

# **WATER AFRICA AND EAST AFRICA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION**

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXHIBITION & SEMINARS 2022

Serena Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda

**13-15 SEPTEMBER 2022**



## **Water Africa and East Africa Building and Construction Exhibition and Seminars 24-26 October 2023, Kigali, Rwanda**

The **Water Africa and East Africa Building & Construction** event is returning to Rwanda in October 2023 following a successful event held in September 2022. The 2023 event will be held again at the Serena Hotel, Kigali.

This event follows those previously held in Ghana and Rwanda in 2022 and will be the third edition held in Rwanda. The event will encompass an exhibition covering products and services related to the Water, Sanitation, Building and Construction Sectors with a Seminar programme running alongside tackling subjects which are germane to these sectors, the Rwandan economy, its people and infrastructure.

Also, in conjunction with the Institution of Engineers Rwanda, there will be a CPD course conducted by our Development Director Prof. Robert Andoh, the subject of which is currently under discussion. The course will take place on the morning of the final day of the event. Further details will follow once the course content is agreed.

### **Country Overview**

Small and landlocked, Rwanda is hilly and fertile with a densely packed population of about 13 million people (2021). It borders the far larger and richer Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as its closest East African neighbours, Tanzania, Uganda, and Burundi. Rwanda has recently forged an agreement with DRC to open a trade corridor to the western seaport of Matadi.

With the support of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, Rwanda has been able to make important economic and structural reforms and sustain its economic growth rates over the last decade. Rwanda has the second fastest economic growth in Africa.

### **Economic Overview**

After rolling with the Covid-19 pandemic's blows, double-digit growth of 10.3 per cent for 2021 sets the tone for further growth, with the International Monetary Fund projecting that Rwanda will post 7 per cent growth for 2022.

A nation that just a generation ago tore itself apart in one of the deadliest displays of division is now working towards a common purpose with a conviction of the convert.

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At the heart of Rwanda's approach has been a combination of business-friendly policies, raising the country's standing in the World Bank's "Ease of Doing Business" index. Rwanda was ranked 29th in the world and second-best in Africa. There is, indeed, the successful adoption of economic plans to drive development indicators.

The main driver for Rwanda's next national growth phase is the expansion of critical areas of the economy, including energy, education, finance, tourism, manufacturing, infrastructure, agriculture, and the wide technological application by both businesses and government institutions.

## General Information

Water Africa & East Africa Building & Construction 2023 is organized by ACE Event Management, a United Kingdom company with a 27-year record of managing trade and technical events in Africa.

### This Event is Supported by:

Ministry of Infrastructure  
Institute of Engineers of Rwanda  
Rwanda Institute of Architects  
Rwanda Housing Authority  
Urban Planners Association  
Rwanda Green Building Organization  
Global Green Growth Institute  
Developers Association  
Rwanda Convention Bureau

### Visitors: Visitors to the exhibition will be primarily:

- Consultants, architects, developers, contractors, suppliers, government officials, NGO's, and the general business community.
- In addition to the above, the seminar programme will attract representatives of foreign aid and funding agencies and other experts from the objective sectors.

### Organisers:

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## **East Africa Building & Construction Exhibition 24-26 October 2023, Kigali, Rwanda**

### **Who Should Exhibit at East Africa Building & Construction**

If your business falls under one of the categories listed below and you would like to expand your international markets, you should exhibit your products and your services.

- Reinforcing steel products
- Formwork and scaffolding
- Lifting appliances and conveyors
- Cranes, site lifts and other access equipment
- Mineral processing equipment
- Concrete mixing, batching and placing equipment
- Earthmoving equipment, including excavators, crawlers, graders, dozers, scrapers and loaders
- Materials handling equipment, forklifts
- Tunnelling, drilling and piling equipment
- Compressors and associated equipment • Compaction equipment and rollers
- Road and pavement construction equipment
- Tools and associated materials
- Site installations and buildings
- Quarrying equipment, crushers and building material recycling plant
- Instrumentation for control, measurement and testing
- House and commercial building systems
- House and commercial building materials and fittings
- Plumbing, heating, fire-prevention and ventilation equipment and fittings
- Brick and block-making equipment
- Paints and surface finishes
- Window frames and glazing, sanitary ware, tiles and flooring, soft furnishings, kitchen design and equipment, bathroom design and equipment, lighting fittings, security equipment and monitoring,

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## **Water Africa Exhibition 24-26 October 2023, Kigali , Rwanda**

### **Who should Exhibit at Water Africa**

- Surface water development Dam, pumping station, canal, and pipeline contractors. Mechanical equipment (gates, weirs etc). Construction plant (earthmovers, tunnellers). Lining materials.
- Groundwater development Drilling rigs. Submersible borehole pumps. Well screens and linings. Handpumps. Solar and wind pumps. Geophysical investigation services and equipment. Water level and quality monitoring equipment.
- Mains distribution & house connections. Pipes, Fittings, Valves and Pumps.
- Water treatment plant, including packaged plants. Aeration and agitation equipment. Filtration equipment and media. Disinfection equipment and chemicals.
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- Water storage Reservoirs and tanks. Lining systems.
- Sewerage and urban drainage Sewer and pipe systems.
- Manholes and drains. Gully and cesspit emptying and tinkering equipment. Sewer and pipe inspection and safety equipment.
- Irrigation and farm drainage. Canal construction and maintenance equipment. Sprinkler systems. Drip systems. Drainage pipes.
- Monitoring and instrumentation systems. Telemetry and GIS systems. Radio communications. Billing and accounting equipment. Meter reading equipment. Flow, temperature, and level monitors. Water Quality testing equipment.
- Consulting services and training Consulting engineering. University and college courses. National training institutions. Books and publications

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## **Water Africa and East Africa Building & Construction 2023 Seminar Programme**

Alongside the exhibition, there will be 2-day technical seminar programme, which will be run in cooperation with the Rwanda Institute of Engineers. The first day will cover Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental issues, the second day will, cover Building, Construction, Safety, and Infrastructure issues.

A Call for Papers will be issued in March 2023. Anyone wishing to give a presentation must provide an abstract for evaluation. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to give a presentation, but places will be limited. Presentations will be limited to 20-25 minutes.

The programme will provide an ideal opportunity for visitors, delegates, and exhibitors to understand the problems and needs of Rwanda and the wider East African community. The seminars also provide an opportunity to deliver information to many delegates from central and local government departments, consultants, architects, engineers, NGOs, and the general business community.

The seminars will be held in the Serena Hotel alongside the exhibition.



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## **Theme for the Water Seminar**

### **“Water, Sanitation and Environmental Needs, Solutions and Progress towards SDG Goals”**

#### **Topics include:**

- Progress towards Sustainable Development Goals
- Promoting Clean Cities and a Green Infrastructure Agenda
- Financing Water and Sanitation Projects
- Advances in Water and Wastewater Treatment (including Desalination)
- The Nexus of Water, Sanitation, and Solid Wastes
- Sustainability of Water & Sanitation Projects in Peri-urban and Rural Areas
- Integrated Urban Water Management (including Sewerage and Stormwater Management)
- The Role of the Private Sector in Public-Private Partnerships for Water Supply and Sanitation
- Addressing Water Resource Challenges associated with Mining
- Innovations, Skills, Jobs, and Developments to Bridge the Technology Gap
- Climate Change Adaptations, Resilience, and Flooding Challenges

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## **Theme for the Building & Construction Seminar**

**“Africa’s Infrastructural Needs, Solutions and Progress towards SDG Goals”**

### **Topics include:**

- Addressing the Housing Deficit through Innovation
- Financing Infrastructure and Mixed Developments
- Affordable/Low-Cost Housing in Urban, Peri-urban, and Rural Areas
- The Role of the Public and Private Sector in Housing
- Advanced Technologies in Modern Buildings
- The growth of Green Building Technology, Building Materials, and Practices
- Academia, Industry, and the Built Environment – Working Together to Achieve Results
- Development Control in Urban Areas
- Health and Safety Considerations
- The role of Ethics in Building and Construction Projects
- Fire Protection Systems in High Rise Apartment Building