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## **THE 17<sup>th</sup> FIDIC GAMA-AFRICA CONFERENCE AND AGM** 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH- 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010; MOMBASA, KENYA

The Group of African Member Associations (GAMA) of FIDIC organises FIDIC activities on a regional basis within FIDIC member countries. Each year, a Member Association (MA) hosts the Annual GAMA Conference, and Annual General Meeting (AGM). The last GAMA Conference in 2009 was hosted by Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) in Durban, South Africa.

### **FIDIC GAMA-AFRICA 2010**

The FIDIC GAMA Africa 2010 Conference and GAMA AGM will be hosted by the Association of Consulting Engineers of Kenya (ACEK) in the coastal town of Mombasa, Kenya.

### **CONFERENCE THEME**

The theme of the Conference is ‘The Engineer as a Strategic Partner’. This theme focuses on the role of the consulting engineer as a trusted and strategic partner and advisor to both public and private sector clients at all stages of development, right from strategy formulation. This partnership has not always been sufficiently exploited, especially in Africa, considering the consulting engineer’s important role in conceptualisation of physical infrastructure as well as in generation of sustainable solutions towards man’s well-being.

The sub-themes to be addressed under the theme are:

- The Engineer in Policy Formulation and Implementation
- The Role of Engineer in Improving Governance
- Sustainable Infrastructure: The Role of the Engineer
- The Consulting Engineer in the Global Economic Recession.

These themes will be addressed during the three-day conference through presentations and the discussion of papers and through a sharing of experiences by participants.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Participants wishing to submit a paper are invited to submit an abstract of 300 to 400 words focusing on one of the listed sub-themes. The abstract and paper should be in English in Microsoft Word with Times Roman, size 12 font. The abstract should outline the contents and conclusions of the paper. Presenters are advised to target paper lengths that can be delivered within a time slot of about 20minutes, with 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

The timetable for the preparation and submission of papers is as follows;

- Abstracts received at ACEK secretariat: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009
- ACEK to review abstracts, select papers, and confirm to presenters: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009
- Draft Papers received at ACEK secretariat: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009
- ACEK reviews drafts and comments to presenters: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009
- Final papers and power-point presentation received at ACEK: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

The papers and abstracts to be submitted by e-mail to the ACEK Secretariat at [acek@mitsuminet.com](mailto:acek@mitsuminet.com)

## **CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMODATION**

The conference venue will be at Sarova Whitesands Hotel in Mombasa, Kenya. Accommodation will be at Whitesands hotel, and one other alternative hotel within a walking distance of the conference venue. Further details and provisional room rates will follow.

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

### **DAY 1 - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

- Morning - Golf
- Afternoon - GAMA EXCO Meeting, Registration
- Evening - Welcome Cocktail

### **DAY 2 - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

- Morning - Introductions, Opening, Presentations/plenary sessions
- Afternoon - Presentations/plenary sessions, site visit.
- Evening - Outdoor/Gala Dinner.

### **DAY 3 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

- Morning - Presentations/plenary sessions,
- Afternoon - Presentations, GAMA AGM, field visit
- Evening - Formal Dinner & Closing

### **DAY 4 - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

- Workshop/Training - details to follow

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

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