

## 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

## CONSTRUCTION (STATISTICS AND) DATA VITAL IN MODERN INDUSTRY-HON. FIDELIS MANDO



Hon. Fidelis Mando M.P. , Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Officially launching the NCC "CONSTRUCTION NEWS"

The Zambian Construction Industry needs to have all the necessary construction data if it is to survive in our modern global market, says Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Hon. Mando. Speaking at the official launching of "Construction News, a Quarterly Magazine of the National Council for Construction (NCC), Hon. Mando said that although the Magazine was being launched a few years late, it was indeed a welcome development for the Zambian construction industry. The Minister also urged the Zambian Construction Industry to take

advantage of the newly launched magazine to compete locally and internationally, saying information gathering and dissemination plays an important role in the success of any business undertaking.

The Minister urged the NCC to make **Construction News** a truly national magazine by incorporating views and articles from the remotest parts of the country. Hon. Mando also challenged the editorial Board of the Magazine to become the medium through which the industry could speak, "We will also expect that **Construction News** will act as a medium through

*which our local construction industry will make their voice heard, by way of suggestions and positive criticism to government", he said..*

While praising the NCC for launching the Magazine, Hon. Mando however, cautioned the NCC through its Editorial Board against erratic production of the magazine in future. *Please observe consistence in your production schedules. Readers tend to lose confidence in publications which are characterized by*

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## CONSTRUCTION (STATISTICS AND) DATA VITAL IN MODERN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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*erratic production. Such publications, more often than not, have died what some people refer to as natural death.* The Minister also called upon the NCC and through its Editorial Board to be bold enough and publish articles or letters from the readership of the magazine which were critical of some of the performances of the National Council for Construction. Speaking before he called upon the Deputy Minister of Information and Broadcasting to officially launch

the Magazine, the NCC President, Dr. Ndilila called upon the whole Zambian Construction Industry to support the new magazine. Dr. Ndilila said that the launching of Construction News was meant to benefit the whole construction industry and not just the NCC, he went on to say that the success or failure of Construction News would, therefore, depend on the support that the industry would give to the Magazine. The NCC Chief also took advantage of the occasion to announce that

the NCC was also developing its own website, in line with its mandate of disseminating vital construction data and statistics. In a vote of thanks to the Minister's speech, Mr. Mungandi, President of ZIA thanked the Zambian Government for the support and assistance rendered to the NCC. Thereafter, this auspicious occasion, which included the Minister, his delegation and many others moved to the Brown Frog for a social evening.

*"The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources" Albert Einstein*

## TENDERS FOR 200 NO. PHI HOUSES (LUSAKA AND COPPERBELT) OUT

The Zambia National Tender Board (ZNTB) has finally advertised the long awaited PHI houses on the Copperbelt. Tenders however include some (infill) houses to be built in Lusaka. Answering a query from the NCC Executive Secretary, on forthcoming construction

tenders, the ZNTB Board Secretary, Mrs. E. M. M. Sikanyika said that the 200 PHI houses were the only construction related tenders that ZNTB had at the moment, she however, promised to keep the NCC fully informed on any new construction related tenders in

future. Forthwith, therefore, the NCC Monthly Newsletter will be carrying construction related tender notice page. Consultants and Contractors should therefore look out for this page. We wish all members the very best of luck as they tender for these jobs.

*"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity" Albert Einstein*

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES PICKING UP ON THE COPPERBELT?

There has of late been conflicting stories from the Copperbelt province on the long awaited (economic and) construction industry recovery, following the successful privatisation of the Copper mines. Whereas, some Zambian registered construction companies already seem to be benefiting from the successful pri-

vatation of the Mines, there is still an out cry from most other local consultants and contractors that the coming in of the new owners has yet to benefit them. One of the most common complaint so far, has been the question of where and how construction tenders for the rehabilitation of the houses and mine plant by

the new owners are being advertised. Suffice to say, that NCC secretariat did come across an advert in one of our national dailies inviting contractors to register with one of the newly privatized mines. We further note with regret that, the construction of the Shopping complex in Kitwe, be it at the former ZOO or at Chisokone Market

## NCC HOLDS ITS SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The National Council For Construction (NCC) held its second Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 9th June 2000, at the Marco-Polo Club in the Show grounds. The meeting was well attended and saw the inclusion of two more new members representing the Universities, being the University of Zambia, (UNZA) School of Engineering (Department of Civil Engineering) and the Copperbelt University belt (CBU), School of the Built Environment.

The NCC President, Dr. Ndilila outlined the main activities and achievements of the NCC during the 1999/2000 financial year. He said that the operations of the NCC were initially disrupted following the resignation of the first Executive Secretary, but later picked up with the recruitment of the interim Executive Secretary and eventually with the substantive Executive Secretary.

The members expressed happiness with the pro-

gress that had so far been achieved. However, to improve on members participation in the activities of the Council, the AGM proposed the formation of a number of sub-committees.

The meeting also raised the 2000/2001 annual subscription fees from the current K100,000 to US\$1,000.00 per affiliate member.

The meeting ended with elections of a New executive Committee shown on page 5 of this Newsletter.

*“Be like a postage stamp, Stick to one thing until you get there”*

*-Josh Billings*

## DUTY ON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS REMAINS UNCHANGED- COURTESY OF ABCEC

The Zambian Government has reversed its earlier budgetary decision to increase duty on corrugated iron roof sheets and re-bar, reports the Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors (ABCEC) in a memorandum to all its members. The above de-

velopment means that duty on corrugated iron sheets remains at 15% while that on re-bar remains at 0%. The Government was forced to rethink duty on the above construction materials after representation from the ABCEC to the Ministry of

Finance.

On behalf of all other construction stakeholders in the country, we wish to say a very big thank you to the ABCEC. It pays to talk as one big voice. As an industry, let us continue to fight for reduced taxes and unfair business legislation.

*“Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance” -Samuel Johnson*

## NCC SETS UP (CONSTRUCTION) EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE

In its continued efforts to improve the quality of construction goods and services of the Zambian construction industry, The national Council for Construction has set up the **Education and training sub-committee**. The Committee will be headed by Mr. Phil Turner, of Turner Construction and a member of the NCC National Council.

Among its many functions under its Terms Of Reference (TOR) will be the assisting of our construction schools and centers, both public and private, adjusting their curriculum to meet the needs of the modern Zambian Construction Industry. The committee will be looking at all levels of construction education and training, i.e.

from trades training to University education. It is also hoped that the committee will also assist in reviving the now discarded Continued Professional Development for our already qualified professionals. We hope the joining of the two Universities to the NCC will facilitate this process and benefit the two Universities.

**WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION-**

MRS. EMELLY N. MUYAKWA VALUATION SURVEYOR WITH ANDERSON AND ANDERSON INTERNATIONAL



*Mrs. Emelly N. Muyakwa*

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

A. Knowing that I have provided valuation services, someone (client) has gained and is able to improve his/her investment for what I have done.

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

A. The knowledge that if I have not performed my duties to the best of my profession, liability lies ahead.

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

- Arrive for work at 07:30
- Offer a prayer of guidance for the day
- Check the appointments for the day

- On a busy day I would be out in the field for inspections i.e. properties (Buildings) by about 08:30 or earlier.
- Back in the office and start gathering data for the valuation, liaise with other Surveyors and prepare and submit reports to the client.
- Meeting clients inquiring on Valuation, Property Management/ Development, Estate Agency, etc.,
  - Answer the telephone
  - By 17:00 hours the working day is over but occasionally, certain assignments end up being completed with

added extra hours at home – for this thanks to my family that allows this over-load.

**Q. Do you regret becoming a Valuation Surveyor or entering this male dominated industry?**

A. I have no regret of being a Valuation Surveyor and among my fellow professional, I appreciate the respect they accord me as an individual. The good thing is that more ladies have now entered this profession which in a way is good.

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

A. When I chose Valuation Surveying at School, there was very little that I knew about the profession. However, after completing my training and started work, I have stuck to being a Valuation Surveyor due to a number of individuals (all males) that inspired me. Two names will always remain prominent for their inspiration in the male dominated profession – **George H. Hamusonde** of Equity Consultant Surveyors & Valuers and **Musonda S Kasase** of Anderson + Anderson International.

**Q. What has been your favourite job to-date?**

A. Valuation of Agriculture Properties as long as it does not involve

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## FOR THE RECORD

*In our previous and first issue of the Construction News Magazine, on page 5, we showed a membership structure which might have purported to show that our affiliate members under the NCC are structured in an hierarchical system, when this is not the case. We wish to further reaffirm the fact that in the NCC, all our affiliate members are treated and have the same rights and privileges. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that the aforementioned membership structure might have caused.*

chattels – maybe due to growing up in an agricultural setting.

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

**A.** If I were to swap jobs, I am sure I would go for Land Surveying. I love out-door jobs.

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

- Secondary School Education (Form I – V) – Rusangu Secondary School in Monze

- Universities – Copperbelt University (University of Zambia – Ndola Campus at that

time) – obtained a B.Sc. (Land Economy).

**Q. What are your future plans, career wise?**

**A** If chance allows – go back to school and obtain higher qualifications.

**Q. What are your hobbies?**

**A.** Among my many hobbies, listening to and singing Christian music comes first.

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

**A.** To every young girl who can notice that a certain profession is male dominated, close your eyes and go for that profession. The notion that there are some jobs only meant for men should never cross one's mind. Traditionally we have been told that, the woman in a home runs the kitchen, but the best cooks in exclusive hotels are men. So why not challenge their domination in other fields.

Above all, have self confidence and  
**TRUST IN GOD**

## THE NCC EXECUTIVE AND NATIONAL COUNCILS AFTER FRIDAYS' (9TH JUNE 2000) AGM

### Executive Council

President-Dr. F. M. Ndilila  
Vice President- Mr. A. Luring  
Vice President- Mr. M. Mungandi  
Executive Secretary- Dr. M. S. Mashamba Ex-Officio

### National Council

President-Dr. F. M. Ndilila  
Vice President- Mr. A. Luring  
Vice President- Mr. M. Mungandi

### Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors

Mr. B. Lumbwe  
Mr. L. Smart  
Mr. P. Turner

### Association of Consulting Engineers of Zambia

Mr. J. Kaluwa  
Mr. I. Miller

### Copperbelt University

School of the Built Environment-Mr. Kambole

### Ministry of Works and Supply

Buildings Department-Mr. Jere  
Headquarters-Ms. B. Kaonga  
Roads Department- Mr. Chilundika

### National Roads Board

MR. Kaunda-Representing Mr. R. Jhala

### Surveyors Institute of Zambia

Mr. A. Kasito  
Mr. R. Mwanza

### University of Zambia

School of Engineering-Dr. Muya

### Zambia Institute of Architects

Mr. D. Savic

One nomination to be made by ZIA following the election of Mr. Mungandi to the post of Vice President

### Secretary

Executive Secretary-Dr. M. S. Mashamba

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## **Forthcoming events and tenders**

### ***A. Construction Forum***

*The National Council for Construction wishes to invite all stakeholders and other interested parties/individuals to its inaugural Construction Forum.*

**VENUE:** The Pamodzi Hotel  
**DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2000  
**TIME:** 17:30 hours

**TOPIC:** ***THE LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL'S VISION WITH RESPECT TO THE QUALITY OF STRUCTURES IN THE CITY – THE WAY FORWARD***

**GUEST OF HONOUR:** The Deputy Mayor, Mr. Patrick Kangwa

**SPEAKERS:** Director of City Planning & OTHERS

**Admission: K5,000 per person**

**Cash Bar Available**

### ***B. Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) Professional Competence Examinations (PCE)***

***Date and Venue: 27th July 2000-Building Department-Lusaka***

*The Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) will hold their 2000 Professional Competence Examinations on the 27th July 2000, at the Government Building Department in Lusaka. All those candidates wishing to sit for these exams should contact the Chairman, Registration Committee.*

*Zambia Institute of Architects  
C/O Professional Centre of Zambia  
P.O. Box 34730*

*Lusaka*

*Please note that, the closing date for applications is Friday 23rd July 2000, at 17:00 hrs.*

### ***C. Materials and Technologies for low Cost Housing in Africa-30th June –9th July 2000***

*UNIDO in conjunction with the Indian Government will hold an exhibition-cum Seminar on Materials and technologies for Low Cost Housing in Africa from 30th June to 9th July 2000, in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.*

***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, Parirenyatwa 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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