ITOR’S NOTE

Welcome to the first issue of the integrated KENAS internal newsletter. This will be a monthly issue aimed at providing information on all major activities we engage in. The anticipation is that this information will help keep the KENAS family connected and consequently grow the KENAS brand. We also acknowledge all new employees who went through a thorough induction exercise on the week of their arrival in June. We are confident that together, we are capable of taking KENAS to great heights.

Enjoy the reading!

NEWS

NATIONAL QUALITY POLICY

KENAS participated in the review of the 7th version of the National Quality Policy; revised Standards Bill and the Technical Regulations Bill at the Red Court in August. The documents were validated for presentation. During the meeting, a number of concerns were raised and reported to KEBS for consideration.

KENAS IS BUILDING STRATEGIC RELATIONS

Nursing Council of Kenya: KENAS attended two forums invited by the Nursing Council of Kenya: (a) The launch of the regulatory tools and standards represented by DDTS, Susan Ochieng’. (b) The ISO Certification workshop represented by AD, Certification, Michael Talam.

Biomedical Engineering: AD, Certification, Michael Talam and Case Officer, Carey Ochogo attended a two week foundation course on Biomedical Engineering at KEBS from 13th to 24th August.

Felista Nyakoe, AD, Testing & Calibration represented KENAS during the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Trade negotiation forum TTNF in Arusha, Tanzania on 1st to 3rd September.

KENAS also attended the 1st Annual National Biosafety Conference at KICC from 6-9 August 2012. With an estimated audience of 500 participants, AD Testing & Calibration informed the conference on existence of KENAS as sole national accreditation body and its mandate.

Kenya Sugar Research Foundation (KESREF): Did a presentation to KESREF on 23rd July 2012 on the Accreditation process and its importance.

DDTS, Susan participated in a workshop organized by Ministry of Industrialisation to validate the draft National Business and Technology Incubation Policy & the draft subcontracting Policy.

KENAS also participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop for “Trade Promotion through Standardization in the EAC Region” that was organized by the Swedish Standards Institute through KEBS.

UTAWALA ACADEMY’S LIBRARY NOW STOCKED, THANKS TO KENAS

In June 2012, KENAS Chairperson Prof. Marion Mutugi attended the Prize-Giving ceremony for Utawala Academy and made a promise to provide text books for the school’s library.

In August, 2012, the promise was delivered. Students of Utawala Academy, Embakasi, Nairobi received the books with joy. The donation was part of KENAS’ CSR activities.

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KNAS IN NATIONAL NEWS

For the past four months KNAS has made a positive presence via the Kenyan media on a number of business activities. Having held two press conferences in May and July the media support was a positive start for KNAS. The coverage received cut across print, audio and TV. We are confident that KNAS will continue impacting the general public by highlighting accreditation benefits to Kenyan citizens. In addition, KNAS is now on Facebook as: Kenya Accreditation Service.

KENAS SEEKS REGISTRATION AS TRAINING SERVICE PROVIDER

KENAS submitted documents to the National Authority for Industrial Training for registering as a Training Service provider. This is awaiting assessment. In addition, we are also awaiting the approved lease of Embankment Plaza.

EA COMMUNITY—NEPAD MEETING

KENAS attended the Kenyan national Level Technical Health Experts EAC—NEPAD—LSHTM international workshop at KEMRI in Nairobi from 30 & 31st July. The Health & Safety department representing this meeting noted the key discussions highlighted the review of current status of national policy, legal and regulatory oversight for in-vitro (IVDs) especially point of care (POC) diagnostics used in medical and public health labs.

MD OPENS 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR M.E.D.S

Sammy Milgo, MD KENAS was the Chief Guest during the 5th Annual Conference for Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies (MEDS) on 23rd August. He spoke on principle no. 8 of ISO 9001:2008 which highlights mutual beneficial supplier relationship to help MEDS enhance their ability to deliver value as they plan to implement ISO 9001: 2008 Quality Management System.

TRAININGS CONDUCTED

The Testing & Calibration scheme conducted a training on ISO/IEC 17025:2005 at EKA hotel from 27th to 29th June 2012 attended by staff from KRA, KEPHIS and KENAS.

There was also a medical stakeholder’s forum held in July 2012 at EKA hotel on awareness for medical lab accreditation and requirements.

ISO TC 212 (Medical Labs)

The first African and Kenyan to participate in the ISO TC 212 meeting on medical labs in Berlin Germany was a KENAS employee AD, Health & Safety Doris Mueni.

ASSESSMENT UPDATES

♦ 5 Medical Labs were assessed which were going through the WHO AFRO stepwise to accreditation.
♦ In addition, the Technical team also conducted assessment for :- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Services Limited, Elisters 2000, Quality Calibration Bureau, Polucon Service Limited & Mombasa Petrogas, SGS.

PERFORMANCE CONTRACT: The 2012-2013 Performance Contract went through negotiation and was signed in August between the PS, Min. of Industrialisation, PS, Min. of Finance and KENAS Board.