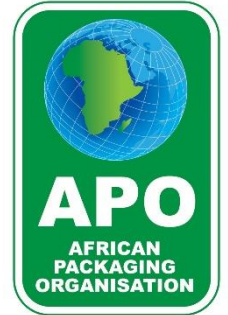

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African Packaging Organization (APO) BoT achieves Corporate Affairs Commission Ratification.

- **APO intends to enhance the packaging resource through strategic, collaborative partnerships globally.**
- **APO understands that the strength of the African economy lies in packaging education.**

Lagos, Nigeria, March 5, 2021—African Packaging Organization; (APO) has announced today that the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) has issued the APO a Certificate of Incorporation with registration number IT 156336. APO is registered as an incorporated Trustees/a non-governmental Organisation (NGO) with the commission.

The Registrar General of CAC, Alhaji Garba Abubakar has certified Ahmed Omah, Nigerian; Eugene Eloye Atte, Ivorian; Joseph Nyongesa, Kenyan; Kishan Singh, South African; and Kofi Essuman, Ghanaian as duly appointed trustees of APO. Garba endorsed the certificate in Abuja, Nigeria.

"Africa is a rising continent, with vast mineral resources and agricultural produce which Africans must harness and add value through appropriate processing technologies and packaging," said, President of APO, Alhaji Ahmed Omah at a press briefing in Lagos. "We may not be able to compete in aerospace and nuclear technology, but with the right packaging technology, Africa will feed the world into the future."

APO was founded on June 12, 2012 at Inanda Club, Sandton, Johannesburg by packaging institutions across six Africa states who signed the statute for the formation of APO. The association has membership across Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Tunisia.

"The incorporation of APO is a major milestone in advancing the packaging agenda in Africa in terms of skills, policy, technology, awareness and trade" said Joseph Nyongesa, General Secretary, and pioneer president of APO.

Expressing his excitement about the registration, Kofi Essuman, Vice-President of APO said, “the registration of APO is fortuitous as the continent gears itself to trade under the newly launched African continental free trade agreement.”

“APO understands that the strength of the African economy, propelled by the growing African middle class, lies in education,” said Kishan Singh, Vice President Education, APO.

“APO remains committed to working with global packaging related organisations such as World Packaging Organisation (WPO), United Nations Industry Development Organisation (UNIDO), packaging tradeshows and exhibitions to ensure that the best packaging technical training is available to African businesses, universities, and governments. Information and technologies relating to post-consumer packaging material recovery and reintegration into the packaging and/or other applications ensure that the materials remain in a circular economy. This then ensures that African businesses gain a competitive edge and are able to compete against the best industries globally.”

The goals of APO include, among others, are:

- To bring the attention of African states to the role that packaging can play in addressing some of the major development challenges facing the continent.
- To build packaging capability in Africa by promoting and maintaining the status and business of those engaged in packaging.
- To promote the recognition of packaging as a profession, through international collaboration, publications, education, and certification.
- To encourage the trade competitiveness of African exports by assisting in the improvement of product presentation through effective packaging.

About APO

African Packaging Organisation (APO) was founded on June 12, 2012, following approval from the World Packaging Organisation (WPO).

APO, a member of the WPO, aims to improve the standard of packaging across Africa by employing various strategies, such as supporting its member organisations, improving packaging capability in Africa, and striving to increase trade throughout Africa.

About CAC

The Corporate Affairs Commission was established by the Companies and Allied Matters Act promulgated in 1990 to regulate the formations and management of companies in Nigeria.

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