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 **IET (K) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 30/10/2020 (VIRTUAL MEETING)**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Invited guests, council members, IET members, ladies and gentlemen, good morning. I take this opportunity to humbly welcome you to this year’s Annual General Meeting. This is the opportunity for you to be updated on activities of the past year, and chat the way forward to develop our professional society to greater heights in Kenya and beyond. As you know, the Institution of Engineering Technologists and Technicians, Kenya was registered on 16th November 2011 under section 10 of the societies act.

Ladies and gentlemen, IET (K) was established to promote the advancement of the profession of engineering technology and the science of engineering technology in Kenya. Its mandate includes ensuring that all registered professionals promote and preserve high standards of professional integrity and ethics as they undertake their professional services and works for the health and safety of the public. The society offers its members the opportunity for networking, shaping of society through adaptation of new technologies and continuing professional development.

Since registration, the society has made several achievements of which the first major one is the registration of Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board under Engineering Technology Act 2016. We have made several achievements over the period as well as challenges while working towards achievement of our objectives. Amid the many challenges, I am happy to report that our membership number now stands at 4500, while a majority of public and private organizations now recognize our professionals in their places of work. Although we have covered much ground in fulfilling our mandate, a lot still remains. Table 1 below shows the various activities and achievements made since our last AGM.

Table 1: Activities accomplished by IET Since the previous AGM

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| S/NO | DETAILS | VENUE | DATE |
| 1 | Launching of IET(K) Website | TU-K Boardroom | 23/10/2020 |
| 2 | KTN NEWS live interview | Standard group centre | 19/10/2020 |
| 3 | Public notice, IET-K and KETRB | Daily nation news paper | 09/09/2020 |
| 4 | Charity work to children home in Nakuru, Kisii, and Nairobi | Respective institutions | April 2020 |
| 5 | Adjudication of TVET innovation national competitions | Coast, central, Nairobi, rift valley and western regions | February 2020 |
| 6 | IET(K) Conference | Muranga University of Technology | February 2020 |
| 7 | Sensitization visits to TVET institutions on registration in IET(K) | Kabete national polytechnic and Thika technical training institute | January 2020 |
| 8 | Special Annual general meeting | TU-K | March 2020 |
| 9 | Constitutional amendments  | RVTTI, Nakuru | March 2020 |
| 10 | Public notice page 18 | Daily nation news paper | 01/08/2018 |
| 11 | Establishment of IET Muranga county branch | Muranga university of technology | 31/08/2018 |
| 12 | National implementation on euro code (NICE) Representation-ongoing | KEBS | 21/11/2018 |
| 13 | Hands on the future Kenya skills show 2019,  | KICC | 8/02/019-10/02/019 |
| 14 | Establishment of IET Mombasa county branch | Mombasa University of Technology | 2018 |

Table 2 shows some of the challenges the council has encountered in pursuit of full recognition of our professionals countrywide.

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| S/NO. | DETAILS |
| 1 | Lack of proper working space |
| 2 | Shortage of funds |
| 3 | Resistance from some government institutions to recognize IET-K professionals |
| 4 | Lack of quorum in the previous special general meeting |
| 5 | Members not renewing their membership by paying subscription fees in time |

To advance in our pursuit to fully achieve the society’s objectives, the council is in the process of developing a strategic plan which will guide us step by step. The following are some of the areas of interest in the strategic plan;

1. Professional training of members to achieve and maintain high level of competitiveness in the job/work market
2. Development of a technology incubation centre where member’s innovations shall be developed
3. Registration of a technology support centre to support registration of innovations for intellectual property rights and patenting
4. Collaboration with national and international organizations for funding of member projects and innovations
5. Development of a one stop shop for employers looking for engineering technologists and technicians

Lined up for immediate professional training areas are as follows;

1. Procedure and requirements of registration as a contractor
2. Procedure and requirements for tendering and procurement
3. Procedure of obtaining relevant licenses to operate as a contractor
4. Project financing options available

IET-K is in high level consultations with relevant bodies to have the trainings start as early as November 2020. Maximum cooperation and responsiveness is required from you the members so that full benefit may be achieved.

Chairman, IET-K National office

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