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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### **RESULTS/ ACTIONS/ TIMELINES**

- 1.1 This report summarises the programmes/activities and events carried out by the QS Chapter for the period 16 April 2016 28 April 2017.
- 1.2 Opportunities, Challenges and Lessons learned are also shared.
- 2. PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, SEMINARS, and WORKSHOPS
- 2.1 Annual Surveyors' symposium and dinner organised by Makerere University Association of Surveying Students, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. Encouraged students to join ISU as early as possible so as to benefit from the network of professionals at their disposal.
- 2.2 Wider Technical Workshop for formulation of the National Building Code for operationalizing the Building Control Act, 2013, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016. ISU represented by Mr Tom Joseph Mukasa (QS Chapter Chair), Mr Samuel E. Bayo (ISU Hon. Treasurer), and Mr Emmanuel Male (ISU Past President). Also in attendance was Assistant Commissioner, QS, Ministry of Works and Transport (Mr. Giles Odongo), as part of the main facilitators of the workshop. The main aim was to produce a zero draft, which should lead to the operationalization of the Building Control Actt.
- 2.3 Careers Guidance at Gayaza High School, ISU QS Chapter represented by Ms Diana Tamale (current SRB member).
- 2.4 Public Lecture at Kyambogo University on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Attended by senior members of ISU (Mrs. Patricia Musisi (outgoing SRB Member), Mr. Philip Kaheru (QS Chapter Education Committee Member), Mr. Tom Joseph Mukasa (QS Chapter Chair), Mr. Hudson Mutalya (past QS Chapter Chair), Ms. Barbra Mugyenyi, Mr. Philly Mpaata,, and many more.
- 2.5 AAQS Meetings and Tanzania Institute of Quantity Surveyors' (TIQS) Conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016. 6 No. delegates from ISU attended: Mr. Victor Odongo (ISU-AAQS Council Representative); Mr. Bayo Samuel (ISU Hon. Treasurer); Ms Mugyenyi Barbra; Ms Tamale Diana; Mr. Mukasa Tom Joseph (QS Chapter Chair); and Dr John Muhumuza KaKitahi. A special recognition goes to Dr. John Muhumuza Kakitahi, who co-authored a paper at the conference.
- 2.6 A half day CPD for the QS Chapter to disseminated the information gathered from the AAQS Meetings and Tanzania Institute of Quantity Surveyors' (TIQS) Conference was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016, but was poorly attended.
- 2.7 AAQS EXCO Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016, attended by Mr. Victor Odongo, as the official representative from ISU. He also presented 2 No. professional papers as part of CPD for Rwanda Institute of Architects (QS Chapter) candidates that were preparing to sit for their professional examinations. Another CPD is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> May in Kigali for Rwanda Institute of Architects (QS Chapter), as part of the collaboration acytivities between ISU and Quantity Surveyors in Rwanda. The CPD will be focussing on the role, liabilities, and competencies of a Contract Administrator under various Forms of Contract (JBC, FIDIC, World Bank, etc.).
- 2.8 QS Chapter Newsletter & Magazine: 2 No. Issues published in 2016 . The 8<sup>th</sup> Issue of QS Chapter was circulated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August 2016, while the 9<sup>th</sup> Issue was circulated during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of December 2016.

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- 2.9 ISU feedback on the revised Curriculum of Building Economics Programme at Kyambogo University was submitted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of June 2016.
- 2.10The 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint ISU/SRB Workshop at Silver Springs Hotel in Kampala, marked the end of a busy year, 2016, for the Surveyors Registration Board and the Institution of Surveyors of Uganda (09 December 2016.
- 2.11 ISU participated in Bank of Uganda Golden Jubilee Celebrations in a 7km Charity Walk across the Central Business District of Kampala City on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, which started at Railway Grounds Jinja Road at 9.00am. The Charity Walk was to raise funds towards the purchasing of medical equipment and supplies for health care centres in Arua, Gulu, Mbale and Mbarara.
- 2.12 A CPD on Assessment of Professional Competence, for Graduates aspiring to upgrade to Professional Associates was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Approximately 15 QS Graduates in professional practice attended the programme, out of a total number of 52. A similar programme can be arranged later this year if there is demand from the Graduates.
- 2.13 A Student Outreach Conference at Makerere University was held on 24 March 2017. ISU was represented by the President (Mr Richard Masereje), the LS Chapter Chairman (Dr Ronald Ssengendo), the QS Chapter Chairman (Mr Tom J. Mukasa), Ms Mary Adweo (LS Chapetr), Ms Barbra Mugyenyi (QS Chapter) and Mr Geofrey Mukwaya (VS Chapter). Ms Barbra Mugyenyi made a detailed presentation on emerging technologies and opportunities for Quantity Surveyors, focusing on Building Information Modelling, while Mr Tom J. Mukasa made a presentation on Professionalism and Ethical Standards for Surveyors.
- 2.14 The 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the ISU Magazine is out, whose input has mainly been from the Chapter Newsletters from QS and LS. We encourage all members to participate through contribution of written materials, sponsorships, etc. in order to sustain this programme.

#### 3. AAQS UPDATES

- 3.1 Mr Victor Odongo is the council member representing ISU at the AAQS. AAQS council members representing Institution Members (referred to as Institution Representatives) should be in a position to attend at own cost (or sponsored/ funded by the relevant institution/association) the AAQS council meetings (one meeting a year held in any one of the sixteen member countries). Mr Victor Odongo has done this through self-sponsorship (without funding from ISU). AAQS holds at least three meetings a year: 2 No. EXCO meetings and 1 No. Council Meeting. Mr. Victor Odongo attended 2 No. Meetings last year (2016): One Council Meeting (Dar es Salaam Tanzania) and one EXCO Meeting (Kigali Rwanda on 1st and 2nd December 2016). He also presented 2 No. professional papers as part of CPD for Rwanda Institute of Architects (QS Chapter) candidates that were preparing to sit for their professional examinations.
- 3.2 The key tasks of council members include: Following-up on outstanding Institution Membership fees; Increasing the number of Practice Members in their country; Arranging for the completion of a Pricing Data Questionnaire, based on market rates for one location, applicable as at 31 March and again as at 30 September annually; Ensuring submission of an Annual Report as at 1 July annually; Periodically providing details to the AAQS secretariat of significant seminars, conferences and CPD events,

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arranged by the in their country by their Institution and which may be of interest to the wider AAQS membership; Ensuring that copies of the AAQS newsletter are distributed electronically directly to individual quantity surveyors; and obtaining and providing locally relevant articles and photographs for the AAQS newsletter; and acting as a primary facilitator when AAQS meetings are scheduled for the country within which the Institution Representative is based.

- 3.3 The new Standard Method of Measuring of Building Work for Africa 2015 together with a master Model Bills of Quantities (abbreviated descriptions), and an updated version of the Guide to Elemental Estimating & Analysis 2016, are both available for downloading from the AAQS website, free of charge. Go to Model Documentation.
- 3.4 Due to political uncertainty in the Gambia, the AAQS executive committee meeting and associated seminars scheduled for 16 and 17 March 2017 I that country did not take place and have been postponed until early in 2018.
- 3.5 The next AAQS executive committee meeting and associated seminars will be held in Accra, Ghana on 6 and 7 July 2017, hosted by the QS Division of the Ghana Institute of Surveyors. More details will be provided by the AAQS Secretariat in due course.
- 3.6 The African Cost Congress 2017, together with the 7<sup>th</sup> AAQS General Assembly, are scheduled to take place from 24 to 27 October 2017 at Enashipai Resort and Spa, Naivasha Kenya. The theme of the congress is "Re-Engineering the African Construction Industry"; ISU members are encouraged to participate.

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

- The QS Chapter has grown by 22% from 157 members in December 2015, to 191 members as at 31st March 2017.
- b. I would like to recognise the following members who have upgraded their status from Graduate Level to Professional Associates since April 2016:
  - I. Mr Kidega Emmanuel (400)
  - II. Ms Nalule Racheal Pamela (441)
  - III. Mr Ngumisirize Fredrick (444)
  - IV. Mr Kakumba Moses (530)
  - V. Mr Owor John Onyango (536)
  - VI. Mr Nyanzi Robert (538)
- VII. Mr Wateya Michael (561)
- VIII. Ms Turyasingura Sandra Karungi (675)
- IX. Mr Tesfayohannes Okubay Tecle (771)
- c. In the same spirit, I would like to recognise the following members, who have been elevated to the level of Fellows of the ISU:
  - I. Mr Mukasa Philip Arthur Sewankambo (167)
  - II. Mr Wamalwa Emmanuel Mumu (179)
  - III. Dr Kibwami Nathan (223)
  - IV. Dr John Muhumuza Kakitahi (625)
- d. I would like to recognize Mr Philip Kaheru and Mr Emmanuel Male for their participation in the assessments of candidates throughout the past year, for their commitment and dedication.

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# 5. **KEY DEVELOPMENTS,**OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5.1 Guidance Notes for Graduates and Professional Associate Candidates have been developed in response to the shortfalls observed in Application Documents for various PA candidates.
- 5.2 PA Candidate log books have also been developed, following a similar framework to the RICS APC process.
- 5.3 A CPD Policy is in place, which will be a point of consideration for good standing order when renwing annual memberships for members, starting with this year (2017).
- 5.4 ISU is now an official member of the International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS) Coalition. All members of the ICMS Coalition have to commit to the fulfilment of the following key objectives: Ethics to foster public trust; Supporting the creation and use of high-level, international and principle-based measurement standards; Standardising definitions for construction cost in the public interest, and for purposes of classification, benchmarking, measurement and statistics; and promoting the adoption of ICMS. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Consultation Draft is available on the website (www.icms-coalition.org) until 01 May 2017.
- 5.5 The East African Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for Quantity Surveyors has been available in draft form since December 2012 and efforts are underway for it to be finalised. The current draft was prepared by representatives from Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda. There is a scheduled meeting to finalise the MRA, probably in in May 2017, in Kigali Rwanda. Uganda has no representation at the moment. Mr. Victor Odongo has been assigned the task of following up these negotiations on behalf of ISU.

#### 6. CONCLUSION

I appreciate all the support that has been accorded to me by Council and the ISU executive, as well as the various ad-hoc committees that I have worked with.