



Institution of Surveyors of Kenya

The 6th ISK AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE DECLARATION- 2021

The 6th ISK Africa Regional Conference was held virtually on 11th and 12th November 2021 with the main theme: ***“Responding to the Challenges in the Land and Built Environment in the New Reality”***.

The objective of the conference was to present an opportunity for the African region countries to share experiences on various subjects ranging from sectional properties, land information systems, new innovations in the land and built environment in the context of the new reality brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and technology developments

Arising from the presentations, discussions and deliberations of the participations of 6th ISK Africa Regional conference, the following resolutions are made (Action points to consider):

- 1) The Professionals in the land and built environment to be more engaging on contemporary matters and engage all stakeholders;
- 2) Professional across Africa to embrace Digital platform in their practice in matters Land transactions to enhance efficiency and continue making a difference in People’s lives;
- 3) Appreciate the future of Sectional Properties by embracing the non-traditional products as well as access the global market;

- 4) County governments are encouraged and challenged to participate in the professional discourse to come up with innovative ways on issues like sectional properties;
- 5) There is need to foster collaborations to share knowledge noting that the FIG-Africa Network as an existing platform to leverage;
- 6) All Professional Association in Africa should strive towards spearheading a continental body to provide avenues for Surveyors to discuss issues cutting across the Continent;
- 7) Collaboration with Key Stakeholders in Land and Built environment on matters relating to Policies reforms to strengthen our voice;
- 8) Adhere to environmental policies to avert disaster that affects land and property sector and also sustainable development;
- 9) Professional Associations to work closely with other stakeholders including Government and urge for budget for research to advise investment with the view of alleviating challenges in the land and built environment;
- 10) Surveyors should assume the position of business and partner with the Government in support of business enterprises and access capital;
- 11) Collaborate with respective Government in the negotiated intra and extra trade rates in the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA);
- 12) Embrace sustainable innovations in green building certifications, green technologies and green financing in the built sector;

- 13) Urbanization and Urban Growth, as well as Demographic Dynamics call for a different approach to Maintenance of the Built Environment;
- 14) In cases of natural disasters, a lot of research and analytics to be carried out in the dynamics of real estate development and maintenance. As well as being innovative and turning disaster to business case like Tourism attraction for the Countries affected;
- 15) Learn to change challenges into opportunities like Covid-19; use of technology and innovation to enhance business opportunities and go beyond the normal operations;
- 16) Need to take stock of the Built Environment in the respective Countries to establish their condition and its fitness for purpose (safety, security, healthy, convenience, comfort) and value;
- 17) Utilize research for purposes of Investment in Land and built environment for stable economic and business growth and innovative solutions;
- 18) Adoption of technology to enhance sustainability, administration, efficiency, real time data access, analysis and interrogation to support productivity and economic growth;
- 19)** Continuous and consistent maintenance whilst ensuring flexibility and adaptability in retaining investment value and returns.

Please take note that the Next ISK 7th Africa Regional Conference will be held between 9th and 11th November 2022.