SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF KENYA (SIMAK)

Advancing Responsible Development Through Social Risk and Impact Management

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ABOUT SIMAK

The Social Risks and Impact Management Association of Kenya (SIMAK) is a professional membership association established in 2025 to promote, regulate, and strengthen the practice of Social Risk and Impact Management (SRIM) in Kenya.
SIMAK serves as a platform for professional development, accreditation, policy support, research, and collaboration among practitioners involved in social impact assessment and management.

Key Focus Areas:

01 Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

02 Social Risk Management (SRM)

03 Social Safeguards

04 Community Engagement

05 Sustainable Development

WHY SIMAK EXISTS

The Development Challenge

Kenya continues to experience rapid growth in:

- Infrastructure Development
- Housing
- Mining and Extractives
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Water Projects
- Manufacturing

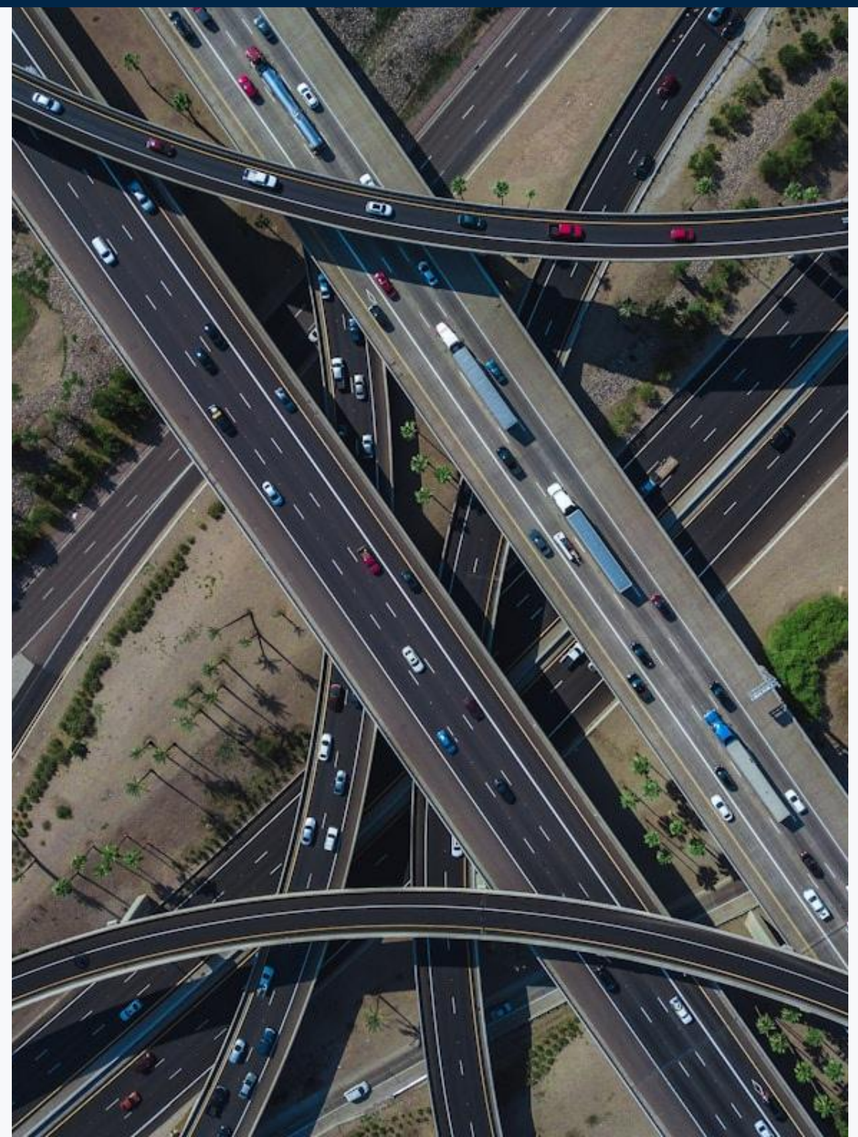
While these investments create opportunities, they also introduce social risks that affect communities, livelihoods, and human rights.



SIMAK'S RESPONSE

Promote professional standards and effective social risk management to ensure development benefits people while minimizing adverse impacts.

VISION & MISSION



Vision

A Kenya where development investments, policies, and institutions generate measurable, equitable, and sustainable social value for people, communities, and future generations.

Mission

To support governments, development partners, private sector actors, and communities to implement development investments responsibly, manage social impacts, maximize social value, strengthen resilience, and ensure accountable, inclusive, and sustainable development outcomes.

OUR CORE VALUES

1

Inclusivity

Ensuring all voices are represented.

2

Accountability

Promoting transparency and responsibility.

3

Integrity

Maintaining professional and ethical standards.

4

Participation

Encouraging meaningful stakeholder engagement.

5

Evidence-Based Practice

Driving decisions through research and data.

6

Collaboration

Building strong partnerships.

7

Leadership

Advancing professional excellence.

8

Sustainability

Supporting long-term development outcomes.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

What We Aim To Achieve

1
Protect Communities

To identify, prevent, mitigate, and monitor social risks associated with public and private sector investments.

2
Promote Social Value

To ensure that development benefits are accessible to all segments of society, especially vulnerable and marginalized populations

3
Strengthen Capacity

To build the capacities of governments, development agencies, financial institutions, NGOs, and private sector actors to promote social accountability, enhance social safeguards and manage social impacts effectively.

4
Advance Professional Standards

To develop, adopt and promote acceptable industry standards, operational guidelines, frameworks, ethics, compliance mechanisms, and best practices for Social Impact Management in Kenya.

5
Foster Sustainable Development

To facilitate learning, professional development, networking, collaboration and knowledge production and sharing, learning, and skill updating opportunities for members.

SOCIAL RISK LANDSCAPE IN KENYA

Poorly managed social risks can lead to project delays, financial losses, legal disputes, and reduced community trust.



Common Social Risks in Development Projects

- Land Acquisition and Resettlement
- Gender-Based Violence (GBV)
- Loss of Livelihoods
- Social Exclusion
- Community Conflicts
- Health and Safety Risks
- Labour Rights Violations
- Grievance Management Challenges



IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SIA is a critical planning and decision-making tool that helps ensure development projects are socially responsible and sustainable.

Benefits

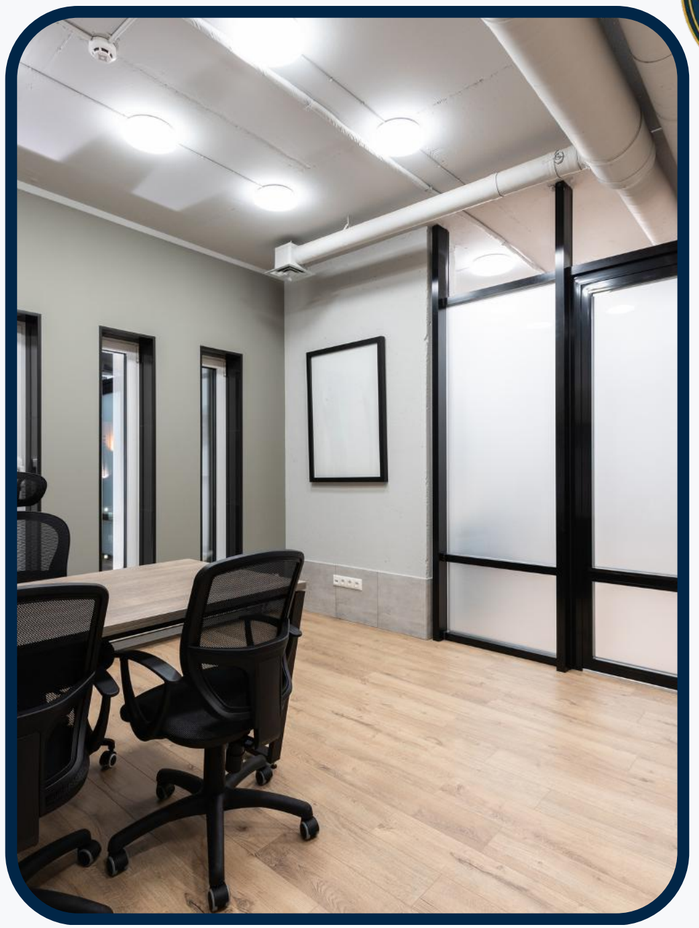
- Identifies potential social risks
- Enhances stakeholder trust
- Improves project design
- Protects vulnerable populations
- Maximizes development benefits

THE ROLE OF SIMAK

SIMAK contributes to:

- Professional Accreditation
- Capacity Building
- Policy Development
- Research and Innovation
- Industry Standards
- Certification Programs
- Knowledge Sharing
- Strategic Partnerships





Our Goal:

To become Kenya's leading professional authority in Social Risk and Impact Management.

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

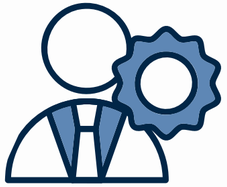
Professional Membership Categories



Lead Expert

Senior practitioners with extensive experience and demonstrated expertise:

- Degree in social science
- 5+ ESIA / RAP reports led
- Verbal panel presentation
- 5 years as Associate Expert



Associate Expert

Professionals actively engaged in Social Impact Management practice:

- Undergraduate degree in social science
- 2+ SRIM reports contributed
- Verbal panel presentation
- Other-discipline pathway via accredited SRIM course



Graduate Member

Emerging professionals entering the field.

- Undergraduate degree in social sciences or SIA-relevant discipline
- Or diploma in sociology + 3 years SRIM experience



Corporate Membership

Organizations and consulting firms involved in Social Risk and Impact Management.

- Consulting firms in Kenya or other jurisdictions
- ≥1 Lead Expert as director
- ≥2 staff qualified as Associate Experts

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Professional Recognition

Industry credibility and visibility.

Continuous Learning

Access to training and development opportunities.

Networking

Connect with experts and institutions.

Accreditation

Professional certification pathways.

Knowledge Sharing

Access to research and best practices.

Career Growth

Expand professional opportunities.

ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACT

Key Milestones:

160+	Officers trained in Social Risk Management	**26**	Training of Trainers (ToTs)
100+	Professionals trained in Land Acquisition and Resettlement Management	**15**	County Multi-Sectoral Committees established
National SRM Committee	Established and operational	**SRM Curriculum**	Institutionalized through key academic partnerships



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

SIMAK collaborates with:

- National Government
- County Governments
- Kenya School of Government
- University of Nairobi
- Development Partners
- Civil Society Organizations
- Research Institutions
- Professional Bodies

Partnership Focus

- ✓ Capacity Building
- ✓ Policy Development
- ✓ Research
- ✓ Accreditation
- ✓ Technical Assistance



GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Assembly

GOVERNING BODY

The Council

BRANCH A

Office Bearers

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Organising Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

BRANCH B

Secretariat

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) — appointed competitively, 3-year renewable term
- Officers as determined by Council — responsible for day-to-day management of the Association.

BRANCH C

Ex-Officio Members

- Chief Executive Officer
- Officer seconded from the Directorate of Social Risk & Impact Management
- Officer seconded from NEMA

COUNCIL COMPOSITION
All office bearers + 6 elected members

MEETING CADENCE
At least once every three months

ELECTION CYCLE
Every 2 years at AGM

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

001 Dan Adino
002 Lynett Ochuma
003 Isabel Kambua
004 Willice O. Abuya
005 Yvonne Leah A. Otweyo
006 Justus B. Aungo
007 Beatrice W. Githinji
008 Antony Kamakia
009 Rachael Wakagio Mithamo
010 Joy Nabwire Wasirimba
011 Edward Ontita
012 Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo
013 Abdi Mohamed Adan
014 Mildred Akinyi Ogendo
015 Rebecca Wambui Wainaina
016 Priscillah Mueni Mwanzia
017 Lilian Kahindo
018 Salma N. Sheba
019 Patricia Maryanne
020 Adek Calvins Ochieng
021 Kang'ara J. Muthoni
022 Jane Oyieko
023 Rose Ayango Oloo
024 Stephen Waithaka
025 Hellen Akoth Obong'o
026 Abigael Kerubo Nyaribo
027 Julius Barno
028 Peter Murigo
029 Grace Muhimpundu
030 Margaret Mumbua
031 Stecy Achieng
032 Celestine Ndunge Kaseve
033 Millicent Ningoma Dzombo
034 Evangeline Kagwiria Ngunjiri
035 Peter Gutwa Oino
036 Halima Ursuna Dube
037 Linda Were
038 James Waithaka Mugo
039 Damaris Obiero
040 Joseph B. Kiioh
041 Alexander Kiptanui
042 Leah Oyake-Ombis
043 Irene Wanjiku Muchoki
044 Beneah Manyuru Mutsotso
045 Pauline Ngetaa Ikumi
046 Rodah Kambua Mwendandu
047 Pendo Ida Okeyo
048 Erick Ochieng Ojungo
049 Everlyn Mbithi
050 Lydiah Mbogo
051 Yvonne Laureen Odhiambo
052 Risper Akinyi
053 Diana Chemutai
054 Esther Jael Amati

THE COUNCIL & OFFICE BEARERS

Office Bearer Council Member

OFFICE BEARERS · EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
Prof. Edward Ontita

SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL
Dr. Antony Kamakia

COUNCIL TREASURER
Dr. Dan Adino

ORGANIZING SECRETARY
Dr. Lynette Ochuma

ASST. TREASURER
Dr. Justus Aungo

COUNCIL VICE CHAIRLADY
Rose Oloo

ASST. SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL
Joy Wasirimba

FULL COUNCIL · 13 MEMBERS

01	Prof. Edward Ontita	Council Chairman
02	Dr. Antony Kamakia	Secretary to the Council
03	Dr. Dan Adino	Council Treasurer
04	Dr. Lynette Ochuma	Organizing Secretary
05	Dr. Justus Aungo	Asst. Treasurer
06	Rose Oloo	Council Vice Chairlady
07	Joy Wasirimba	Asst. Secretary to the Council
08	Dr. Willice Abuya	Member
09	Rebecca Wainaina	Member
10	Risper Pete	Member
11	Abdi Mohammed	Member
12	Damaris Obiero	Member
13	Yvonne Otweyo	Member



THANK YOU!

SIMAK is committed to promoting professional excellence, social accountability, and sustainable development through effective Social Risk and Impact Management.

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