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OF THE
NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WEEK 2018
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The Principal Secretary, State Department of Housing and Urban
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The Managing Director, National Housing Corporation,
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Heads of Departments, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure Housing and
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The Portfolio Director, The Big 5 Construct East Africa,
Mr. Muhammed Kazi

Valued stakeholders, members of the fourth estate,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning.

What a pleasure it is to witness the continuation of this incredible journey.

4 years ago, the National Construction Authority in conjunction with industry stakeholders, some of whom are here, launched the **National Construction Research Agenda, referred to as NaCRA**. NaCRA identified several research gaps and challenges in construction, which we grouped into a tidy acronym called the 6Ms. These are : **Money, Methods, Machines, Materials, Manpower and Market**.

exhibiting partner. We had over **a thousand conference delegates, 188 exhibitors from 22 different countries and over 8,500 visitors.**

This year, we are re-launching the conference, now known as the International Construction Research Conference and Exhibition (**ICoRCE**) which will henceforth take place biennially, that is every two years.

As Qs. Mathu earlier explained, this year's National Construction Week consists of a **series of exciting events meant to offer different industry stakeholders an opportunity to learn, grow and enrichen themselves.** We are grateful to all our sponsors and partners in both the public and private

In order to pursue viable solutions to these challenges, the Authority then launched the Annual Construction Research Conference and Exhibition, **(ACoRCE) in 2015** to provide a platform for both local and international stakeholders to network and show case innovations with an overall objective of fostering growth and globalizing the construction industry.

In that first year, we had **850 delegates** and **35 exhibitors**. In **2016**, we decided to broaden the event by partnering with dmg Events and launched the **National Construction Week**, featuring ACORCE as the official conference and the Big Five Construct East Africa as the official

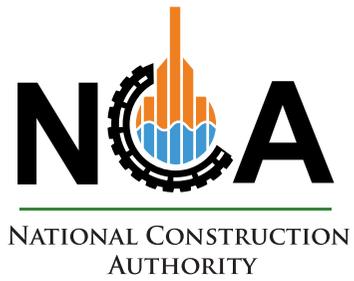
sectors who have come together to make this an auspicious event.

This year's theme for the ICoRCE conference, **'Harnessing the Potential of the Legal and Institutional Framework for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in the Construction Industry'** is meant to highlight the critical supportive role played by policy in any industry, and more so in construction. It comes at a point when the Authority is spearheading the development of an all-inclusive **Construction Industry Policy, a blueprint for inter-agency cohesiveness and synergy which will see Kenya greatly reduce the cost and time of doing business within the industry.** The policy is at stakeholder vetting stage, feel free to share your thoughts on the same by downloading a copy on our website.

This year, we're also more focused on featuring local exhibitors, as the Authority is passionate about the uplifting the socio-economic welfare of local companies. This is in line with the Big Four Housing Agenda which is creating market opportunities for local manufacturers, suppliers, contractors and developers. We urge one and all to sign up today, either as a delegate, exhibitor or visitor.

The National Construction Week is now a **firm addition to both the industry and national calendars**, and we welcome your support as we put together quite literally, the biggest construction industry event in the region.

Thank you.



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