

# INTERNATIONAL COST ENGINEERING COUNCIL



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## **MINUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COST ENGINEERING COUNCIL MEETING** **(REGION 3)** **WHITE SANDS HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA** **AT 08h30 ON FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2009**

### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Region 3 Director Kwadwo Osei-Asante (in the chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the meeting. A special welcome was also extended to Messrs Peter Cox (ICEC National Chairman), Murtala Oladapo (ICEC National Senior Vice Chairman) and Dan Kimoro (AAQS President).

Mr Peter Cox, ICEC National Chairman, also thanked everyone for their attendance and gave a general overview of ICEC activities on a national scale.

### 2.0 Attendance and apologies

#### Present (ICEC Executive members)

Kwadwo Osei-Asante, ICEC Director Region 3, Delegate of GhIS, Mr Peter Cox, ICEC National Chairman, Delegate of AIQS, Murtala Oladapo, ICEC Senior Vice Chairman, Delegate of NIQS, Egon Wortmann, ICEC Assistant Secretary Region 3, Delegate of ASAQS

#### Present (ICEC Guests)

Dan Kimoro (AAQS President), Dr Corne' de Leeuw, Ian Oosthuysen, Thembi Matunda, Grace Mwang'onda, Margaret Ezekiel, DK Kyere, Joachim Lyimo, Abdullah Ndanusa, Michael Frimpong, Obafemi Onashile, Kola Adeyemo, Eliamani Mollé, Ignas Lyimo, S Mutharia, HG Nyakundi and Davis Gaitho.

#### Apologies

No apologies were tendered at the meeting.

### 3.0 Minutes of Previous Region 3 Meetings

The minutes of the ICEC Region 3 minutes held in Accra, Ghana on 18 August 2008 (prepared by Mr Egon Wortmann) were taken as read and were accepted as a true record of proceedings, subject to the correction of the spelling of the name of one of the attendees.

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mr Kwadwo Osei-Asante and seconded by Mr Murtala Oladapo.

#### 4.0 Matters Arising from these Minutes

None to report on.

#### 5.0 Officers Reports

##### 5.1 Region 3 Director Report :

The Region 3 Director, Kwadwo Osei-Asante, gave a verbal overview of the recent activities of ICEC within the Region 3 zone. Items that were specifically emphasised included the following:

- He was pleased with the good relations and liaison between the ICEC representatives and the AAQS representatives, also with particular reference to the arrangements of the AAQS Council meeting and conference held the previous day. He thanked TIQS for their good arrangements of these meetings
- He announced that Dr Corne' de Leeuw and Mr Egon Wortmann (both from South Africa) had been awarded the DIF award at the ICEC Congress held in Toronto, Canada during July 2008
- He further announced that Mr Francis Githaiga (from Kenya) had also been posthumously awarded the DIF award at the ICEC Congress held in Toronto, Canada during July 2008
- The ICEC International Congress 2012 will be hosted by the ASAQS in Durban, South Africa from 23 to 27 June 2012. This was confirmed and ratified during the ICEC Congress held in Toronto, Canada during July 2008
- It was announced that TIQS had decided to take up membership of ICEC. A formal application form was ceremoniously handed over to Mrs Grace Mwang'onda, a representative of the TIQS, by Mr Peter Cox
- Further attention to be given to the following associations that are contemplating membership of ICEC in Africa :
  - Namibia
  - Zimbabwe
  - Gabon
  - Sierra Leone.

It was further suggested and agreed that a standard "*ICEC Membership Pack*" be developed for handing over to such new applicants of ICEC. Mr Murtala Oladapo was tasked to follow through with this action item.

##### 5.2 GhIS (Ghana)

Mr Michael Frimpong distributed a written report from GhIS and gave a verbal summary of developments within Ghana. This report is appended as an attachment to these minutes.

It was reported that Mr Kwadwo Osei-Asante had been elected President of GhIS, who were also celebrating their 40th anniversary. A letter of congratulations had been sent by ICEC to GhIS wishing them well on this historic milestone.

### 5.3 NIQS (Nigeria)

A verbal report was given by Mr Obafemi Onashile (Secretary on NIQS International Affairs) of developments within Nigeria. He promised that a written report would be forthcoming, which on receipt will be added as an attachment to these minutes.

He reported on a total membership of with the NIQS of 6516 members and 228 practices. The current president is Mr Felix Okereke Onyeri.

### 5.4 ASAQS (South Africa)

Region 3 Assistant Secretary, Mr Egon Wortmann, provided a written report on ASAQS activities and discussed the content in some detail. Some of the highlights in the report included the following:

- The ICEC International Congress 2012 will be hosted by the ASAQS in Durban, South Africa from 23 to 27 June 2012. This was confirmed and ratified during the ICEC Congress held in Toronto, Canada during July 2008.
- DIF awards had also been presented to Dr Corne' de Leeuw and Mr Egon Wortmann at the ICEC Congress held in Toronto, Canada during July 2008
- The ASAQS currently has 3697 individual members and 760 registered practices
- The current President is Mr Indresen Pillay.

### 5.5 Kenya

A verbal report was given by Mr Dan Kimoro (President of AAQS) of developments within Kenya. No written report was presented.

## 6 New and Potential Members

No new formal applications for membership of ICEC had been received, but potential new members should where possible be targeted through the existing structures of the both the AAQS and ICEC. Further attention to be given to the following associations that are contemplating membership of ICEC within Africa:

- Tanzania
- Namibia
- Zimbabwe
- Gabon
- Sierra Leone.

## 7 Co-Operation with other bodies

The meeting took note of the ongoing liaison of ICEC with the following bodies:

- AAQS – active general participation was noted and acknowledged
- FIG – active participation of the Commission 10 through Mr Andrew Morley was noted and acknowledged
- IPMA – Mr Murtala Oladapo reported on developments through the main ICEC Council
- PAQS – Mr Wortmann reported on the forthcoming PAQS Congress scheduled for Kuala Lumpur during August 2009. Mr Dan Kimoro is planning to attend that congress as a representative of the AAQS
- RICS – limited international relevance and co-operation was noted

## 8 ICEC International Cost Model / Location Factor Project

The meeting was reminded of the ICEC initiative led by Mr. John Hollmann, the ICEC Region 1 Director, to develop an international location cost factor model. Member associations were encouraged to support this initiative and to nominate at least one person from their association as a contact point and contributor to the project. Copies of these documents may be viewed on the ICEC website ([www.icoste.org](http://www.icoste.org)).

Professor Gaye le Roux had earlier volunteered to represent ASAQS and Dr. Corne de Leeuw had volunteered to represent AAQS member associations for the development of the model. Dr. Corne de Leeuw has been developing a similar international cost model through the AAQS and is particularly keen to liaise with ICEC.

## 9 ICEC Draft Strategic Plan

Mr Peter Cox gave a general overview of developments in this regard, details of which may also be viewed on the ICEC website ([www.icoste.org](http://www.icoste.org)).

The importance of the ICEC Draft Strategic Plan was emphasised, coupled with the need for feedback from all member associations to ensure that the organisation remained relevant and best served the needs of the members. This initiative was led by Mr. Carsten Wredstrom from the Association of Danish Project Management (Region 2). Attendees undertook to reply to the ICEC Secretariat with comments at earliest convenience.

## 10 ICEC NGO Roster Status

Mr Murtala Oladapo reported that ICEC had formally been recorded as an NGO of the United Nations on 23 July 2007. He gave a general overview of the benefits and advantages of the QS profession being specifically recognised as a profession by the United Nations (for example the UN Habitat, etc).

## 11 Reminders and Standing Items

### a. Advantages and Responsibilities of ICEC Members

The meeting noted that any new developments and/or suggestions in this regard should be forwarded directly to the ICEC secretariat. Otherwise the ICEC website ([www.icoste.org](http://www.icoste.org)) could also be viewed for any further developments in this regard.

### b. Best Practices and Technical Standards

The meeting noted that any new developments and/or suggestions in this regard should be forwarded directly to the ICEC secretariat. Otherwise the ICEC website ([www.icoste.org](http://www.icoste.org)) could also be viewed for any further developments in this regard.

### c. Calendar of Events

- The ICEC World Congress 2010 will be held in Singapore from 21 to 27 July 2010

- The ICEC World Congress 2012 will be hosted by the ASAQS in Durban, South Africa from 23 to 27 June 2012. This was confirmed and ratified during the ICEC Congress held in Toronto, Canada during July 2008
- The ICEC International Congress 2014 will be held in Region 2 (Europe) – venue and hosts to be announced and advised
- The meeting noted that any planned functions and/or events should be forwarded directly to the ICEC secretariat on an ongoing basis.

## 12 Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Mr Murtala Oladapo encouraged member associations to have their CPD programmes accredited with the ICEC so that their members can use the post nominals *ICECA* in their personal capacity. It was pointed out that ICEC accredits CPD programmes of member associations and these are renewable every two years.

The meeting also resolved that more emphasis should be placed on undertaking CPD programmes jointly with the AAQS structures. The accreditation of educational programmes to be further investigated as a joint venture within Region 3. The certification of programmes should be better co-ordinated between the ICEC and AAQS organisations to avoid duplication and wasted effort.

## 13 Publications– International Roundup

### a. International Roundup:

The meeting noted the ongoing need to forward articles and newsworthy items directly to the ICEC secretariat for publication in the ICEC *International Roundup*. It was noted that to submit articles in the publication was free of charge and it could freely be downloaded from the ICEC website ([www.icoste.org](http://www.icoste.org)). It provided all member institutions a good opportunity to advertise their activities to the general membership.

Member association were also encouraged to keep their details current and up to date at all times. This should be done at least annually to ensure that the details of their Presidents, etc were regularly updated.

### b. International Standards:

The meeting noted that the current listing is available on the ICEC website ([www.icoste.org](http://www.icoste.org)) for general member use.

## 14 Other Business

### a. Accreditation of Tertiary Institutions

The meeting was advised that the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP), together with the RICS, have jointly accredited 7 Universities and 3 Universities of Technology that currently offer Quantity Surveying programmes in South Africa. The SACQSP had earlier also offered the AAQS to accredit other Universities within some of the Region 3 countries. This accreditation may be done on the request and at the cost of the tertiary institution seeking the accreditation. One such University (Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania) had already taken up this offer and was successfully accredited.

The meeting resolved to encourage other Region 3 Universities to take up this offer and that both the AAQS and ICEC organisations should support and encourage this venture.

b Posthumous DIF Award to Mr Francis Githaiga

As detailed earlier, Mr Francis Githaiga (from Kenya) was posthumously awarded the DIF award at the ICEC Congress held in Toronto, Canada during July 2008. Mr Peter Cox formally handed the award certificate to Mr Dan Kimoro (President of AAQS), who would in turn personally deliver the award to the widow of Mr Githaiga at the next convenient and appropriate occasion.

c Thanks to Organisers

Mr Peter Cox thanked all attendees for their attendance and participation at the meeting. He also thanked the TIQS for their hospitality and all the arrangements.

15 General Comments

The following general suggestions and/or proposals were raised by some of the members present at the meeting:

- Graduate programmes are to be encouraged and supported to attract more academics to the profession
- Standards of new members must be maintained and upheld at all times
- Academics should also be encouraged to assist the practising members.

16 Next Meetings

The following tentative dates for future ICEC Region 3 meetings to be noted for consideration (but these are still subject to confirmation):

- Nairobi, Kenya – October 2009
- Cape Town, South Africa – October 2010
- Durban, South Africa – June 2012.

17 Closure

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and active participation in the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11h05.

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Approval on Minutes:

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**DIRECTOR (REGION 3)**

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