KENAS would like to welcome the following conformity bodies that have been accredited:

2. HUQAS, Nairobi: Proficiency test provider for Medical Chemistry and Microbiology
3. Polucon Kenya Limited, Mombasa: Microbiological and Chemical testing in water, food and feed
4. SGS Kenya Ltd: Inspection of quality and quantity of goods, imported and local oil, gas, chemicals and agricultural produce.

NOTE: The following body gave voluntary suspension - KIRDI: Water and waste water testing.

The Inspection & Verification Scheme had its inaugural technical committee meeting on 20th September 2012. The members were drawn from inspection and verification bodies both from the public and private sectors.

The agenda of the meeting was to nominate the Chairperson and discuss criteria documents in the following areas: Inspection of General goods, Inspection of steel structures & Inspection of motor vehicles.

Mr. John Wamwana was nominated as the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
**AWARENESS ACTIVITIES:**

**MEDICAL LAB GUIDES TO ACCREDITATION LAUNCHED**

Prof. Marion Mutugi (right below) presents Killian Songwe (left), the President of A Global Healthcare Foundation with a package containing the two guide documents for medical laboratories that will promote quality healthcare through accreditation. A Global Healthcare sponsored the documents having printed 3,000 copies of each document for distribution. An intense awareness campaign is set to take place in various cities of Kenya to market the two documents.

**GREEN BUILDINGS**

The Ministry of energy in partnership with the Kenya Association of Manufacturers hosted a training seminar on Green buildings. The aim of this training was to create awareness energy conservation in the built environment, and in the process have a certification mechanism in place to determine those buildings that are energy saving. Such green buildings are envisaged to enjoy carbon credits in the near future here in Kenya, and with time reduce the carbon footprints of buildings. This will involve the evaluation, inspection and testing of such buildings to verify their status.

This being an area of key interest for accreditation in the near future, KENAS was well represented by Evelyn Kabong’o and Calvin Tiony.

As part of KENAS awareness initiatives, presentations and training on the need for accreditation were done to the following organisations:

3. Joseph Ojiambo the AD, Human Resources & John Kamau the DD, Finance & Admin attended a Stakeholders forum for Salaries Remuneration Commission on 10th October. The forum was aimed at giving guidelines to the submission of salaries and remuneration proposals for public service organisations.
STRAIGHT RAY TRAINING:
Stanslaus Alwyn Masinza, Case Officer at KENAS (see arrow) attended a Regional (AFRA) Training Course on Gamma-ray spectrometry for determination of radionuclides in food and environmental samples held in Moka, Mauritius from 27 to 31 August 2012. The course was organized under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in conjunction with the Mauritius Standards Bureau and the Radiation Protection Authority under the project RAF 002.

KENAS NOMINATED IN AFRAC MRA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
Ms. Susan Munyiri, the Deputy Director for Technical Services in KENAS was nominated as an AFRAC (African Accreditation Cooperation) MRA Committee Member. Susan attended the first MRA Committee meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa on the week of October 1st 2012.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION TRAINING:
The AD, Communication & PR, Elizabeth Muema attended an executives and manager’s program on Communication Strategies development and implementation in August. KENAS was the only government body represented at this training. Participants came from all over East and South Africa to share experiences and strategies. The training was group oriented to which the groups were to create communication strategies for current problems that existed in various companies.

BOARD RETREAT
The KENAS Board (see picture below) went on a retreat to deliberate on matters of growth for KENAS. They reviewed the Strategic Plan for 2012 to 2017 among other issues.
They also underwent a training on corporate governance.