



## **East African Chapter**

### **Webinar II Programme**

On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the East Africa AfRES chapter in collaboration with the Construction Real Estate Students Association (CRESA) of the University of Nairobi's Department of Real Estate, Construction Management and Quantity Surveying (DRECMQS) held a capacity mobilization webinar event. The goal of this event was to introduce AfRES to University students in built environment departments in different Universities in Kenya. The webinar presentation was delivered by Mrs. Catherine Kariuki the immediate former President of AfRES and Bernadette Gitari RICS's Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) Partner Development and Public Affairs Liaison. The webinar was moderated by Mr. Nicky Nzioki the AfRES East Chapter Chair and the CRESA President Mr. Anthony Muoki, a student in the DRECMQS.

Following introductory remarks by the CRESA President introducing CRESA's governance structure, membership, and roles other student leaders who were present were given the opportunity to make few remarks. These included the University of Nairobi Student Association representative of the Faculty of the Built Environment. The different leaders who spoke welcomed the collaboration between CRESA and EA-AfRES and pledged their support.

In her presentation on AfRES Mrs. Kariuki highlighted AfRES's development from 1997 to the present. Her presentation covered AfRES's governance structure, the different regional chapters, partnerships, and AfRES's affiliation to the International Real Estate Society (IRES) and the other continental real estate societies. Her talk also noted the different publication opportunities that AfRES offers these included Journal of African Real Estate Research and Annual Conferences. In conclusion, she introduced the students to the different benefits of joining AfRES. On her part, Bernadette Gitari took the student through RICS and its different membership routes. In her talk, she noted that her role in RICS was to engage different stakeholders with a goal promoting the built environment hence her decision to take part in the webinar. She also challenged CRESA to look for creative ways through which RICS and EA-AfRES can collaborate further foster the partnership established during the webinar.

One of the key themes to emerge from the webinar was the need for more engaging platforms for young leaders in surveying and real estate. On this the East African chapter of AfRES noted it would continue to work with likeminded partners within the region to mobilise young leaders in surveying and real estate in line with this year's conference sub-theme of sustainable capacity

mobilization and development. The sustainable built environment capacity development theme will be further explored in the 2023 AfRES Conference in Nairobi.

### **Webinar II Photos**



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