



# AFRICA QS VOICE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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**Mr Dan Kimoro,  
AAQS President**

It gives me great pleasure to be able to communicate to the membership through our newsletter.

The African Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS) is now in its tenth year of growth with a membership of fifteen institutions spread across Eastern, Western and Southern Africa.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the founding members for their vision in creating a Pan-African Association to unite member institutions in Africa. It is my hope that we shall all strive to take the Association to higher heights in improving the quality and capacity of the

Quantity Surveying profession in Africa.

The Association has had an eventful past and present year with various activities taking place in different parts of the continent.

More notable is the fourth General Assembly and Council Meeting which took place at Alisa Hotel in Accra, Ghana in August 2008. We had a wonderful time of seminars with powerful presentations and networking and all those who were present will agree that we all had an enjoyable time.

I wish to take this opportunity belatedly to thank our Western Region Vice-President

Mr. Michael Frimpong together with his organising committee and the Ghana Institute of Surveyors for putting together such a fantastic event.

In the same breath, I also wish to thank our Immediate Past President, Mr. Segun Ajanlekoko, who is an 'honorary' citizen of Ghana for his support towards the organisation of the event.

The Association got the publicity it deserves and we had the privileged opportunity to make a courtesy visit to His Excellency, then President of Ghana, Hon. John Kufour at the State House.

The General Assembly culminated with elections where new officials were elected to drive the Association forward for the next three years.

I feel humbled that the member institutions bestowed upon me the honor of serving them as their President during this term. I also wish to congratulate all the other council members who were elected to various po-

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"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it".  
Dr. Adrian Rogers,  
1931

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AAQS

The following persons serve on the executive committee of the AAQS:

Mr Dan Kimoro (Kenya): President

Mr Ian Oosthuyzen (Namibia): Vice-President, Southern Region

Mr Joseph Tango (Kenya): Vice-President, Eastern Region

Mr Michael Frimpong (Ghana): Vice -President, Western Region

Mr Thabo Senyolo (South Africa): Secretary General

Mr Egon Wortmann (South Africa): Honorary Treasurer

Mr Segun Ajanlekoko (Nigeria): Immediate Past President

Dr Corne de Leeuw (South Africa): Chairman: Services and Model Documentation Committee

Mr Barry Probert (South Africa): Chairman: Education and Training Committee

## Message from the President (continued)

sitions and it is my wish that we all work towards taking the Association to greater heights.

It is opportune for me to also thank the outgoing council for the tremendous work during their term of office and we are challenged to live up to their expectations.

I wish also take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past President, Mr. Segun Ajanlekoko, for his efforts in trying to ensure that the Association gets exposure and more so in trying to get an observer status at the African Union (AU). It is my hope that we shall all pursue the same to its logical conclusion.

One of the founding institutions, the Association of South Africa Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS) was having its centenary celebrations in October last year. As part of their celebra-

tions, they had a Gala Dinner at Misty Hills in Johannesburg, where the AAQS Executive Committee was invited to share this momentous occasion. It was gratifying to note that the entire EXCO made it to the dinner which was a great show of solidarity and I thank you all.

Our first Exco meeting took place in May 2009 in Maputo Mozambique. I wish to thank Charle for the wonderful hosting and arrangements.

The first Council meeting this year was hosted by the Tanzania Institute of Quantity Surveyors (TIQS) in Dar-es-salaam. We had four fabulous days of seminars and visit to historic Zanzibar. Kudos to the Eastern Region together with the organising committee Vice- President, Mr. Joseph Tango, for all the hospitality and fantastic arrangements.

Our stop for the next Exco meeting will be in Kampala in November 2009. I look forward to seeing you there.

I must most sincerely thank you all and particularly the council members for committing their own time and resources to attend these meeting, despite the Global Economic melt down. We are all hopefully that things will thaw sooner rather than later

Thank you and God Bless you all.

## D Kimoro's report of PAQS trip



The PAQS held its 13th congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from the 17th to the 19th August 2009. The theme of the congress was "Building the future together" and the topics were well selected relating to Global Integration and Professional Development.

An invitation was extended to the AAQS to send a delegate to the congress and I was privileged to represent you in what I would call a very successful gathering.

I arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday 15th August after close to 18 hours of travelling. Other delegates had already arrived and some had even played in a congress golf tournament on that day.

The organising committee had prepared a well laid out programme and I must commend them for a job well done.

We started off with a President's Dinner attended by Presidents of the various institutions attending the congress on Sunday 19th August.

The congress proper kicked off on Monday 17th August with a plenary ses-

sion on Global Integration and the official opening ceremony attended by close to 400 delegates. I was honored and privileged to have a seat at the high table. I was then given a 15 minutes slot to talk about the AAQS which I proudly capitalised on to market our association.

The plenary was followed by various breakaway sessions in several venues, all with presentations on a wide range of topics. However in the afternoon, there was a 'Summit Meeting' comprising representations from various bodies namely PAQS, AAQS, ICEC, CEEC, Fig commission 10 and RICS.

We had a very invigorating session and deliberated on how the various bodies could work together and co-operate in moving the Quantity Surveying profession forward on a global level. The meeting concluded with the drafting of the Kuala Lumpur (KL) Pact. The day ended with dinner for foreign delegates at a local social club called Seru Melaya.

Tuesday started off with another plenary session on professional development and more breakaway sessions. The climax of the day was the signing of the KL Pact at the closing ceremony, committing various bodies to work together for a better Quantity Surveying profession. The Board of Quantity Surveying Malaysia (BQSM) facilitated a budget for a secretariat to

drive the process forward.

The next follow up meeting will be during the 14th PAQS congress which will be held in Singapore in July 2010. I hope we will have more delegates to the meeting. The day ended with a fantastic Gala Dinner.

On Wednesday we had a technical visit to the 'Smart Tunnel' Centre which is a storm water flooding management system. The afternoon included a tour of KL and a visit to the Bird Sanctuary, one of the largest in the world.

The evening ended with Dinner at a restaurant with local cuisine and I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

I departed from KL on Thursday after a very enjoyable and memorable event.



**Kuala Lumpur Pact**



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- **The exchange rate is calculated as follows: 1US\$ = R8,00**
- **Invoices to be sent out during July 2009**

**Passing away of Augustine Ombati**

Though we are sure you have already received a plethora of kind words from well-wishers, the Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors, in reply to your sombre notification of the passing away on the morning of 27th July 2009 of QS Augustine M. Ombati, hereby tender our heartfelt condolences.

As a long-standing friend of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK), we wish to evoke the happy memories of a fallen hero of the quantity surveying fraternity and send our rallying call of sincere condo-

lences, however inadequate, to all who were touched by his presence.

We are well aware that no words can carry enough weight to undo a sad loss. However, it should be that this untimely departure will further restore, rather than subdue our collective resolve to catapult QS Augustine M. Ombati's quantity surveying vision of excellence to heights worthy of the telling footprints he has left behind. Borrowing a page from his book of life, QS Ombati would probably have been the first to agree that we have a mountain of work ahead of us.

May we take this opportunity of thanking QS Ombati for the treasure map he has navigated for the quantity surveying profession over his active years.

It is our fervent hope that this humble message from the Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors may grant you some form of consolation which is rightfully deserved on this; an occasion of reflection.