



# The Institution of Engineering Technologists and Technicians (IET)

## Change of landscape for informally trained engineering artisans

The members of the Institution of Engineering Technologists and Technicians (IET), Kenya look forward to the monthly Technical and Vocational Training Journal. The journal has become a forum for information exchange among the TVET fraternity. The Prior Learning Policy has changed the landscape for the informally trained engineering artisans. The development of the policy by the government is another milestone for this country and has enabled IET to increase its membership base and brought under one umbrella all engineering technology professionals. A great milestone for these professionals was realized in 2016, when the engineering profession witnessed a defining moment when the President signed into law the Engineering Technology Act, No. 23 of 2016. The Act established the Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board (KETRB), a statutory body mandated to regulate the practice and standard of engineering technologists and technicians. The Engineering Technology Act, 2016 also brought the number of regulatory bodies for the engineering profession to two: KETRB and EBK. The government established these two bodies to ensure that the engineering profession in its entirety was regulated for the Safety and Health of the public. Any organization therefore that discriminates against engineering technology professionals contravenes the laws of the land and is liable for court prosecution.

The IET Council informs all graduates and students from the TVET institutions and artisans who acquire skills informally that the institution is open for them to join. The government has established institutions and policies that recognizes informally trained artisan as professionals; it is also a fact that engineering technology professionals contribute immensely to the economy of our nation. Engineering Technology professionals are called upon to rise up to the challenge bestowed on them in the Vision 2030 blueprint.