



KENYA GREEN BUILDING SOCIETY

Build Green Save Kenya

PART 1

27 February 2017,

STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE CEO

To our stakeholders:

KGBS – Kenya Green Building Society, is pleased to continue to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

This is our first COE – Communication on Engagement and it gives an overview of the activities and initiatives KGBS has taken since joining the UNGC in order to support and promote the UNGC and its Principles. We commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Yours Sincerely,

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Tariq Hosein,
CEO | Kenya Green Building Society



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II. Description of Actions

The KGBS is an independent, non-profit, non-political society that was formed to lead the transformation of the Kenyan property industry to environmental sustainability.

We aim to ensure that all buildings are designed, built and operated in an environmentally sustainable way allowing Kenyans to live and work in healthy, efficient and productive environments.

The KGBS is one of 90 members of the World Green Building Council along side Australia, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and South Africa.

The KGBS aims to green the Kenyan built environment by focusing on the following areas:

Promotion and Advocacy

Raise awareness of the benefits of green building.

Support government to lead by example, to legislate and to facilitate the adoption of green building practices.

Recognize and reward industry leaders who achieve green building excellence.

Green Star SA-Kenya Rating Tools

Establishing a common language and best practice standard of measurement for green buildings through the development of Green Star SA-Kenya rating tools.

Education and Training

Annual Africa Green Building Summit - provides access to the latest innovations and trends delivered by international and local thought leaders.

Green Star SA-Kenya Accredited Professional Courses in New Buildings, Existing Building Performance, Commercial Interiors and Project Certification workshops.



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Activities

World Green Building Congress 2016

The Sweden Green Building Council (SGBC) together with the World Green Building Council (WGBC) congress brought together the international community from the green building sectors at the Building Sustainability SGBC16 held at Stockholm, Sweden from 17th -19th October to discuss the built environment and how it can actively contribute to sustainable living. KGBS won the WGBC sponsorship for our Chairperson to travel.

World Green Building Week 2016

KGBS Commemorated the world Green Building week by doing a media tour and educating the public about green buildings in general. The week long campaign created a lot of awareness and made sure the public appreciate the importance of green buildings.

The Green Apple Day Of Service 2016

The Kenya Green Building Society recently collaborated with other businesses and organizations to help improve the conditions of schools around Nairobi on 27th September 2016 in honor of The Green Apple Day of Service. The focus of green apple day of service is to promote sustainable schools that practice, teach and support environmentally responsible choices by advocating and ensuring schools demonstrate commitment to the environment.

Kenya Green Building Society and WEB Limited partnered with like-minded stakeholders and corporate organizations in mobilizing resources and volunteers. We engaged students, teachers, parents, elected officials, universities, organizations, companies to take action through education and outreach, community events, advocacy campaigns and more, for better school buildings, improved facilities, cost saving practices and improved knowledge on how to maintain the environment.