasoned corporate leader; Paul Russo, the dynamic CEO of KCB Group; and Richard Etemesi, a financial services stalwart with decades of global experience.

The Council's first mission is to recruit a Board of Directors, who will then appoint a Chief Executive Officer to operate the Fund. But the broader vision is more ambitious: to mobilize private capital for large-scale, commercially viable infrastructure projects, breaking Kenya's long reliance on public debt.

With its blend of government authority and private sector acumen, the Governing Council embodies credibility. The real test, however, lies ahead—whether this credibility can translate into a pipeline of bankable projects that reshape Kenya's infrastructure landscape.



#### **22 storey building partially collapses in Westlands area**

Tragedy struck Westlands area Nairobi when a 22-storey building under construction partially collapsed along School Lane, near the Bank of Africa. Four workers had been on site; two managed to escape unharmed, while two others remain trapped beneath the rubble.

Rescue teams, including the Kenya Red Cross, rushed to the scene and have been working tirelessly through the night to locate and free those still missing. The condition of the trapped workers has yet to be confirmed, and the area has been secured as operations continue.

This incident adds to a troubling pattern of building collapses across Nairobi in recent months, raising urgent questions about construction safety and enforcement of building standards. For now, the city waits anxiously as emergency responders battle against time and debris to save lives.



#### **Chinese Contractor secures Ksh 38.8 Bn Kiambu Road Dualing Deal**

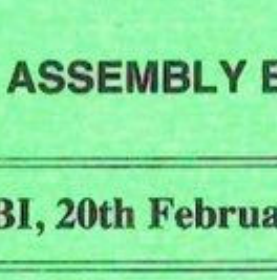
Kenya has taken another bold step in reshaping its transport network. The government signed a KSh 38.7 billion Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract with Chinese firm Steco Corporation to dual the busy Muthaiga-Kiambu-Ndumbi corridor.

The deal, witnessed by Roads CS Davis Kirchir and overseen by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority, will see the 23.5km stretch transformed from a two-lane road into a modern four-lane dual carriageway. Plans include service lanes, pedestrian walkways, six footbridges, and new interchanges at notorious bottlenecks such as Ridgeway, Runda, and Kiambu Town.

Funded through China's EXIM Bank, the project is slated for completion within 36 months. For Nairobi and Kiambu residents, the upgrade promises more than smoother traffic, it is expected to unlock mobility, ease congestion in northern Nairobi, and spur economic growth along the rapidly expanding Kiambu corridor.

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## KENYA GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT

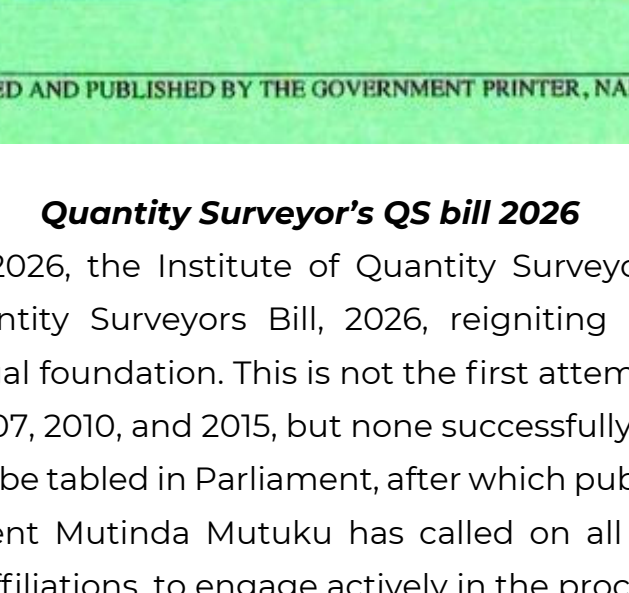
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#### **Quantity Surveyor's QS bill 2026**

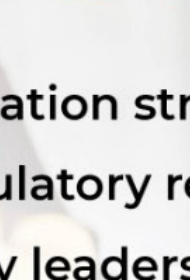
On 20th February 2026, the Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK) published the Quantity Surveyors Bill, 2026, reigniting efforts to give the profession a firm legal foundation. This is not the first attempt similar bills were introduced in 2007, 2010, and 2015, but none successfully passed into law.

The new Bill is set to be tabulated in Parliament, after which public participation will follow. IQSK President Mutinda Mutuku has called on all quantity surveyors, regardless of their affiliations, to engage actively in the process. He emphasized that the Bill belongs to the entire fraternity and urged professionals to provide constructive criticism and feedback, which can be consolidated into memoranda for improvement.

The legislation promises to ring-fence the profession, strengthen regulation, and weed out unqualified practitioners who have long undermined the industry's credibility. Notably, the Bill was proposed to Parliament by the late Hon. Johana Ngeno, whose efforts laid the groundwork for this renewed push.

This moment marks a critical opportunity for Kenya's construction sector: if passed, the Bill could finally secure the profession's place in law, ensuring higher standards, accountability, and protection for both practitioners and the public.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



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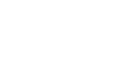
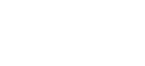
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