

# Central Chapter October Newsletter



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## **Chairman's Message**

The Central Chapter has been particularly keen on prioritising members issues as soon as they arise.

In collaboration with the various industry players and other stakeholders, including the county governments, we have incorporated a holistic approach to addressing membership challenges.

Inter-county trade remains to be a major bottleneck affecting the ease of doing business within the region.

During the just concluded public consultations forum for the 2018/19 Finance Bill for Kiambu County, the Chapter Office, together with other stakeholders engaged the county assembly to submit memoranda over the same. The process is ongoing for the rest of the counties in the chapter.

On power advocacy, the Chapter hosted the KPLC/KAM Cocktail forum that aimed to address power challenges affecting members.

Other priority issues that we continue to pursue include Trade, fees and charges, inter-county trade, infrastructure, and physical planning.

**Anup Bid,  
Chapter Chapter Chairman**



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## KAM Launches the Sector Deep-dive Report



KAM Timber Sector Chair Mr Hitesh Mediratta, KAM Vice Chair Mr Mucai Kunyiha, KAM Chair Mr Sachen Gudka at the launch of the KAM Sector DeepDive Report.

KAM is a key partner to the National Government as it sets out to promote the role of the manufacturing sector in driving Kenya's economic growth and development.

On October 18th, 2018 KAM launched the Sector Deep Dive Report in an effort to support the government in identifying main cross-cutting constraints to growth, possible solutions and sector specific interventions to unlock manufacturing sector growth potential.

The Report focuses on outlining the state of the manufacturing sector from the perspective of the industry players themselves.

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## Power Advocacy Engagement with Kenya Power



Central Chapter Power Advocacy engagement

On the 25th of October, the Kenya Power (KPLC) in collaboration with KAM hosted a forum for all large power users in the Kiambu county.

The forum, which is part of a series of similar engagements throughout the KAM chapters, intended to address the power advocacy issues affecting large power customers, as well as to introduce the latest plan and projects by KPLC intended to benefit the said customers.

Through a dedicated help desk set up in the venue, 32 membership issues were raised and addressed. Members were also accorded the opportunity to ask questions to the regional leadership, which were addressed in real time.

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### **The Central Chapter welcomes TVET Officer**

One of the key factors for sustainable growth of the Manufacturing Sector is human resource. At present, there is a skills mismatch in the current job market, which has seen manufacturers face challenges in accessing the right technical and vocational skills.

To remedy this, KAM identified the need to provide local solutions for industries to access competent skills at both entry (fresh graduates) and at the experienced level. The Central Chapter was selected to run the pilot for this TVET Initiative, which is a great opportunity!

The TVET Officer (Mr. Paul Musyoki) has therefore joined the Chapter team, to run the program.

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The Officer will work closely with, and as part of the Chapter team to deliver a range of activities, that will include;

- Identifying and mapping out all the TVET Institutions in Kiambu County and the teaching programs that they offer;
- Assessment visits to various institutes to vet their teaching programs, professional qualifications of trainers, adequacy of tools and equipment for training and adequate training curriculum;
- Visiting members for skills needs assessment;
- Compiling a database of the available trained/vetted personnel pool and Organizing for quarterly Job Bazaars.

Please accord him the cooperation and assistance he may require.

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## Our Social Impact!

The chapter has identified a Corporate Social Initiative (CSI) activity, targeting improvement of primary education. The goal is to promote education standards in selected primary schools, through an infrastructural project.

As such, the committee is still deliberating on the nature and scope of the proposed project, details of which will be communicated during our AGM on the 22nd November 2018.

Kindly plan to attend and support us in kind, as we purpose to touch on the lives of young, school going children.

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## Get to know your Chapter Committee

KAM Central Chapter committee has 8 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)



## Upcoming Chapter Events

1. ***The Chapter AGM Breakfast meeting***  
22nd November 2018, 7:30 - 10am, Rainbow Ruiru Resort
2. ***The Nyeri County TVET Forum***  
27th November 2018, White Rhino Hotel, Nyeri
5. ***The Meru County TVET Forum***  
28th November 2018, Alba Hotel, Meru Town
4. ***The Laikipia County TVET Forum***  
29th of November 2018, SportsMan Arms Hotel, Nanyuki
5. ***The Chapter Compliance Seminar***  
6th of December 2018, Rainbow Ruiru Resort



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