

NOTICE: PROFESSIONAL WARNING AND POSSIBLE LEGAL SANCTIONS

To:
ALL UNREGISTERED GRADUATES
ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED PROGRAMS
RWANDA

Subject: Unlawful Practice of Architecture and Urgent Registration Application.

August 01, 2023

In accordance with the law No 26/2012 governing the profession of Architecture and establishing the **Rwanda Institute of Architects**, Article 6: Requirements for admission to practice the profession of Architecture in Rwanda, in section 3,4. And Article 8: Admission of legal entities to provide architecture services, and the Article 38: Sanctions imposed on persons who are not members of the Institute. And as per the institute's primary mandate of **regulating, scaling and promoting core values of the profession of Architecture in Rwanda**. The institute is writing to bring to your attention and the general public a matter of great importance concerning your professional activities as an unregistered architecture graduate.

It has come to our attention that you have been engaging in unlawful practice as an architect without being registered with the Rwanda Institute of Architects (RIA). The RIA is the regulatory body responsible for upholding professional standards and ensuring the protection of public interest in the field of architecture in Rwanda.

As an unregistered architecture graduate, it is crucial to understand that practicing architecture without the required registration is a violation of the law and can have serious consequences. **We hereby issue this professional warning to alert you to the potential legal sanctions you may face if you continue to operate in this manner.**

In accordance with the RIA's mandate to uphold professional standards and elevate the architecture profession in Rwanda, we strongly urge you to immediately cease all architectural practice beyond your professional training scope until you have obtained the necessary registration. This involves completing the registration process, which includes meeting the RIA's requirements and demonstrating your competence as a certified professional.

By enrolling certified professionals, the RIA aims to enhance the overall quality of architectural services provided in Rwanda, safeguarding the interests of clients and promoting ethical conduct within the industry.

We strongly encourage you to apply for registration with the RIA as soon as possible. Doing so will not only ensure compliance with the law but also provide you with access to numerous professional benefits and opportunities for career advancement. Failure to comply with this notice and to rectify your professional status by applying for registration may result in further legal action being taken against you, including potential penalties and other consequences as stipulated by the applicable laws and regulations.

For further information on the registration process and requirements, please visit the RIA's official website at <https://ria.rw/> or contact our offices directly.

We trust that you will take this matter seriously and act responsibly to rectify your professional status without delay. Compliance with the law and adherence to professional standards are essential for the well-being of the architecture profession and the public it serves. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice or the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact us at architectsofrwanda@ria.rw / +250 785 251 983.

Yours sincerely,



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