

Industrial Area Chapter October Newsletter



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Nairobi City County Finance Bill 2018



Nairobi City Council officials/Courtesy

The Nairobi County Government is seeking to boost its revenue collection to finance various projects in the city and to bridge the county's budget deficit for the fiscal year that stand at about KES 2 billion.

According to the County's 2018/2019 Finance Bill, homes, private and public institutions will have to pay a monthly levy for garbage collection. It also seeks to increase parking fees in the city to Ksh 400 from Ksh 300 and revise levies charged on lotteries, gaming and billboards. It further proposes to reduce annual land rates by a third to just 10%.

A section of the members of the County Assembly have however faulted the executive for seeking to overtax city residents despite the harsh economic times.

Instead, they are proposing enhanced revenue collection measures from existing streams.

Check out the county assembly website (<http://nairobiassembly.go.ke/>) for other proposals.

Chapter Committee Engages Nairobi County CEC - Commerce, Trade & Industrialization

The Industrial Area Chapter Committee held its quarterly meeting on 18th October 2018 at Osho Chemicals Complex. During the meeting, the need for concurrence with government agencies was emphasized.



Industrial Area Chapter engages Nairobi County CEC Members

To this effect, the Association appraised the Nairobi City County's County Executive Committee Members on the challenges faced within the chapter that curb the industry's growth potential.

The Association is working closely with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives and other key stakeholders in ensuring timely repairs of dilapidated roads, sewerage systems, water supply, reliable power, SGR inefficiencies, branding and distribution rights compliance, among other areas of concerns raised are addressed. The committee agreed to collaborate with the government on period consultative and sensitization seminars on compliance within the County.

You are thus encouraged to proactively participate in the county government engagements called upon by the Association on November 30th 2018 at EKA Hotel.

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KAM Engages Stakeholders on Port & Railway Challenges



KAM Port and Railway Forum in Nairobi

Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) held the Ports and Railway Users Forum on 23rd October 2018 at Sarova Stanley. The forum sought to discuss and propose a way forward on the challenges that manufacturers and other importers face in the transport and clearance of goods at the port of Mombasa and Inland Container Depot- Nairobi (ICDN).

Participants were drawn from government agencies including Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Kenya Marine Authority (KMA), Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), Kenya Port Health, Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC), Anti-Counterfeit Agency (ACA). Also present were representatives from the Private Sector such as Kenya International Freight Forwarders Association (KIFWA), Shippers Council of Eastern Africa, Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA) and KAM Members, among others.

Key among the challenges highlighted include the high storage fees, high demurrage charges, delays in transfer of containers from Mombasa to Nairobi through the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and repatriation of Empty containers, delays in the verification and release of containers and Lack of coordination of cargo clearing interveners.

Speaking at the forum, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) noted that the lead agencies are developing standards (perimeters) under Pre-Verification of Conformity (PVOC) to be adopted and mutually recognized by all government agencies. This will go a long way in reducing local inspection of imported goods.

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KRA Launches the Regional Electronic Cargo Tracking System (RECTS) & Integrated Scanner Command Centre (ISCC)



Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta officially launched the Regional Electronic Cargo Tracking System (RECTS) and Integrated Scanner Command Centre (ISCC) at Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Customs Department on Wednesday, 31st October 2018.

KRA has integrated all its 12 scanners stationed at the port of Mombasa, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Container Freight Stations and at the Nairobi Inland Container Depot to curb infiltration of contraband.

The scanners project real-time images of all the scanned containers at the ports of entry. The scanners are non-intrusive verification tools to support the verification process without opening the containers.

KRA and Kenya Railways Corporation jointly conducted a factory acceptance tests for the SGR X-ray cargo scanners set to be installed in Kipevu and the Inland Container Depot Nairobi (ICDN).

Kipevu is set to receive a rail scanner while ICDN will receive mobile scanners and dual drive-through scanners, which will guarantee a fluent SGR cargo flow on site, improve international and local trade facilitation, improve cargo clearance process at the ports and enable maximum revenue collection.

KRA also held its 4th Annual Tax Summit on October 16th and 17th at Kenya School of Monetary Studies to deliberate on how revenue administration can contribute towards elevating the country's Big 4 Agenda through a robust Intra-Africa trade, accelerating the growth and competitiveness in the Manufacturing Sector.

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