

THE AAK ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026 PROGRAMME

Time	Activity	Point Person
AAK ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026 Venue: Diamonds Leisure Beach & Golf Resort, Diani Theme: "Shifting the Built Environment from Fragility to Resilience"		
Tuesday, 15th September 2026		
0900-1200	Secretariat & Committee travel and accommodation	CEO
1200-1800	Exhibition set-up	Sponsors / APRM
Wednesday, 16th September 2026		
SESSION ONE: Official Opening		
ALL DAY	Arrival and Registration Charity Golf Tournament	AAK Secretariat
1300-1500	Grow A Classroom Mentorship at Mabokoni Primary School School Pupils Awards and Certificates	AAK GC and Delegates Mary Ngaruiya/Alex Otieno
1400-1500	Lunch	
1600-1730	Exhibition Footfall Welcoming Guests at the Opening Ceremony	Sheila Okongo
1730-1745	Welcome Remarks by President, Architectural Association of Kenya, Arch. George A. Ndege	
1745-1800	Remarks by International Body Representative, QS Audily Chatora, President of the Zimbabwe Institute of Quantity Surveyors (ZIQS)	
1800-1815	Keynote Presentation by H.E. Fatuma Achani, Governor, Kwale County (TBC)	
1815-1830	Presentation 1: By Eng. George Chiaji , Director of Research, Strategy & Compliance, KeRRA	
1830-1845	Presentation 2: By Dr. Margarita Garfias Royo , University College of London	
1845-1900	Plenary and Q&A Discussion a) Eng. George Chiaji	Discussant: Michelle Ouma

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	b) Dr. Margarita Garfias Royo	
1900-2100	Opening Cocktail	
Thursday, 17 th September 2026		
SESSION TWO: Climate-action and Sustainability		
0800-0900	Delegates' Code Scanning Early bird gifts and Entertainment	AAK Secretariat Partner + MC Albert Kipruto
0900-0920	Presentation 1: <i>Nature Based Solutions as a tool for Resilience in the Built Environment</i> By Dr. Land. Arch. Sunday Abuje	
0920-0940	Presentation 2: <i>Beyond Green Buildings: Circular Material as the Next Frontier of Urban Resilience in Ecosystems in Africa</i> By Roy Githaiga, M.Arch.	
0940-1020	Plenary and Q&A discussion: a) Roy Githaiga, M.Arch. b) Dr. Land. Arch. Sunday Abuje	Discussant: Arch. (Dr.) Martin Mbidhi Rapporteurs: L. Arch. Brenda Waruinu & ID. Jacinta Serem
1020-1030	Platinum Partner Presentation	Tile & Carpet Centre Ltd. (TBC)
1030-1100	Health Break Exhibition footfall (Dedicated Networking Spaces) & Prize surprise	
SESSION THREE: Policy, Urban Governance and Community Reform		
1100-1200	Workshop: <i>Architecture Otherwise</i> By ADC Fellowship, MASS Design Team	Rapporteurs: Grad. Eng. Matilda Nimatsutsu & Jacinta Serem
1200-1210	Partner Message	SIKA Kenya Ltd.
1210-1230	Presentation 1: <i>Devolution Has Fragmented Urban Governance in Kenya: Legislative Layering, Coordinated Resilience Planning, and the Case of the Nairobi Metropolitan Region</i> By Pln. Simon Kamau	
1230-1250	Presentation 2: <i>Urban Rental Housing: The Missing Lever in City Climate Action _ A Policy Brief</i> By Dr. Linda Gichuyia	

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1250-1330	Plenary and Q&A discussion: a) Pln. Simon Kamau b) Dr. Linda Gichuyia	Discussant: Pln. Christine Muchiri Rapporteurs: Ms. Mercy Ateka & Ms. Lucy Kimani
1330-1430	Lunch Break	
1430-1600	Built Environment Baraza: Discussion on outcomes of survey on practice in the Built Environment by Association / Institute Presidents, regulatory bodies, members of the various professions	Discussants: V Gikonyo Gitonga Rapporteurs: Ms. Michelle Ouma
Friday, 18 th September 2026		
SESSION FOUR: People, Place and Community Resilience		
0800-0900	Delegates Code Scanning Early bird gifts and Entertainment	AAK Secretariat Partner + MC
0900-0930	Crowd-puller activity	MC
0930-0950	Presentation 1: <i>From Sophistication to Stigma: Reclaiming the Swahili Urban Legacy for a Resilient Kenya</i> By Mohammed Ali Mwenje , Curator, National Museums of Kenya, Lamu Museums and Lamu World Heritage Site	
0950-1010	Presentation 2: <i>Architecture that Anticipates Change: Lessons in Resilience from African Architectural Traditions</i> By Jason Muthamia Mwenda	
1010-1040	Panel and Q&A session a) Mohammed Ali Mwenje b) Jason Muthamia Mwenda	Discussant: ID. Jacinta Serem Rapporteurs: L. Arch. Brenda Waruinu & Ms. Mercy Ateka
1040-1110	Health Break Exhibition footfall + Dedicated Networking Spaces & Prize surprise Quiz & Gift	
SESSION FIVE: Innovation, Technology and the Future of Construction		
1110-1120	Partner Message	

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1120-1140	Presentation 1: <i>The Role of Material Logic on Spatial Outcomes in Kenyan Juakalis: A Case of Thika Kigandaini</i> By CPM. Maria Wanjiku Gicheha	
1140-1200	Presentation 2: <i>Embracing innovative Construction Material for Resilient Road Infrastructure surfacing</i> By Eng. Howard M'mayi	
1200-1240	Panel and Q&A Session a) CPM. Maria Wanjiku Gicheha b) Eng. Howard M'mayi	Discussant: QS. David Aganyo Nyangau Rapporteurs: Ms. Lucy Kimani & Grad. Eng. Matilda Nimatsutsu
1240-1300	Call to Action: Rapporteur General Report Delegation Photograph	Arch. Michael Mathenge
1300-1400	Lunch Break	
1400-1800	Build Tour of Kwale organised by AAK Coast Branch • Ukunda Airport • Mwache Dam	Catherine Kiruku (BDM) Rapporteurs: Alex Otieno & Grad. Eng. Matilda Nimatsutsu
1400-1800	Team Building: Water Polo, Beach Volleyball	ID Jacinta Serem & Fiona Apanga
1800-1900	Gala Dinner Preparation	
1900-Late	Closing Gala Dinner Charity Golf Tournament Award Ceremony Grow A Classroom Student Design Competition Awards	MC
Saturday, 19th September 2026		
Post-Convention		
ALL DAY	Build Tour of • Kisite Mpunguti Marine National Park / Wasini Island	Catherine Kiruku (BDM) Rapporteurs: Alex Otieno

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