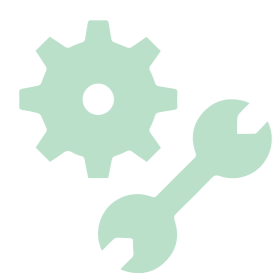


Nairobi, Kenya:

Green Building Guidelines

Model: Non-Commercial Convening

The Kenya Green Building Society (KGBS) promotes local green building principles and worked with the city of Nairobi to successfully develop green building guidelines.



THE CHALLENGE

Building codes in Nairobi date back to the 1970s, despite the increasing need and market for greener buildings. Nairobi's Climate Action Plan 2020-2050 includes the revision of building codes for improved energy efficiency as one of the plan's supporting actions.



HOW IT WORKS

KGBS convenes over 200 private and public members to promote green building guidelines in collaboration with the government. The CEO is also a special elected member of Nairobi's city council and this helps KGBS navigate government protocols.

In 2019, the city of Nairobi and KGBS partnered on green building guidelines through the World Resources Institute's Building Efficiency Accelerator. Using a series of workshops and training, they co-developed new green building guidelines for the city.

The city then pledged to adopt them in its building approval process. The aim is to phase in compliance starting with 50% of the guidelines.

Nakuru and Laikipia Counties are now also working with KGBS to apply these green building guidelines.

KGBS offers value to the city as an independent actor bridging public and private stakeholders. It also offers support in the form of advocacy and training, as well as intelligence sharing through its Jenga Green Library, a green building materials and services directory.



LESSONS

An independent actor like KGBS can play an important role in building collaboration and consensus around diverse objectives. Having a mixed public and private membership and a clear vision, greatly facilitates this process.

Using workshops and training to mainstream new information - in this case building guidelines - is essential to ensure they are applied on the ground, rather than sit as documents on a shelf.

