



Central Chapter Newsletter



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Chapter Officer



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Chairman's Message

The Central Chapter has been on the forefront in advocating for membership issues that keep arising.

Top on our list is the inter-county trade issue, which has not only affected manufacturers in the county, but proven to be a major bottleneck for the ease of doing business in the entire country.

The Council of Governors has taken up the issue and even though they may appear to be taking a little bit longer to resolve it, the matter is picking pace. Key priority issues are; Trade, fees and charges, infrastructure, and physical planning.

The Association's Membership Help Desk (MHD) has recorded a surge in the number of impounded delivery vehicles. As such, we wish to reiterate the following key pointers to our members:

- If you engage transporters (with a delivery note) in supplying manufactured goods to your distributors, they don't require the distribution license. The distributor receiving the goods does. This therefore means that your goods shouldn't be impounded.
- There have been reports of rogue county enforcement officers harassing distributors. If possible, verify the authenticity of the officer engaging your vehicle.
- If your company is engaged in distribution, they require a distribution license. Each vehicle should have a copy of the license, which they produce to the enforcement officers. The best strategy is to zone-off your distribution network, so that only certain vehicles operate in specific areas.



- Branding fees vary within the different counties. Due diligence is required while visiting new markets. Contact the chapter office if you are unsure about any of regulatory issues.
- Once your vehicle is impounded, contact the Chapter Officer ASAP. Do not issue bribes.
- The following is a list of all the regional officers, to be contacted in case a crisis emanates:

NAME OF OFFICER	REGION	CONTACT NO:
ALEX OGUTU	South Rift Chapter (Nakuru & Surrounding Regions)	0725-129042
EDITH KOSKE	North Rift Chapter (Eldoret & Surrounding Areas)	0722-387745
EDITH MOROTI	Eastern Region Chapter (Machakos & Surrounding Areas)	0725-091266
ERIC OCHIENG	Nyanza/Western Chapter (Kisumu & Surrounding Areas)	0721-654108
ROBERT JUMA	Industrial Area Chapter Nairobi	0722-415387
SUSAN GITAU	Coast Chapter (Mombasa & Surrounding Areas)	0701-849935
JACKSON MUTUMA	Central Chapter (Thika & Surrounding Areas)	0719 161927

Anup Bid,
Central Chapter Chairman

Central Chapter Committee Meets

The Central Chapter held its committee meeting on the 6th of September 2018.

Highlights from the meeting include the:

- Rollout of the TVET program, where the Chapter intends to support its own TVET Officer,
- The upcoming CSR, where membership involvement is being sought and
- The Chapter AGM slotted for November

This information will be communicated to you in due course.

Power Advocacy Engagement with Kenya Power

Power is a major factor in the production process. The chapter has been in constant engagement with the Kenya Power and Lighting Company, to ensure arising issues related to power are resolved in the most effective means possible.

This month, the Chapter Committee will meet with the regional leadership of the company, to discuss the power issues raised by members. In this regard, we urge you, our members to support us by filling the power advocacy tracker form; which was shared with you.

This meeting will set precedence to a yet to be confirmed tour of the chapter by the KPLC Managing Director, CEO and other senior officials to ascertain the challenges facing manufacturers in relation to access to power.

Kiambu County hosts the Cottage Industry Exhibition



On the 25th of August, the Kiambu County under the leadership of Hon. Gathoni wa Muchomba, the Woman Rep hosted the Kiambu Cottage industrialists event at Mangu High School.

The exhibition, sought to support the over 500 SMEs

by the Affirmative Action Fund and other BMOs in promoting their merchandize, while attracting investment for growth.

Over 25 foreign investors from Asia, senior government officials and politicians attended the event, which has now been elevated to be held annually. Members can contact the Chapter Officer to exhibit, sponsor or advertise during forthcoming events.

KNOW YOUR CHAPTER COMMITTEE

KAM Central Chapter committee has 9 members drawn from members within the region;

1. Anup Bid (Jetlak Foods Ltd) – Chairman
 2. Maina Ruo (Kenya Nut Ltd) – Vice Chairman (Infrastructure – Energy)
 3. Hiten Shah (Bakex Millers Ltd) – Member (Trade and Tax)
 4. Suhash Shah (Kenrub Ltd) – Member (Trade and Tax)
 5. Geraldine Wangia (Mjengo Ltd) – Member (Membership)
 6. Eng. Gathiriki Kamanu (Vallem Concrete) – Member (Infrastructure – Roads)
 7. Peter Giathi (BATA Shoe Company) – Member (Legal and Regulatory)
 8. Ezra Mereng (KVM) – Member
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Upcoming Chapter Events

1. Open Forum engagement with Kiambu County governor
2. Open Chapter Members Forum with KPLC - 18th September 2018.
3. Chapter AGM - November 23rd, 2018.

