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SPEECH BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR KENYA ACCREDITATION SERVICE AT THE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON PASSENGER VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC AWARENESS FORUM/WORKSHOP AT THE KENAS ON 03/11 /2016.

1. Managing director –KEBS
2. Director general –NTSA
3. Members of various Technical Committees Present,
4. The Representatives of Regulators Present,
5. Representatives of the Ministry of Transport,
6. Representatives of NTSA,
7. Representatives of KEBS
8. Representatives of KENAS ,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Morning,

I wish to welcome all the stakeholders to this sensitization workshop on the implementation of passenger vehicle construction as per the **Kenya standard KS 372:2014**

In an effort to keep abreast with the global changes in the transport and construction industry, it is important that we take this bold step to move in this direction This has been implemented in other parts of the world

This is a key milestone in the quest to attain the vision 2030 deliverables among them;

- Job Creation
- Competitiveness in the industry

- Better quality vehicle bodies
- Reduced mortality
- Reduced medical bills/costs arising from accidents due to quality vehicle bodies

The implementation process will require a key role to be played by conformity assessment bodies such as testing Laboratories and inspection bodies and respective regulatory agencies.

This organisations participating will ensure compliance with product standards in the transport and construction industry

KENAS is committed to the process and calls upon other partners to follow suit to ensure efficient service delivery and bring sanity in the transport industry.

The competence of this conformity assessment bodies is critical in assuring the reliability of the test and inspection reports and therefore it is important that the bodies are accredited to assure their competence to undertake this activities.

The regulators will also have a key role in ensuring that regulations in the construction sectors are effectively implemented.

As we gather here as stakeholders in this key process, I kindly request the participants to discuss all aspects of the implementation process to enable the country realize its objective of implanting the **Kenya standard KS 372:2014** in the transport and construction industry in Kenya.

At the end of the workshop, the participants provide clear and precise recommendations in form of the way forward that will inform on the implementation process.

In conclusion this noble endeavor will go a long way in enhancing the safety and sustainability of our transport and body vehicle builders' environment.

Wishing you a fruitful and interactive discussions and on the subject matter.

Thanks

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