



Shelter Afrique Wins Town and Counties Excellence Award

Nairobi: February 11, 2020 - Pan African Housing Financier, Shelter Afrique has been conferred the *Town and County Excellence Award* by the Town and County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK).

The Award was in recognition of the Company's contribution to the provision of affordable housing and reduction of slum dwelling in Kenya and across Africa.

Handing over the Award certificate to Shelter Afrique's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Chimphondah, Town and County Planners Association of Kenya Chairman Mr. Mairura Omwenga lauded Shelter Afrique for its efforts to bring to the fore front the affordable housing agenda across Africa and the investments the company has made in its efforts to improve quality of housing in Africa.

"We are pleased to confer the Town and County Excellence Award to Shelter Afrique for its efforts towards making our towns better places to live. We hope this Award will encourage Shelter Afrique to do even more as it focuses its efforts towards meeting the needs of the continent's rapidly growing population," Mr. Omwenga said.

Receiving the Award, Shelter Afrique's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Chimphondah said the Company recognizes the scourge of rapid urbanization, which has resulted into more slums, and as such has made the provision of affordable housing through strategic partnerships its key priority.

"We are humbled and we feel privileged to be conferred with this Award in recognition of work across Africa. We are encourage to continue focusing on our mandate of providing affordable homes in Afrique, which is in line with United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) No 11 which focuses on sustainable cities and communities," Mr. Chimphondah said.

Shelter Afrique has a number of initiatives geared towards enhancing housing affordability across Africa. In Kenya, for instance, the Company has partnered with the government and the UN Habitat to develop a social housing scheme within Mavoko Municipality under the Kenya Slum Upgrading Programme (KENSUP) and is also supporting the Pan African slum eradication program in Uganda.

The Company has also invested in the mortgage refinance companies in Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Togo. The Company has also signed memoranda of understanding with the governments of Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Central Africa Republic for the provision of affordable houses through public private partnerships structured by Shelter Afrique.

Town and County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK) is a corporate body comprising town, county, and country planners, urban and regional planners, physical planners. The Association promotes professional development, education, public awareness, sustainable development and the protection and conservation of the built and natural environment.

It is a member of International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) - a global association of professional city and regional planners, and International Coalition for Sustainable Cities and Territories (ICOSCAT). **#End#**

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About Shelter Afrique

Shelter Afrique is the only pan-African finance institution that exclusively supports the development of the housing and real estate sector in Africa. By meeting the needs of the continent's rapidly growing urban population, our work has a direct and positive impact on the lives of many.

A partnership of 44 African Governments, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Africa Reinsurance Company, Shelter Afrique builds strategic partnerships and offers a host of products and related services to support the efficient delivery of affordable housing and commercial real estate. These include project finance, institutional lending, equity investments & joint ventures, trade finance, and social housing. We also offer practical advice and technical assistance to a wide range of industry stakeholders.

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