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The Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE)

invites you to:-

‘An International Conference’

‘Sustainable land administration & the built environment: A mere window dressing or an effective tool for socio-economic development?’

10th & 11th August 2017

Julius Nyerere International Conventional Centre (JNICC), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The Institution of Surveyors of Tanzania (IST), The Tanzanian Institution of Valuers & Estate Surveyors (TIVEA) in collaboration with The Commonwealth Association of Surveying & Land Economy (CASLE)

This prestigious international conference for Surveyors & Professionals involved in the management of land, Geomatics, Property and Construction, General Practice, Planning & Development will incorporate the following four workshops each introduced by a keynote speaker:-

Workshop 1 (Land administration & urbanisation), **Workshop 2** (Sustainable construction practices)

Workshop 3 (Infrastructure development & financing), **Workshop 4** (Property valuation & taxation)

Sub-themes - TBC

We shall run parallel sessions if we receive sufficient papers

A ‘Call for Papers’ will be sent out early in the New Year and further information will be available on the CASLE website – www.casle.org

EDITORIAL

First of all I would like to send seasonal greetings to all CASLE members and member associations. 2016 has been a good year with a very successful collaborative event in Abuja, Nigeria in April. Members of the Management Board have represented CASLE at events in Malaysia, Tanzania and Rwanda and we have reports and photographs later in the newsletter. It was good to receive photographs of the Royal Institution of Surveyors of Malaysia (RISM) Technical and Study Tour to Southern Italy, Sicily and Malta in October and a report of the support and hospitality that they received from the Land Surveyors of Malta.

I am extremely grateful to members of the CASLE Task Force who have been a great support to me again this year and who have also represented CASLE on the following Coalitions, International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS), International Property Measurement Standards (IPMS), International Land Measurement Standards (ILMS) and International Ethics Standards (IES). Please see the back page for photographs of the Task Force.

We are working on plans for the conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in August 2017 and we hope to send out the ‘Call for Papers’ in the New Year. If you wish to record your interest in the event please contact me at the email address below. **With very best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year!**



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Commonwealth News

The Queen launches a new Commonwealth hub.

On Thursday 9th June, Her Majesty the Queen launched a new Commonwealth Hub which brings Commonwealth organisations together in the same location to create a collaborative, dynamic and innovative way of working.

The Commonwealth Games Federation, The Royal Commonwealth Society and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum will move to a new combined centre of Commonwealth activity in Marlborough House and Quadrant House. It is expected that other Commonwealth organisations will eventually join the hub and Quadrant House will be renamed Commonwealth House.

The Queen officially launched the new Hub during a visit to Marlborough House ahead of her official 90th birthday celebrations which took place during the weekend of 10th to 12th June and were attended by representatives from all 53 Commonwealth countries.

The new Commonwealth Hub will help to deliver the Secretary-General's vision to work more closely with all Commonwealth organisations to honour the values of the Commonwealth Charter and the commitments on health, education, climate change, good governance, equality and the rule of law in the Sustainable Development Goals and COP 21.

Other plans for the Commonwealth Hub include an education centre in the newly named Commonwealth House. The Commonwealth Hub will bring the Commonwealth Games to the heart of the Commonwealth headquarters and will encourage more young people to become engaged in Commonwealth issues. It will also provide a focal point for reaching mayors and elected councillors and their local communities right across the Commonwealth.

Accreditation to the Commonwealth

We recently submitted annual activity reports and accounts for the year ended 30th April 2015 to the Accreditation Committee of the Commonwealth Board of Governors, in accordance with the guidelines for accreditation to the Commonwealth. Benefits of accreditation include:

- Access upon request to Marlborough House
- Arrangements for informal discussions and consultations with the Commonwealth Secretariat & other Commonwealth organisations.
- Accommodation for small meetings on work of direct relevance to the Commonwealth
- Use of the Commonwealth symbol
- Access to general information & library services
- Participation in the consultation process
- Access to official meetings

The 6th Biennial Commonwealth Ministers for Public Service Forum was held, on 17 August 2016, in Putrajaya, Malaysia, under the theme 'Governance for Sustainable Development: Supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'.

The forum brought together Ministers, heads of public service and other senior public officials from Commonwealth countries to discuss implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It took place on the eve of the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) biennial conference, which begins on 18 August.

The World Bank estimates that bribes alone cost the world economy about a US\$1 trillion a year and corruption US\$3 trillion. The estimate for achieving the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development is about US\$5-7 trillion per year, leaving a financing gap of \$2.5 trillion.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland announced in April her plans to open a Commonwealth Office of Criminal and Civil Justice Reform. This office will share templates for legislative reform and implementation of best practices.

CWC Supporting Association Proposal

Professor Dr Alan Spedding and Mrs Susan Spedding recently met Mr Saul Akerman, Commercial Director of CityInvest, Metropolitan Mega Projects West Africa at the Old Bell Hotel, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposal by CityInvest for CASLE to support 'West Africa's Largest Real Estate Exhibition' at the Landmark Centre in Lagos, Nigeria from 23rd to 24th May 2017. The proposal had recently been discussed in a telephone conversation between Mr Saul Akerman and Mr Joseph Segun Ajanlekoko. The expectations of CWC Group did not appear to be too onerous and members of the Task Force supported the proposal. There were several advantages to CASLE as follows:

1. Free VIP passes to all registered members of the association
2. Option to take a stand, space provided free
3. **CASLE** Logo on pre-Conference brochure
4. **CASLE** Logo on Onsite Conference Guide
5. **CASLE** Logo, Link and short description under Supporting Associations section in website
6. Distribution of publications or flyer at the event on the Media table
7. Continuous updates about special offers for delegates on LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook where relevant.

On reflection, the proposal seemed to offer an excellent opportunity to promote CASLE without incurring any financial commitment.

Members of the Management Board accepted the proposal and we are now working with Mr Saul Akerman to promote the event.

News from the Regions

East Africa Region

Tanzania

CASLE President, Mr Joseph Segun Ajanlekoko attended the Africa Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS) meeting at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on the 18th and 19th August 2016. There were over 300 delegates at the event which was hosted by the Tanzanian Association of Quantity Surveyors.



Mr Ajanlekoko is seen on the right of the Vice President of Tanzania, H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan

The Institution of Surveyors of Tanzania holds a Land Surveyors conference and Annual General Meeting, 2nd and 3rd November 2016

Report by Eugene H. SILAYO

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1.0 The Conference and the AGM

The Institution of Surveyors of Tanzania (IST), held its landmark annual event, a conference and an Annual General Meeting (AGM), on 2-3 November 2016 at the Blue Pearl Hotel in Dar Salaam City. The event was exceptionally well attended by over 300 participants, drawn from the Central Government Ministries, countrywide Local Government Authorities, and the Private Sector. Discipline-wise, the participants included graduates in the fields of Geomatics, Geoinformation, Mining Surveying, Hydrographic Surveying, as well as Survey Technicians, Land Surveying Firms, and Exhibitors who trade in land survey equipment. The event was sponsored by 25 land surveying firms, two of whom came from Kenya.

2.0 Inauguration

The event was inaugurated by the Minister for the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Hon William Lukuvi, who in his opening speech, wondered why, if there were so many land surveyors, there were so many squatter developments in the urban centres? He went on to ask why a large part of the country (85%) was still not surveyed. He cited several ill-doings which he attributed to the land surveying profession, including: overlapping surveys, wanton change of Town Planning Layouts, unethical practices in the execution and approval of cadastral surveys, lack of trust, cheating, non-compliance to the survey law, rules, regulations and procedures, and unaffordable costs in the survey of plots and farms. The Minister concluded by directing:

- The IST to propose a framework for working out more friendly and affordable survey costs;
- The private surveying firms to be more active so that his Ministry could issue 400,000 new titles by the end of the current fiscal year, 2016/17;
- Each land surveying firm to submit to him an annual report of its professional activities;
- The Professional Registration Board (NCPS) to register qualified surveyors and to de-register defaulting ones who were spoiling the image of the profession; and
- The surveying profession to embrace the high technology he had seen at the exhibition.

He assured the conference that his Ministry would review, improve, and update the existing laws that guide professional surveying practice in the country.

3.0 Presented Papers

The Conference received a total of 14 papers covering the fields of:

- Professional Practice and Spatial Data Infrastructure (5 papers);
- Engineering, Geodesy, and Hydrographic Surveying (4 papers); and
- Technological Developments, Geographical Information Systems, and Education (5 papers).

Each presenter was given 20 minutes for presentation, time which was not enough for discussions, comments, questions and answers. The session for group discussions was also quite inadequate. However, a few resolutions that would be beefed up through the media electronic networks (e.g. WhatsApp), were made, focusing on the Minister's Opening Speech and on issues that had emerged from the presentations.

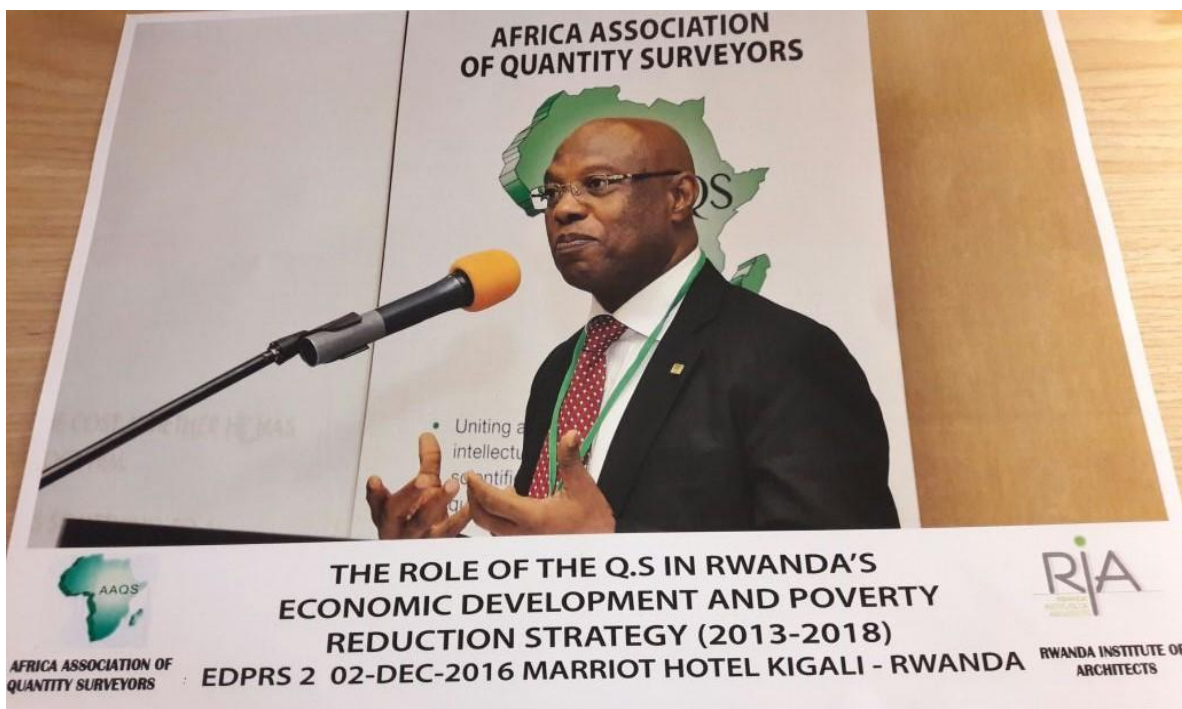
4.0 The AGM

The afternoon of 3rd November was spent on the AGM, which was quite successful. 179 new members were admitted into different categories of IST Membership. Elections were held to fill in two posts, (Vice Chair, and Secretary General), which had been vacant in the IST leadership. The Director of Surveys and Mapping Division, Mr Justo Lyamuya, closed the AGM on behalf of the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human settlements Development. A get together party to allow networking crowned the event.

Rwanda

CASLE President, Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko gave a keynote address at a two day conference, attended by approx 150 participants and entitled 'The role of the QS in Rwanda's economic development and poverty reduction strategy 2013 – 2018'. The first day was devoted to the Exco meeting of the African Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS) and the 2nd day was the conference of the Rwanda Institute of Architects - Quantity Surveyor Division, which was formally recognised by AAQS as a member body (the 15th).

Rwanda is a young up and coming Nation with a huge potential. The degree course in Quantity Surveying is only about 6 years old and, so far about 180 have graduated. There are only about 4 quantity Surveying firms and almost none in government departments. The majority of graduates are working for contractors so there was a need for reorientation and support from AAQS.



CASLE President, Mr Joseph Olusegun Ajanlekoko delivering his keynote address

West Africa Region

Mr James Dadson, CASLE Africa Region President, represented CASLE at the Annual Seminar of the Valuation and Estate Surveying Division of the Ghana Institution of Surveyors from 28th September to the 1st October 2016 at Sunyani in Ghana. The theme was "Bridging the Gap: Best Practice Trends in Valuation and Estate Surveying in Ghana". There were over 350 participants from the industry and academia including trainee surveyors and students. Mr Dadson had the opportunity to present a Good will message on behalf of CASLE and he stressed the need for closer collaboration between National Associations and CASLE for mutual benefit through best practice.

Asia Region

CSR Programme in Paediatric wards

Arising from the successful Mini Library Projects which were carried out at Asrama Teratak Rahmat, Pusat Pengajian Al Islah Perlis and Paediatric Ward 4D (Oncology & Haematology), UKM Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur, the General Council of RISM for this Session (2016/2017) decided to have another Mini Library project at the Hospital USM in Kota Bharu, Kelantan. This project was to bring the joy of books to seriously ill children in hospitals.



RISM's delegation led by the President, Dato' Sr K. Sri Kandan, Deputy President, Dato' Sr Lau Wai Seang, Past President and Organising Chair, Sr Dr. Wan Maimun Wan Abdullah and several RISM Councillors, witnessed the launching of the Mini Library on 25 July 2016 at the Hospital USM, Kuala Kerian, Kelantan.

Goodie bags were also distributed to the young patients. About 10 media recorded the event and interviewed the President and Organising Chair regarding the project and RISM. The news coverage appeared in the local dailies as well as being broadcast on TV News.

RISM Technical & Study Tour

Members of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) undertook a technical and study tour of Southern Italy, Sicily and Malta from the 17th to 26th October 2016.

During the tour the group visited the Planning Authority in Malta and Mr Randolph Camilleri, who is a Past President of the Land Surveyors of Malta was a perfect host throughout the visit and afterwards he entertained the group to tea at his café 'il-Veduta' at Rabat.



Members of RISM visiting the Planning Authority in Malta



Members of RISM Technical and Study Tour of Southern Italy, Sicily and Malta



**RISM visit to the Planning Authority in Malta
Dato Lau Wai Seang, CASLE Asia Regional President 2nd from left and Mr Randolph Camilleri 5th from left**



Mr Randolph Camilleri 1st left entertaining the group to tea at 'il-Veduta'

International Land Measurement Standards (ILMS)

The inaugural meeting of ILMS was held at the headquarters of the Food & Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (UNFAO) in Rome on 9th and 10th June 2016



A group shot of the ILMS coalition and the UNFAO sign in the main FAO foyer

Good progress has been made with nominations for the ILMS Standard Setting Committee and in order to ensure a good geographical and professional spread, the committee has been sourcing experts from Latin/South America, East/West Africa, Caribbean, South East Asia and China.

An ILMS paper has been accepted for the World Bank Conference in Washington in March 2017 and it is intended that a meeting of ILMS will be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 during the conference

International Ethics Standards Coalition

On Wednesday 7th December a coalition of more than 100 property professional bodies worldwide which make up the IES Coalition, published the first set of ethics principles for professionals working in land, property, construction, infrastructure and related professions.

The IES Coalition believes that creating a universally applicable set of ethics values will help assert the role of ethics and help ensure greater professionalism.

Globally, real estate assets reached a value of \$217 trillion in 2015 which compares with global GDP of about \$80 trillion and it is vital that organisations in these sectors continue to collaborate and bring greater recognition to the role that ethical values play in contributing to efficient property markets.

Peter Bolton King, Chair of the International Ethics Standard Coalition, said: “Ethical values act as an anchor to appropriate behaviours and research tells us that investment in real estate markets by pension funds and sovereign wealth funds is predicted to double over the next decade. Therefore, publishing one set of International Ethics Standards helps to underpin existing codes of ethics and create an opportunity to strengthen the role these values play in the property industry.”

Other professions have long-established global ethics standards including accountancy, law, auditing and medicine and the IES Trustees felt that it was time for real estate and related professions, which are among the largest industries in the world, to produce one set of global ethics standards. The Standards can be downloaded at www.ies-coalition.org/standards.

International Construction Measurement Standards Coalition



Dr Patrick Manu (5th from left) attending a meeting of the Standard Setting Committee at the European Commission in Brussels

The International coalition of built environment organizations including Quantity Surveyors and cost engineering professional bodies has been working to produce an International Construction Measurement Standard (ICMS). The standard will help to ensure consistency in high level cost planning, cost reporting and cost analysis of building and civil engineering works.

The ICMS Standard went out for consultation between 5th September and mid October and feedback received was considered at the full consultation in November 2016. Updates on ICMS can be followed at: <http://icms-coalition.org>.

International Property Measurement Standards (IPMS)

The International Property Measurement Standard on Residential Buildings was published in September and is now available for use by property professionals globally.

Forthcoming Events

‘Africa BIM and Smart Cities Road Show’

CASLE and UWE are collaborating in an African Road-show to take place in West Africa (Accra, Ghana), East Africa (Abuja, Nigeria) and South Africa (TBC) during July 2017.

The speakers will be Professor Lukumon Oyedele and Professor Lamine Mahdjoubi from the University of the West of England. Professor Oyedele states that ‘the concept of smart cities has become a very hot topic in recent months both in developed and developing countries. For the developing countries, it is useful when discussed in the context of disaster resilience and urban sustainability’. The Professors will therefore focus on BIM at the micro level and ‘Smart Cities’ at the macro level at urban scale.

CASLE Subscriptions and Arrears

It would be greatly appreciated if all subscriptions for 2016/2017 and any arrears could be paid as soon as possible. We can no longer rely on core and activity grants and we are working to a very tight budget.

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