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**MINISTRY OF LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT**

**Remarks by
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The Vice-Chair of the National Construction Board

Board Members

The Executive Director

Distinguished Contractors & Guests,

The National Construction Authority is a State Corporation established by the National Construction Authority Act No.41 of 2011 with a mandate to oversee the construction industry and coordinate its development.

Pursuant to NCA Act 2011 section 5 2(a) and (j), training & capacity building activities by the Authority form a core and valuable part of its mandate in the construction industry.

The training & Capacity Building function of NCA aims at developing and improving the capacity of local contractors. This enhances the quality of construction works, the safety on the construction sites and empowers local contractors to bid better and secure more projects thus increasing the rollout of public and private projects.

Professionalism is one of the core pillars of a well coordinated and developed construction sector. Through its training and capacity building function, the Authority is able to enhance professionalism among contractors and ensure they are operating within the highest professional standards. The Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programs ensure that contractors are in good standing professionally. This Annual Contractors Conference which is a cornerstone of the Authority's Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programs provides a platform for contractors to learn, networks and attain their annual CPD points.

The training and capacity building programs for contractors conducted by the Authority aim to continuously equip contractors with the necessary skills, knowledge, attributes and attitudes that are in tandem with the dynamic industry needs and international best standards. This therefore empowers contractors to become competitive enough to handle diverse range of projects within the local, regional and international space.

The diversity in the different training programs offered by the Authority allows for experience-based learning, networking, business to business forums, practical

demonstrations on materials and technologies and local, regional and international exposure on best practices in construction.

Construction is very dynamic and thus the need for it to be more adaptive always paving the way for innovation, particularly in sustainable materials and new technologies is critical for its development. The T&CB programs developed and conducted by NCA have this at their core to ensure contractors are embracing sustainable construction practices and innovatively embracing new and emerging materials and technologies.

The National Building Code, 2024.

The building sector is primarily regulated by the Building Code, Physical Planning Laws, and other related statutes. The National Building Code, 2024 was launched on 17th July 2024 after being published as Legal Notice No. 47 on 1st March 2024.

The National Building Code will accelerate development more so in the affordable housing space and will become a driving force in the construction industry. Thus part of the Authority's training & capacity building function going forward will be the sensitization and training on the National Building Code to contractors and all other construction industry players countrywide.

The Authority's mission to regulate, streamline, and build capacity in the construction industry for sustainable social-economic development underscores the need to continuously provide training and capacity building programs to contractors, skilled construction workers and site supervisors in the construction industry.

The State Department of Public Works therefore commits to the smooth implementation of the Authority's mandate and training & capacity building function to ensure all local contractors are fully empowered towards excellence in construction.