

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

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- **NCC: Aims and Objectives**

- To unify the construction Industry, to promote its well being, to strive to create a profitable environment for its constituents, and to establish a united national platform encompassing formal and informal sectors of the industry and its professions
- To contribute to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Zambia and the uplifting of all its people
- To promote and advance the status and public recognition of NCC, its members and the construction industry
- To promote encourage, support or oppose any legislation or other measures affecting the industry
- To address macro issues affecting the industry
- To co-ordinate, improve and facilitate the accessibility of training
- To strive, achieve, monitor and maintain the highest possible standards in the construction industry
- To add and amend these objects from time to time as decided upon by the National Council

WORKS AND SUPPLY MINISTER URGES PRIVATE SECTOR TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PROBLEMS



Hon. Godden Mandandi, Minister of Works and Supply, Officially opening the NCC workshop at Lilayi Lodge, on his right is the NCC President, Dr. Francis Ndilila

Minister of Works and Supply, Hon. Godden Mandandi has challenged the private sector to put their heads and resources together and solve the many problems facing the Zambian construction industry.

Speaking when he officially opened the NCC workshop, under the theme "The Familiarization and awareness of the NCC", at Lilayi Lodge, Hon. Mandandi called upon the private sector to take the lead through the opportunities given under the governments' free market and find solutions to the many problems facing the Zambian Construction Industry.

The Minister said that since coming to power, the MMD Government has followed the free market led economic principles where the government and his Ministry's role have been reduced to that of merely facilitating the development of the construction industry, with the private sector actually doing the construction business. It was therefore, in this regard that the Hon. Minister called upon the private sector to lead in the search for the many construction problems facing our industry, saying it was the private sector that was at the "forefront" of these

problems and were thus better placed at solving them.

In his introductory remarks and vote of thanks, the NCC President, Dr. Ndilila assured the Minister and the participants that, the NCC would work extra hard and insure that none of its many workshops were "talking shops", He said followed-up-action would be made by the NCC Council and its Secretariat. The Workshop was attended by over 76 participants from a cross section of all players and stakeholders in the construction industry.

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Some participants came from such far away places as Chipata. The Copperbelt Province was very well represented at this same workshop. We further hope that the sale of the (ZCCM) Mines, will now signal the beginning of the revival of the Construction Industry on the Copperbelt Province.

A total of six papers were presented at the workshop. These were:

1. PHI and its role in the
Zambian Construction Industry
2. Building local construc-

tion capacity through RoadSIP

3. Pre-qualifications and Tender Procedures: How conducive are they?
4. Making finance available to the
Zambian Construction Industry: Prospects & Constraints.
5. Land availability and planning permission: What can be done to facilitate development?
6. Foreign Investment & Competition in the
Zambian Construction

market: To whose benefit?

Please note that the Secretariat is finalising the Full workshop manual, which will include all the papers above, questions and answers and including the workshop resolutions. Members and non-members that missed the workshop but would still like to have a copy of the workshop manual should contact the NCC Secretariat, the manual will be on sale, at cost price.

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until is faced”
James Baldwin

NCC LOGO FINALLY UNVEILED

The winning NCC logo was finally unveiled at the one-day NCC workshop held at Lilayi Lodge on 5th May 2000. The Winner of the competition is Mr. Titus Chembo who works for the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) here in Lusaka. He walked

away with the K500,000 first prize cheque, courtesy of Phoenix Contractors. Mr. Elias Mpondela, the Marketing Director for Phoenix Contractors was present at the prize giving ceremony, which was also witnessed by the Hon. Ministry of Works and Supply Hon.

Godden Mandandi and the NCC President, Dr. Francis Ndilila. The second prize of K150,00 was won by Mr. Timothy Manda of Chililabombwe. The second prize cheque was sponsored by the National Council for Construction, after failing to get an outside sponsor!!!

“You can not build a reputation on what you intend doing”

AILING (ZAMBIAN) KWACHA STILL UNDER PRESSURE

The ailing Zambian currency, the Kwacha has continued its down ward trend against major international currencies in the last weeks. The Kwacha is now trading at about 2990 and 3020 Kwacha to a Dollar for buying and selling at most Bureau-De-Changes. Even then, the Dollar has remained scarce, suggesting

that the Kwacha would still be heading for further “devaluation” before it stabilizes. Like we have said before, for us in the Construction Industry, the continued devaluation of the local currency, spells doom for the Industry, considering that most materials have to be imported into this country. Ideally (in theoretical

terms) this continued downward fall of the Kwacha should have acted as a catalyst for promoting the local construction materials subsector of the industry, but unfortunately, our tax regime in this country works against our own local industry, thereby perpetuating the importation of subsidized imported construction materials.

WORLD BANK EXPRESSES CONCERN AT THE LOW LEVEL ZAMBIAN PARTICIPATION UNDER ROADSIP

The World Bank Review mission led by the Senior Operations Officer (Transport), Mr. Brushett was recently in the country to review progress under the (World Bank) IDA loan credit to RoadSIP. The Review Mission was in the country from 16th to the 29th April 2000.

The Review Mission also took time to visit the NCC Secretariat and discuss the Local Capacity Building component under RoadSIP with the NCC President and Executive Secretary on

25th April 2000.

Overall, the world Bank expressed gratitude with the progress made to date under RoadSIP, although they raised concerns with the low level number of Zambian Contractors undertaking works through the programme. The Review team was, however, happy with the level of participation from the Zambian Roads Consultants. In making the above observations, the World bank review team called upon the NCC to make their pres-

ence felt in the industry by promoting the active participation of local contracting companies under RoadSIP.

The NCC was also taken to task for delaying the commissioning of the three Road Based Consultancies, for which funding has already been approved. The three aforementioned consultancies are meant to look at problems facing Small Scale Road Contractors in the areas of project finance, plant hire and acquisition.

"It is nice that the NCC is organising a lot of workshops for the Construction Industry, but they need to go beyond workshops and begin to assist the industry in its many problems, workshops alone are not enough- Mr. Gananadha, Executive Secretary at the National Roads Board (NRB).

THE NATIONAL ROADS BOARD (NRB) GOES FOR PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS

The National Roads Board (NRB) has forthwith decided to start using Performance Contracts in preference to the hitherto Routine maintenance contracts which relied on using Bills Of Quantities (BOQs). We are made to believe that the above de-

cision was passed at the last NRB Board meeting. Subsequently, an ad hoc sub-committee has been formed to work out the modalities and details for implementing the above policy decision.

The NCC Executive Secretary and Councillor, Mr. Ian

Miller will represent the NCC on this sub-committee. It is expected that once this policy decision is fully implemented, our local Small Scale and Labour based Road Contractors will be guaranteed all-year-round contracts for road maintenance.

THE ZAMBIA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (ZIA) ADMITS THREE (3) NEW MEMBERS

The Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) has admitted three new members to its rank and file. The three undermentioned new members were admitted after passing the Institute's Professional Competence Examinations (PCE) which were held on the 29-30 July 1999. A total of eight candidates sat the examination.

The three newly admitted Architects are

1. Mr. Bernard Chongo Mbao
2. Mrs. Eleni Coromuli Mukuka
3. Mr. Harry Boster chiyaba

The next PCE is scheduled for June 2000, reports the April ZIA Newsletter.

To the three new members above, we at the NCC wish to congratulate them most sincerely and further welcome them to the NCC, through their registration and affiliation to the ZIA. To the others that did not make it this time, we would like to encourage you to study hard for the June 2000 Examinations.

**WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION-
MRS. B. M. MUMBA-PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST AT
THE WORLD BANK RESIDENT MISSION-LUSAKA**



Mrs. B.M. Mumba

Q. *What is the best aspect of your job?*

A. Meeting lots of different people and seeing new project sites as each project has its own unique characteristics

Q. *Can you please describe to us, your typical working day.*

A. I am currently working for the World Bank as a Procurement Analyst and the job mainly involves providing procurement support to borrowers, implementing agencies, bidding

committees and Bank Staff in the preparation and implementation of investment and adjustment operations for the World Bank Zambia Portfolio. Therefore, a typical working day would involve the following activities:-

- responding to queries from project implementing units and Bank Staff and providing advice on procurement matters.
- follow up on project specific issues and providing feedback to Bank Staff either at Headquarters or at the

Country Office.

- review of procurement documentation i.e. bidding documents, evaluating reports, contracts etc and preparing reports.
- monitoring of the procurement process of the projects to ensure compliance to World Bank Procurement Guidelines and procedures.
- attending meetings
- reading e-mails and other mail and taking action

Q. *Do you regret becoming an Architect or entering this male dominated industry?*

A. I do not regret becoming an architect as you have the important role of being the team leader of the building team. The male dominance does not really have an effect on being an architect as I regard everybody to be a colleague whether male or female.

Q. *Who has been your greatest inspiration in your life, especially in taking up Architecture as a Career?*

A. My dad, who encouraged me to take up this career since the course was being offered for the first time by the University at that time.

Q. *What has been your favourite design todate?*

A. Le Corbuisier modern architecture designs and Gothic Architecture the
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Lookout for the official launching of the first ever NCC Quarterly Magazine set for Friday 19th May 2000 at the NCC Secretariat starting at 16:00hrs

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Greek Doric structure with their various shapes, design, symmetry are very interesting and fascinating.

Q. *If you could swap jobs, what would you choose to do?*

A. I would not choose to swap jobs because I believe I am contributing to providing a basic human need, shelter, water and sanitation, education and health, through the many different types of projects.

Q. *Which schools, colleges and Universities did you attend?*

A. Grade 1-7, Primary School Education- Northmead Primary School
 Form 1-5, Secondary School - Roma Girls Secondary School
 Bachelor of Architecture - University of Zambia
 Master in Architecture - University of Newcastle Upon Tyne
 Certificate in Computer Aided Engineering - South East London College

Q. *What are your hobbies?*

A. Cooking, gardening and

flower arrangement.

Q. *What piece of advice do you have for the young girls or women intending to take up Architecture or any other construction related job?*

A. I would like many more women to take up the challenge of entering the Construction Industry and that the requirements for entry into these courses are not impossible as is the general belief but very much attainable. I encourage the women to get as much information as possible.

“You can dream , create, design, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality” -Walt Disney (1901-66)

NCC (WINNING) LOGO (BEFORE REFINEMENTS)



Winning logo entry, designed and submitted by Mr. Titus Chembo of Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation

NCC Lilayi Lodge workshop in pictures



**Dr. Francis Ndilila – NCC President
giving a vote of thanks**



**Mr. Ian Miller
NCC Council Member**



Part of the audience



**Ms. Bupe Kaonga
Ministry of Works & Supply**



**Mr. Mwitumwa Mungandi
ZIA President**



**Mr. Nathan De Assis
presenting his paper**

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Forthcoming Construction Trade shows

a. 1st. African Building and Equipment Exhibition

Date and venue: 3-8th 2000-Misurata (Libya)

The SFAX Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Tunisia) will organise with Misurata Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (Libya) the first building and Equipment Exhibition on the 3-8th June 2000. The fair of the City of Misurata (Libya) will host this top business event, to be attended by experts and professionals in the building and its related activities and sectors.

b. 2001 International Builders Show

Date and venue: 9-12th February 2001-Atlanta, Georgia (USA)

The 57th edition of the International Builders show will be held in Atlanta, Georgia (USA) on the 9-12 February 2001. The International Builder's show attracts international attendees from over 100 countries and is open to anyone in the home building or construction industry including Builders, Architects, Engineers, Contractors, Dealers/Distributors, Manufacturers, Land developers and Retailers Visit: www.BuildersShow.com

For more details, please contact the NCC Secretariat

THINKING OF ORGANISING A WORKSHOP / CONFERENCE / SEMINAR? THEN CONTACT NCC SECRETARIAT

The NCC, as part of its activities either on behalf of its members or for independent clients. Organises conferences, workshops and seminars on a variety of topics related to the Construction industry. Resource persons can be drawn if required from its membership of consultants, contractors and Government.

The NCC operates a full time secretariat which is currently situated at Bau House, Plot 1125, Parire-

nyatwa road, Fairview. The NCC also provides the following services; Photocopying, fax, e-mail, typing and internet facilities.

To organise a workshop/conference/seminar the independent client or member organization will have to:

Make a request in writing stipulating the type of service required

Pay a non-refundable commitment fee of US\$250

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