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Beatrice Nyabira is the Partner in charge of the Projects and Infrastructure practice at IKM. She specializes in energy, infrastructure, public-private partnerships (PPPs), public procurement and government contracting. Some of the mandates in which Beatrice has been involved include: a solid waste PPP project, a geothermal power project, a coal-fired power project, several solar photovoltaic projects, two wind power projects, construction of a bridge through a PPP and the procurement of medical equipment under a managed equipment services (MES) arrangement.

Beatrice's clients include, commercial lenders, development finance institutions (DFIs), project sponsors and developers and contracting authorities.

The Chambers Global legal guide has reported that she is: "one of the star lawyers in the energy space" and "one of the people to watch due to her high energy and exceptional attention to detail." It also reported that: "she has exceptional technical knowledge, especially in projects." The guide has recognized Beatrice over the past few years as one of the outstanding commercial lawyers in Kenya.

### Related services

[Finance and Projects](#)

[Restructuring](#)

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### Related sectors

[Energy and Natural Resources](#)

### Languages spoken

English, Swahili

## Experience

Experience has included advising:

- Lenders in a 40 MW solar power project being developed in Kesses, Kenya
- Lenders in a 50 MW wind power project being developed in Kajiado, Kenya
- Senior lenders on the development and construction of a 140 MW geothermal power plant and related facilities in the Rift Valley region in Kenya, and the sale of capacity and energy to the Kenya Power and Lighting Company
- A developer of a 100 MW wind farm located in the Kajiado County in Kenya
- Developers of small-scale, off-grid wind hybrid power plant in Kenya
- A consortium of investors in respect of a proposed primary healthcare project, which will be piloted in Makueni County before being scaled up to all 47 counties in the country
- The providers of equity and mezzanine debt for initial contractors who will be constructing roads assigned in lots under the Kenya Ministry of Transport & Infrastructure's Roads 10,000 Program, for the development of a total of 10,000 km of roads (phase one being for 2,000 km)
- A potential developer on the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) corridor project; an economic corridor that will foster regional socio-economic development in Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, comprising a port, oil refinery, highway and railway construction
- A state corporation on a bridge PPP, being one of the Kenya National Treasury's priority PPP projects
- World Bank on a PPP options study for accelerated and sustainable non-revenue water reduction for Nairobi and Mombasa Counties
- An international oil and gas exploration and development company on its rights under a production sharing contract with the Kenyan

government for the acquisition of onshore exploration blocks

## Credentials

### Professional Qualifications

- Advocate admitted to the High Court of Kenya (2005)

### Education

- Kenya School of Law, Diploma in Law (2005)  
University of Nairobi, Bachelor of Laws LL.B. (2003)

### Recognition

- Ranked by Chambers Global
- Ranked by IFLR 1000

### Prior Experience

- 2011 to date, Partner, IKM, DLA Piper Africa member firm in Kenya
- 2008 to 2010, Senior Associate, IKM, DLA Piper Africa member firm in Kenya
- 2005 to 2008, Associate, IKM, DLA Piper Africa member firm in Kenya
- 2003 to 2004, Pupil, IKM, DLA Piper Africa member firm in Kenya

### Memberships

- Member of the Law Society of Kenya
- Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Tribunal member of the PPP Petition Committee

## Insights

### Transition from fossil fuels to clean energy will not be a walk in the park

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### Can distress investing turn around struggling companies in Kenya?

21 November 2023

Many experiences with distressed businesses in Kenya culminate in a lose-lose scenario in which both creditors and business owners register substantial losses. Despite the attempts by the Insolvency Act 2015 to cure such outcomes by introducing novel approaches such as administration and Company Voluntary Arrangements to rescue distressed companies, the intended effect has proved elusive.

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## Delicate balancing act in tax exempt projects and growth for Kenya

18 October 2023

In recent years, Kenya's development trajectory has greatly been propelled by a slew of ambitious infrastructure projects.

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## Roadmap for successful public, private partnerships on water

21 September 2023

The Kigali Bulk Water Supply (KBWS) project is an exemplar of a successful water PPP. It was established by the Africa Water Infrastructure Development (AWID) platform, which is a joint venture between BII and Metito. It is a pioneering model for the financing, construction and operation of a 40,000 cubic meters/day bulk water facility with a concession term of 27 years.