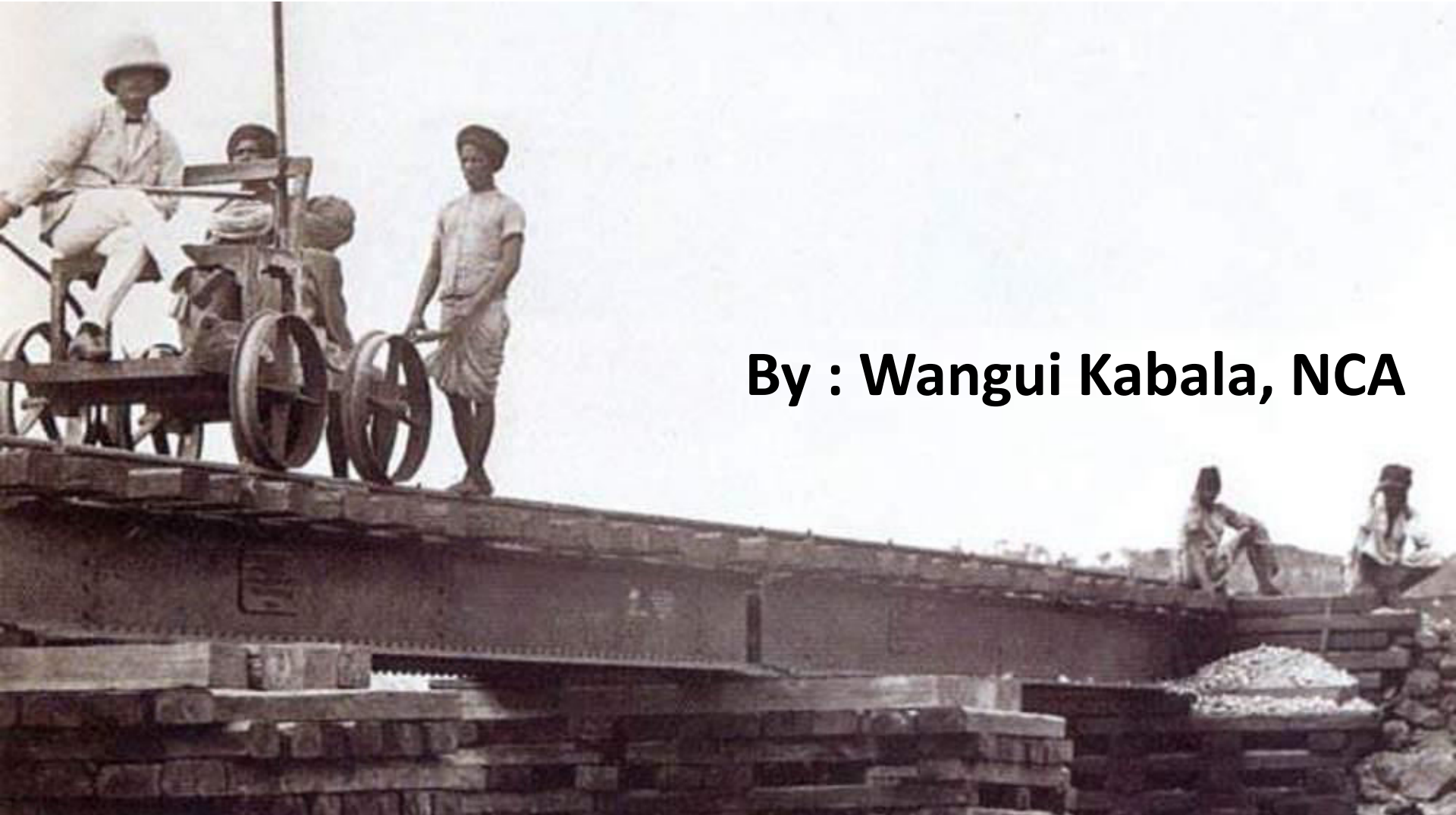


A History of Construction in Kenya



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Gedi Ruins: Early 11th Century



No. 513.

Mombasa Harbour.



Fort Jesus:1593-1596

“The Lunatic Express”



1896: Construction commenced

1898: First train left Mombasa for Voi

1901: Construction completed in Kisumu (Port Florence)





30th May 1896: Official Plate Laying Ceremony



1897: Voi Station



“I was aroused at daybreak and told that one of my jemadars, a fine powerful Sikh named Ungan Sing had been seized in his tent during the night and dragged off and eatenOn reaching the spot where the body had been devoured, a dreadful spectacle presented itself, The ground all round was covered with blood, and morsels of flesh and bones, but the unfortunate jemadars head, remained intact...”

Colonel J.H Patterson



Old Railway Headquarters: 1898



New Railway HQ: 1929



From the Earliest Days
of Nairobi there has been a branch of

**THE
NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA
LIMITED**

These three pictures tell at a glance
the remarkable growth of the
NAIROBI BRANCH

1904—

a corrugated-iron shed in
Government Road



1906—

The first stone
building

1950—

The present Bank
premises built in
1931



Construction Regulation

- 1972: National Construction Bill passes, establishes the National Construction Corporation
- 1988: NCC Collapses
- 2011: National Construction Authority Act passes, establishes the National Construction Authority.
- 2014: The National Construction Regulations pass

Construction Laws

- 1963: Local Government Act passes (revised in 2010)
- Building Code anchored under the Local Government Act; currently under revision
- 1996 :Physical Planning Act
- 2018: Construction Industry Policy

Industry Associations

- 1934: The Board of Registration of Architects and Quantity Surveyors, established under Cap 525 Laws of Kenya.
- 1945: The East African Association of Engineers (EAAE), which was the precursor to the Institution of Engineers of the Kenya (IEK), was formed as a professional and learned body, independent of control by governments
- 1967: Architectural Association of Kenya is formed
- 1969: Engineers Registration Act, repealed and replaced by the Engineers Act of 2011
- 1994: Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya formed

Women in Construction



Major Infrastructural Projects









The Future

- The Big 4 Agenda: Affordable Housing: 500k houses by 2022
- Construction Industry Policy
- Ease of doing business
- Sustainability: Climate Change Act