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ISK PRE-AGM CONFERENCE: APPORTIONING SPACE AND NEEDS: GREEN LAND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR POSTERITY

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) is pleased to announce the Pre-AGM Conference, taking place from 28th to 29th May 2025 at PrideInn Paradise Beach Resort and Spa, Mombasa County.

This year's theme, "***Apportioning Space and Needs: Green Land Management Options for Posterity***," underscores the growing necessity for responsible, inclusive, and forward-looking approaches in how we manage, allocate, and safeguard land and spatial resources in Kenya and beyond. The conference offers a critical platform for professionals in the land and built environment sector to deliberate, innovate, and craft solutions that meet the demands of today—while securing the integrity of tomorrow.

Kenya's land sector is under increasing strain from population growth, climate variability, and competing socio-economic needs. As urban centers expand and environmental pressures mount, we are called to ask: How can we manage land in a way that is just, efficient, and sustainable for current and future generations? The ISK Pre-AGM Conference will explore this question deeply, guided by the principles of green land management and inclusive spatial planning.

1. Apportioning Space and Needs: A Delicate Balance

At the heart of the theme lies a call for balance—between development and conservation, private interest and public good, innovation and tradition. Green land management offers a framework for this balance, one that integrates environmental consciousness, economic rationality, and social equity in spatial decisions.

Participants will explore how Kenya can better apportion land and space to serve diverse and growing needs, especially in urban and peri-urban contexts. Key discussions will focus on land governance, sustainable valuation practices, modern cadastral systems, and community-centered spatial planning.

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2. Kenya Economic Blue Print and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Conference is part of ISK contribution towards the acceleration of economic growth and development in our Country. Kenya development is anchored on the Kenya Vision 2030 which seeks to transform Kenya into a newly industrializing economy. Kenya is one among Countries with fast paced economic progress in Sub Saharan Africa with an average growth rate of over 6 percent in the last decade. Kenya also implements the bottom-up economic transformation agenda (BETA) which prioritizes the land and built sector including blue economy which the pre-AGM theme focuses on. Further in its new strategic direction, ISK is committed to the implementation of the following SDGs:

1. Partnership with stakeholders to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable (SDG.9).
2. Collaboration with stakeholders to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impact (SDG.13).
3. Work with relevant stakeholders to conserve and suitably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development (SDG.14)
4. Partner with stakeholders to protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (SDG.15).

The pre-AGM conference therefore will enhance ISK contribution to Kenya's economic development process.

2. Challenges and Opportunities in Kenya's Land Sector

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya recognizes the complex challenges faced by citizens across the country—including informal settlements, insecure tenure, land degradation, overlapping mandates, and a lack of up-to-date valuation rolls. Through this conference, ISK seeks to bring these issues to the forefront and propose practical, professional, and policy-driven solutions. Emphasis will be placed on:

- Leveraging geospatial technologies and land information systems
- Strengthening institutional collaboration for land use planning
- Advocating for policies that support green infrastructure and climate-resilient development

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These conversations are especially timely as Kenya prepares to align national development goals with global sustainability frameworks such as the SDGs and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

3. A Platform for Stakeholder Engagement and Knowledge Exchange

The Pre-AGM Conference is expected to attract ISK members, government representatives, academic institutions, ambassadors private sector leaders, and development partners. It will feature keynote presentations, technical sessions, policy dialogues, and networking opportunities designed to foster actionable insights and cross-sector collaboration.

The program is structured to ensure dynamic engagement across disciplines and sectors of Kenya economy. ISK also welcomes the media to attend and report on the sessions, which will offer compelling coverage opportunities around sustainable land development, environmental management, and spatial equity.

4. Building Toward the Future

As the country faces continued demographic shifts and environmental uncertainties, ISK reaffirms its commitment to championing a professional ethos anchored in integrity, innovation, and impact. Through the Pre-AGM Conference, we seek not only to reflect on where we are—but also to chart a shared vision for where we must go.

This gathering will help shape policy thinking, strengthen professional networks, and provide a platform for the development of green land management strategies that are people-centered and future-conscious.

Join Us

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya calls on policymakers, professionals, media, and stakeholders across all sectors to join us in this important dialogue. Together, we can reimagine the future of land management in ways that uphold sustainability, fairness, and resilience.

We look forward to a productive, solutions-driven, and collaborative Pre-AGM Conference 2025.

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About ISK

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) is the professional body that brings together professionals who provide services in the Land built sector. The professionals fall within eight major disciplines of the surveying profession namely Land Surveying, Valuation, Building Surveying, Land Administration Management, Engineering Surveying, Geospatial Information Management, Estate Agents and Property Management. Our membership of over 6,500 is widely spread across the Country.

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