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**Word from the Chairman**

**BUPA in 2013**

As we come to the close of this year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support and dedication you have shown towards Busia Professionals Association (BUPA). It has been an eventful year where Busia has operationalised its County Government granted by the Constitution in 2010. On behalf of BUPA, I once again congratulate the Governor Hon. Sospeter Ojaamong and his team on their election or appointment as appropriate and recognize his pledge to collaborate with BUPA. We look forward to working with the County Government, our members and stakeholders in implementing BUPA objectives especially advocacy and supporting role in order to achieve development of the County and improved welfare of its people. We also look

forward to working cordially with all elected leaders from the County. This far, BUPA is glad to have been invited by the County government to help in identifying the County Public Service Board Members. In August, BUPA also presented a Memorandum to the County government being its contribution to the formulation of the Busia County Integrated Development Plan. We are looking forward to more of such fruitful engagements as we endeavour to build Busia.

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Nairobi Railway club. Office bearers were elected in accordance with article 8 (iii) (c) of the Association's Constitution. I would like to encourage you to continue supporting these office bearers and also call upon all professionals out there who are from the County to become members of BUPA so that we together can contribute through our different professions to the growth of Busia.

Thank you all and we look forward to a fruitful 2014.

**BUPA Annual Dinner 2013**

This year's Annual Dinner will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Panafric Hotel starting at 6.30:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend this important event in our calendar where we celebrate our achievements for the year ending and deliberate on the new assignments in the year to come at a little cost of Ksh 3,000. For details on how to attend the dinner, contact the BUPA Secretary on 0722853439 or any of the office bearers listed at the end of this Newsletter.



Part of the BUPA Executive in deliberations: (L-R) Dr. J. J. Masiga (vice chairman), Dr. Chris Wanga (Chairman), Mr. Leonard Radoli (Secretary) and Mr. Kizito Masinde (Executive Committee Member)

**Invitation to membership**

**In order to play an active role in BUPA activities and contribute to the social and economic growth of Busia County, you are requested to renew your membership. Non-members are encouraged to join the Association.**

According to Article 3 (a) of the Constitution of BUPA: 'Any professional in any sector of the economy with post-secondary school training in a specific skill acceptable to the committee established criteria and endorsed by the annual general assembly who has attained the age of 18 years and above and who is by birth a resident or has a home or real property or interests within Busia County shall be eligible for membership of the Association and shall, subject to approval of the Executive Committee, become a member on payment of an entrance fee'.

**News around and about the County**

**1. Meetings**

**BUPA Executive monthly meetings**

As part of the role of the BUPA Executive, we are happy to report that their commitment has ensured that all scheduled monthly meetings were held as required. These monthly meetings are used to plan and review new and ongoing projects under BUPA.

**Special meeting on the County Integrated Plan**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2013, BUPA members held a meeting with the Busia County Executives and the Meladen Restaurant in Nairobi. The meeting was called to brainstorm on Busia issues within the Busia County and forge a way forward in resolving them.

**2. Elections and appointments for the year 2013**

Early this year, Busia County elected Hon. Sospeter Ojaamong as their Governor; Hon. Amos Wako, Senator; Kizito Wangalwa, Deputy Governor, and; Florence Mutua, Women's representative. Patrick Omutia was appointed Principal Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Culture and Arts, and Steven Oundo was elected as Chairman of The Association of Professional Societies of East Africa (APSEA). Members of Parliament elected include Honourables Michael Onyura for Butula, John Bunyasi for Nambale, Geoffrey Odanga for Matayos, Ababu Namwamba for Budalangi, Dr Paul Otuoma for Samia, Mary Emase for Teso North and Peter Odira for Teso South. In May this year, the Busia governor Sospeter Ojaamong unveiled his team of executive

committee members. The 10 member committee includes: Moses Osia Mwanje (Agriculture and Animal Resources), Leonard Wanda (Finance and Economic Planning), Martin Kafwa (Lands, Housing and Urban Development), Jazida Ali (Education and Vocational Training), Maurice Peter Siminyu (Health and Sanitation), Gregory Odeke (Public Works, Transport and Disaster Management), Bernadette Muyomi (Public Service, Information and Communication), Hillary Makhulu (Trade, Cooperatives, Tourism and Industry), Grace Matinde (Community Development, Sports, Culture and Social Services), Bernard Krade (Water, Environment and Natural Resources).

The governor also unveiled the County Public Service Board (PSB) as follows: Agneta Syeunda (chaipeson), Francis Nang'ayo, Josiah Wanyama Kapule Masake Pancras Otواني and Praxidis Otieno.



Professionals from Busia County discussing priorities of the Busia County Integrated Development Plan during a forum held at the Railway Club, Nairobi

#### 4. The Busia County Integrated Development Plan

On 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013 citizens from Busia County residing in Nairobi gathered at the Railway Club in Nairobi to meet Busia County government officials. The meeting gave the citizens a chance to contribute to the formulation of a Busia County Integrated Development Plan. This was a laudable move by the Busia County government as it provided a forum for public participation in debating development priorities for the county.

At the meeting, BUPA presented a memorandum to the governor on the County Integrated Development Plan. The memorandum was derived from stated Busia County needs and proposed interventions based on a detailed analysis of current government information, previous stakeholders recommendations, own experiences and expert reports.

In the memorandum, BUPA proposed that County operations should be focused on planning for the majority while addressing Busia residents' felt and unfelt needs. It proposed a number of flagship projects with specific proposals under six main areas that would steer the development of the County as follows:

- Agricultural, Livestock and Fisheries Improvement
- Investment in Education
- Improved Basic Health
- Enhanced Infrastructure
- Clean Water Supply and Sanitation
- Environmental and Cultural Conservation



Professionals from Busia county residing in Nairobi follow proceedings during the Busia County Integrated Development Plan forum at the Railway Club, Nairobi.

It is the hope of BUPA that all these good proposals will be taken into consideration as the County seeks to identify critical tasks and priorities and define a clear development strategy that is based on the ambitions and aspirations of the citizens of Busia.

#### 5. BUPA Investments

BUPA has incorporated two companies thus BUPA Consultancy Services Limited and BUPA Investment Company Limited. Among the objectives of BUPA Consultancy Services Limited are to enable BUPA members offer multidisciplinary consulting services to companies, organisations, institutions and individuals. The BUPA Investment Company Limited was formed in order to enable BUPA members participate in investment activities within the County or elsewhere as may be deemed fit. You are therefore all invited to join BUPA so you can get a chance to be part of these great initiatives.



### BUPA Office Bearers

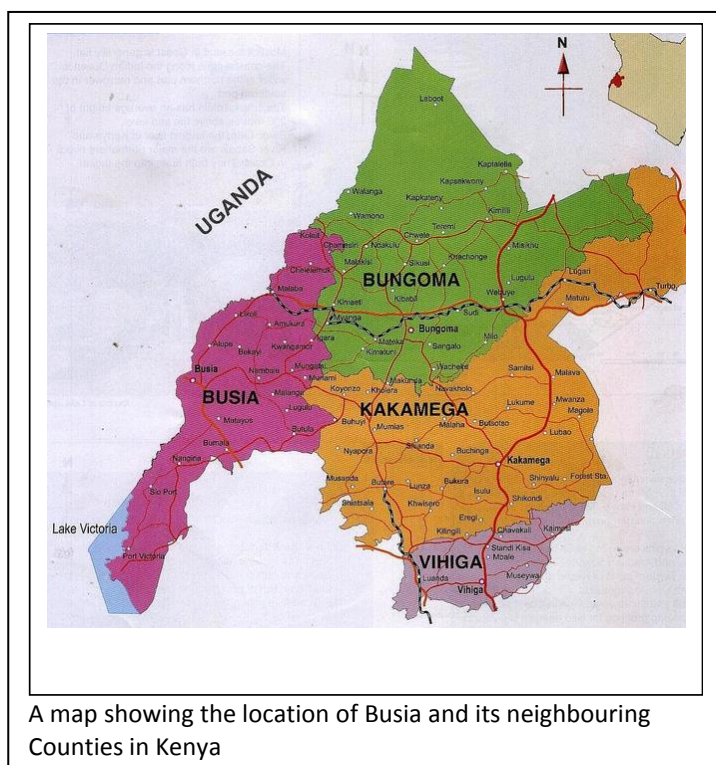
In accordance with article 8 (iii) (c) of the Busia Professionals Association's Constitution, the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Members of Busia Professionals Association was held at the Nairobi Railway Club on Saturday 14th September 2013 at 2.00 pm. At the meeting, the following were elected as office bearers:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Dr. Christopher Wanga	<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	Reginald Okumu
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Dr. J. J. Masiga	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Joseph Ouma
<b>Secretary:</b>	Leonard Radoli	<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	Dr. Beatrice Bunyasi

Executive Committee Members were elected as follows:

Amb. Dennis Awuori	Selina Makokha
Kizito Masinde	Steven Oundo
Linus Ogaya	William Ikapel

In addition to the officials above, Honourable Amos Wako and Professor Christine Mango were nominated as trustees of BUPA.



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