

# CONSTRUCTION NEWS

## ON GOING CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION SCHEME: WILL IT STOP SHODDY AND RUN AWAY CONTRACTORS?

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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



NCC Board Members and Contractor Associations Representatives at the Launch of the NCC Registration

In accordance with the provisions of the NCC Act No. 13 of 2003, the National Council for Construction (NCC) has finally started registering all construction contractors countrywide. Although the registration scheme was widely published with sensitisation workshops in Livingstone, Ndola and finally in Lusaka, it is quite clear for those of us at the secretariat that very few politicians, clients, consultants, contractors and unfortunately some Government and Parastatal officials who should know better, are still very ignorant of the provisions of the aforementioned Act. On the other hand, it is equally clear that those clients, consultants and even politicians very vested with the same provisions have very high

expectations in that they expect to see positive results today and not tomorrow.

Clearly, the NCC Act, and in particular its provisions with respect to the contractor registration was enacted with a deliberate aim of arresting the hitherto problem that the country has been facing with respect to shoddy works and run away contractors. The NCC Act was also enacted with the intention of raising the capacity of local contractors, hence the transferring and renaming of the former Roads Department Training School to Construction School under the NCC. The transferring/inclusion of the Construction School under the NCC was done after the realisation by the powers-that-be

that the problem with our local contractors failing to perform had a lot to do with their limited capacity in terms of capital, plant, equipment and human resources. The Construction School is therefore meant to train and re-train our local contractors in demand-driven short courses, otherwise not offered by our existing training institutions. The NCC has no intention of competing with our existing construction based training institutions. Unless, we empower our local contractors and indeed local consultants with latest and appropriate skills, they will forever lag behind their foreign counterparts. It is thus not true to say that the

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## Construction industry in another (2004) double digit annual growth rate

*“If it can go wrong it will”*  
*Murphy’s Law*

NCC has abandoned its key objective of regulating the industry for training, and thus competing with TEVETA. On the contrary, the NCC is working hand in hand with TEVETA in developing and executing our construction based curricular. In any case, TEVETA has a seat on our Board of Directors to ensure that the above is adhered to.

Coming back to the essence and expectations from the NCC Act, it must be pointed out from the outset that the NCC Act only registers construction based contractors and merely affiliates consultants i.e. Architects through the Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA), (only Construction based) Engineers through the Association of consulting Engineers of Zambia (ACEZ) and Surveyors through the Surveyors Institute of Zambia (SIZ).

The above, therefore means, that whilst the NCC has powers to determine who qualifies to practice the business of contracting in this country, it has no similar powers over the consultants. The mandate and powers to determine who qualifies to be an Architect, Engineer, or Surveyor is vested with their respective Institutions. It would be wrong if we gave the impression that the NCC is only concerned with contracting matters in the industry, because the truth of the matter is far from the perceived impression above. For instance, all the above mentioned consulting institutions are members of the NCC Board of Directors; save to mention that these construction consultants have Acts of Parliament to regulate their professional conduct and

business conduct older than the NCC Act. Complaints concerning construction consultants can, however, still be brought to the attention of the NCC, who will in turn liaise with the concerned consultant’s professional Institution.

Contrary to certain opinions, the above situation is not to say that the NCC is above these profession Institutions or the other way around, it is merely a very convenient and practical way of doing business.

To arrest the hitherto problems associated with shoddy and runaway contractors, the NCC has thus devised a very detailed and laborious contractor registration form which tries to probe and assess the varying capacities of the applying contractors, and finally place them in their deserving categories. Consequently, therefore, contractors will forthwith only be allowed to conduct business in those categories in which they are registered. i. e. a contractor registered in a lower grade will not be allowed to tender, let alone carry out works that requires capacities higher than they have. Similarly, contractors registered in a higher category will not be allowed to tender for construction works below the grade they are registered, so as to allow small contractors compete among their own equals and thus accord them an opportunity to grow. Another very important point to note is that the NCC license will only be valid for one calendar year, and contractors will have to renew their licenses every year and accordingly demonstrate that they have the capacity to either remain in their registered category/grade or move to a higher category/grade. Those

that will be found to have lost some of their initial capacity will accordingly be down-graded or outrightly deregistered. The NCC will also be carrying out countrywide random checks to ascertain that contractors maintain their registered capacities throughout the year. Those that will be found to be engaging in unprofessional conduct will equally be penalized or again outrightly be deregistered even before the expiry of the current license.

It should also be pointed out that the NCC Act now makes it illegal for foreign construction consultants and contractors to conduct business here in Zambia, for work which could otherwise be done by Zambian consultants and contractors. Only in instances where there are no capable Zambian consultants and contractors will the NCC allow foreign firms and companies to carry such works. The law (NCC Act), however, encourages foreign construction firms and companies to go into Joint Ventures (JV) with Zambian firms and companies, as a way of building local construction capacities. It is for this reason that all construction firms are now being asked to clearly indicate on the registration/affiliation form the nationality of their shareholders. Under the NCC Act, only the NCC has the mandate to give permission to foreign construction firms and companies to carry out work here in Zambia.

No doubt, the task of correcting the ills of our industry will not be achieved in a day or months, but over a period of time and will also require the support and positive participation of all the stakeholders if it is to succeed.

## COMING SOON: ASSOCIATION FOR MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

At the centre of all efforts and initiatives to regulate the Zambian construction industry is the enforcement of standards. It has been recognised that in order to effectively regulate the industry, a wholesome approach that encompasses all sub-sectors of construction is necessary.

To that end, the NCC facilitated the establishment of an association of manufacturers and suppliers of construction materials for the following reasons:

- To strengthen representation on the NCC Board.
- To protect the inter-

ests of local manufacturers and suppliers.

- To establish and enforce minimum standards of construction materials.

An interim committee has been constituted to deal with the preliminary issues required for the formation of the association of Manufacturers and Suppliers of construction materials.

Speaking at the Inaugural meeting, the Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) President, Mr. Douglas Katengo highlighted concerns from Consultants regarding the manufacture and supply of con-

struction materials, which affected construction projects. These included:

- Supply and delivery within the stipulated time-frame
- Quality of products
- The need for technical back-up

It was strongly suggested that standards of construction materials be reviewed or established; hence, support be provided to the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS) to ensure that minimum standards are established and enforced in the industry.

## FIRE SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

Following a series of fires that have gutted various buildings in Lusaka recently, the Industrial Training Centre (ITC) is planning to hold a Symposium on Fire Safety in conjunction with the NCC.

The symposium is intended for individuals involved in design, construc-

tion and management of buildings; local authorities; and other relevant stakeholders.

A number of topics will be discussed covering prevention of fires; techniques of enhancing fire safety; fire-proof materials; and, fire safety equipment and installations.

This symposium is vital to the preservation and maintenance of building infrastructure in Zambia, it is therefore, hoped that as many stakeholders as possible will be able to attend. For further details, please contact the NCC Secretariat or Mr. Mwale at ITC.

*"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."*  
Bill Cosby

## NCC UNKNOWN AS CONTRACTORS

### MAKE HEADLINES

Contractors have in the recent past made headlines in the national press especially with Members of Parliament calling for better practices among local contractors.

Random surveys however, show that only a fraction of people in

Zambia know about NCC and not many of those know what the NCC does.

The NCC recognises that in order to successfully monitor contractors and enforce construction regulations, the public needs to be adopted as a partner. As such, the

NCC has this year planned activities aimed at public awareness. This would enhance the policing of construction activities and reporting of malpractices.

It is time the public participated in protecting their interests.

## THE AFRICAN UNION OF ARCHITECTS AUA – COUNCIL MEETING DAKAR (2005)



Ar. Douglas Katengo, ZIA President (extreme left) in one of the AUA Sessions

*“Work expands to fill the time available for its completion.”*

*Parkinson’s Law*

The Zambia Institute of Architects was represented by Ar. Chisabwe D. Katengo (President- ZIA) at this year’s AUA council session on 9-13 February 2005. The AUA held its 28<sup>th</sup> Council hosted by the Ordre des Architectes du Senegal (ONAS) in Dakar, Senegal. The Council meeting had in its attendance Architects from all the five regions North (Algeria and Egypt were present), West (Senegal, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria, Mauritania, Togo and Benin were present), Central (Congo DR was present); East (Mauritius was present) and Southern (South Africa and Zambia were present). The Council meeting, which was at the le Meridien- President,

opened with a Welcome Cocktail at the hotel and was followed by full Meeting Sessions on 9-11 February and was capped on the 12<sup>th</sup> February with a visit to Goree Island (Famous for its slave trade stops)

Amongst the crucial matters discussed were:

1. Endorsement of ‘Durban 2011- Union of International Architects Congress’ bid
2. Endorsement of Gaetan Siew (Secretary General- AUA/Vice President-UIA Region-V) as Presidential Candidate for UIA Instabul in July 2005.
3. Endorsement of Resolu-

tions of 27<sup>th</sup> Session of AUA Council meeting.

4. AUA Abuja Congress May 2005
5. The Dakar declaration whose thrust was to urge AUA Council to concentrate on development Education and Professional Practice.
6. Council accepted the membership of Benin into its ranks.

In Conclusion it was a worthwhile, session considering ZIA’s absence for a while. There was a proposal, also subject to endorsement by next Congress in Abuja, to adopt Ar. CD Katengo as council member for the southern region.

## WARNING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The National Council for Construction (NCC) wishes to inform the General Public that only contractors registered, and consultants (Architects, Surveyors and Engineers) affiliated with the NCC should be engaged for any construction works. This is in accordance with the NCC Act No.13 of 2003, which prohibits the award of contracts to unregistered contractors and unaffiliated consultants.

Please note that it is a serious offence for the client to engage a construction firm that is not registered or affiliated with the NCC; and, for a construction firm to undertake construction works if it is not registered or affiliated with the NCC.

All parties wishing to engage contractors are therefore advised to ensure that:

- The contractors are registered with the NCC.
- Correct and transparent procurement procedures are followed.
- Only contractors with the relevant capacity are engaged to carry out the required works.

The public is further warned that it is an offence to engage foreign construction firms to carry out construction work in Zambia without the approval of the NCC.

All interested parties and potential clients of the construction industry may obtain the list of all registered contractors and consultants from the NCC. Contractors are classified according to their capacity and specialization, and are, therefore, only allowed to carry out the works in the categories and grades they are registered in.

Note that the NCC Registration Scheme is intended to protect the interests of the public in that it offers a range of appropriate skills and capacity to ensure value for money.

The NCC Act also provides for appropriate action in form of a fine or imprisonment or both, for any defaulting Contractor. Similarly, Consultants (Architects, Surveyors and Engineers) are regulated by their respective Acts. Therefore, the public is further advised to submit all complaints against contractors to the NCC in writing, at the address below, in order to facilitate the necessary action.

The Executive Director  
National Council for Construction  
P. O. Box 39548  
Lusaka, Zambia.

Tel: 240386/247185/244004  
Fax: 243115  
E-mail: [ncc1@zamnet.zm](mailto:ncc1@zamnet.zm)

*“Women are part of society and should be regarded as such. They must defend themselves and progress in their studies to improve their welfare.”*  
Maria Cristina Lopez

# NOTICE

## NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CONSTRUCTION

### REGISTRATION AND REGULATION DEPARTMENT

#### Provincial Trips

##### Purpose

1. Follow up on Registration Process
  - a. Verify registration process
  - b. Provide technical and material support to Provincial Registration Committees
2. Monitor construction Activities
  - a. Establish status of construction projects in the Province
  - b. Carry out spot inspections on selected construction sites
  - c. Convene public hearings
  - d. Discuss development plans with decision-making bodies
3. Conduct sensitization programmes
  - a. Meet with all relevant stakeholders in the Province to discuss the following:
    - i. The role of NCC
    - ii. The NCC Registration Scheme
    - iii. The importance of the Construction Industry to the economy
    - iv. Provincial Construction Projects and Programmes
  - b. Supply brochures and publications

*“God made all children and He loves them, so all people should do that. We are important we are very special.”*  
Ellie Linehan

<u>Province</u>	<u>Date</u>
Copperbelt	4 - 8 April, 2005
North-Western	11 – 15 April, 2005
Northern	8 – 22 April, 2005
Luapula	25 – 29 April, 2005
Western	4 - 8 April, 2005
Eastern	11 – 15 April, 2005
Southern	18 – 22 April, 2005
Central	25 – 29 April, 2005
Lusaka	3-6 May, 2005

Please note that the dates may be affected by unforeseen circumstances; however, any changes will be communicated to the relevant parties at least one (1) week beforehand.

# Tenders

**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & CO-OPERATIVES**

Reference No: MA/EP/AD/01/01/2005

Date: March 2005

**ADB Loan Number: 2100150001089: ADB Loan Name: ADF-ASIP Support in Eastern Province**

1. The **Government of Republic of Zambia** has received a loan from the African Development Fund towards the cost of **Rehabilitation, Alterations & Additions to existing buildings and Construction of new Infrastructure at various Agriculture Centers in Eastern Province – Zambia** and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for Rehabilitations, Alterations & Additions to existing buildings and Construction of new Infrastructure at various Agriculture Centers in Eastern Province – Zambia (MA/EP/AD/01/01/2005). Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the ADB's Rules of Procedure for Procurement of Goods and Works.
2. The Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operatives invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of Rehabilitations, Alterations to existing buildings and Construction of new Infrastructure at various Agriculture Centers in Eastern Province – Zambia.
3. Interested eligible Bidders are requested to come and purchase a set of bidding documents (and additional copies) from:

The office of the Head, Procurement and Suppliers Unit, Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operatives, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 310, Mulungushi House, P.o Box 50197, Ridgeway, Lusaka Tel/Fax: 260-1-253946 Tel: 260-1-252651.

At a non-refundable fee of K1,000,000.00 for each Lot or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.

4. Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by security of (As Tabulated below) or its equivalent in a convertible currency, and shall be delivered opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

<b>Lot 1</b>	<b>Chama District</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>
<b>Lot 2</b>	<b>Lundazi District</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>
<b>Lot 3</b>	<b>Chipata North &amp; South</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>
<b>Lot 4</b>	<b>Chadiza District</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>
<b>Lot 5</b>	<b>Mambwe District</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>
<b>Lot 6</b>	<b>Katete District</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>
<b>Lot 7</b>	<b>Petauke District</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>
<b>Lot 8</b>	<b>Nyimba District</b>	<b>2% of Bid Price</b>

5. Qualified domestic contractors will be eligible to receive a margin of Ten (10%) percent, in Bid evaluation. **However, Telefax bids will not be accepted.**

Chishimba P. Wanchinga  
Head  
Procurement and Supplies Unit  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES.**

*“While the law is a useful tool in the fight against corruption, it can only be effective if it went beyond its legal limits and embraced the moral norms and values.”*

*Simon Kabanda*

## Notice

### ZESCO

#### Power Rehabilitation Project (PRP) Gwembe Tonga Development Project (GTDP)

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Construction of Drainage Structures on Munyumbwe – Chipepo Road

Reference No: CR. 3042-ZM/GTD/55

Zesco Limited has received a Loan from the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) towards the cost of Zambia Power Rehabilitation Project, of which the Gwembe Tonga Development Project is an inherent component. It is intended that part of the proceeds from this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Rehabilitation of Road Drainage structures on the Munyumbwe – Chipepo Harbour section of the Bottom Road. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.

The bidding process will be conducted using the World Bank procurement Guides.

1. ZESCO Ltd now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the above Road Drainage Structures. The works shall entail, clearing of virgin/cultivated land, earth-works, masonry construction, mass and reinforced concrete construction.
2. Bidding documents may be purchased at ZESCO Limited, at the address for a non-refundable fee of K500,000 (Five Hundred thousand kwacha only) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
3. Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by bid security of 2% of bid price in a convertible currency, and shall be delivered to The Director – PRP at the address below on or before 14.30 hours, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2005, at which time they will be opened in the presence of Bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.

The site visit will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005 starting from Munyumbwe Council Officer, Time: 09.00 hours, Zambian Time. On the same date, a post site visit meeting will be held at Mayfair Guest House in Chisekesi, time: 16.00 hours, Zambian time.

4. Queries and/or clarifications MUST be made in writing and sent to:

The Director, Power Rehabilitation Project (PRP), Stand 6949, Great East Road, P. O Box 33304, Lusaka, Zambia Telefac: + 260-1-239343, +260-1- 223970  
Email: zprp@zesco.co.zm or prpzesco@zamnet.zm

*“We are all  
responsible for this  
continent, meaning  
we have to find  
means of developing  
it.”*

*Ambassador Jean-Marie  
Dikanga Kazadi*

## NCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Notices

### ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT THE NCC SECRETARIAT

We wish to notify you that the National Council for Construction has since merged with the Roads Training School as stipulated in the NCC Act No. 13 of 2003.

Find below the new contact Telephone and Fax numbers:

General Lines:	(With extensions to all offices)	260-1-247185
		260-1-240386
Fax Lines: (Administration)		260-1-243115
	(Construction School)	260-1-247264
Executive Director (Direct Line)		260-1-244004
Technical Advisor (Direct Line)		260-1-245746

### WORKSHOP/TRAINING FACILITIES AT NCC

This serves to inform all NCC members and stakeholders that the NCC Secretariat provides workshop, meeting and training facilities at economic fees.

Meeting/training rooms are free for NCC affiliate organisations (ACEZ, ABCEC, SIZ, NASSC, and ZIA) however, they will be required to pay for refreshments and food wherever necessary.

Details of the charges can be obtained from Mrs. Barbara Lukhanda on 01 247105/240386.

*“You cannot have an  
identity if you do not  
know where you came  
from.”*

*Salome Siansowe*

**National Council for Construction**

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develop Zambia*



**The NCC invites all stakeholders of the Zambian Construction Industry to participate in various promotional activities for the industry.**

**ADVERTISING RATES**

	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>FIRMS</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	0.00	20,000.00
<b>Magazine (per issue)</b>	0.00	0.00
Full Colour - Full page	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Full Colour - Half page	2,200,000.00	2,200,000.00
Full Colour - Quarter page	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00
Full Colour - Eighth page	800,000.00	800,000.00
Black plus one spot colour - Full page	3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00
Black plus one spot colour - Half page	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
Black plus one spot colour - Quarter page	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Black plus one spot colour - Eighth page	600,000.00	600,000.00
<b>Website</b>	0.00	50,000.00
<b>Brochures</b>	2,000,000.00	0.00
<b>Adverts and Notices</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Exhibitions (per Event)</b>	2,000,000.00	500,000.00
<b>Public Presentations</b>	0.00	5,000,000.00
<b>Radio and Television Programmes (x 13 series)</b>	-	-
Spot Advert - up to 2 minutes	-	3,000,000.00
5 minutes documentary and advert	0.00	5,000,000.00
15 minute documentary (15 min) and advert	5,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
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All interested parties may contact the following for details:

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