



KENYA COPYRIGHT BOARD



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TRIBUTE TO HENRY CHAKAVA

It is with great sadness that the Board and Members of Staff of the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) received the news of the passing on of the former chairman, Dr. Henry Chakava

Dr. Chakava joined the Board of Directors in 2006 as a representative of the publishing sector. He was subsequently appointed as the second Chairman of KECOBO in September 2009, a position he held until 2012.

During his tenure, the Kenya Copyright Board became a fully-fledged government agency and the new institution moved to its own offices at NHIF Building with its own members of staff. It was also during this time that KECOBO developed and successfully implemented the first strategic plan, which included the establishment of the enforcement and prosecution units that enhanced the management and enforcement of copyright and related rights.

It goes without saying, that under his visionary leadership and expertise, KECOBO developed and implemented policies and strategies that made KECOBO gain recognition from the World Intellectual Property Organization as one of the best copyright offices in Africa.

Dr. Chakava ensured that KECOBO prudently managed its resources and took management to task for any performance shortfall, and encouraged the Management team to strive for excellence, offering the necessary support as the Chairman. He presided over the Board that brought back a measure of sanity in the collective management of CMOs in Kenya. The Board, under his leadership, put in place policies that enabled KECOBO management to licence, supervise and manage collective management organisations.

Despite his serious mien, Dr. Chakava was a kind person who easily shared jokes with the Board members and members of staff.

He keenly followed the progress of the institution years after his departure from the KECOBO Board of Directors calling the Executive Director(s) from time to time.

KECOBO owes Dr. Chakava a debt of gratitude for the role he played in its establishment and we are honoured to be part of his rich legacy.

We take this opportunity to condole with his family and the publishing industry as they mourn his passing.

May his soul **rest in peace.**

Issued by:

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Chairman, Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) Board of Directors.