

Prioritising safety and integrity

Clara Koech is the Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Control Officer at **Waterbus**. She undertook training delivered by InfraCo Africa's Business Integrity team.

Clara ensures compliance with health, safety and environmental regulations, and quality control for the marine transport business. "I previously worked on construction and water supply projects. Working at Waterbus has positively impacted my life, I have grown in confidence by interacting with different stakeholders including our regulators, the customers that we serve and our various service providers."

Clara believes that the Waterbus passenger ferry service is important because "This project provides people living around the Lake with increased mobility and access to public services and government agencies."

Following training from InfraCo Africa's Business Integrity team in early 2023, Clara said: "When I think of Business Integrity, what comes to mind is being free from corruption. During the training, I learnt about different forms that corruption can take, the importance of open communication - especially in regard to declaring possible conflicts of interest -

and the essence of whistleblowing. I also learnt about Politically Exposed Persons." She continued, "The most surprising thing I learnt from the training was that the UK Bribery Act can apply outside of the UK if there is a UK connection to a project. I was also surprised by how huge the penalties for bribery and corruption are in both Kenya and the UK!"

In her work she says, "I will definitely incorporate the lessons learnt from today's training, particularly when I am screening service providers that we contract with in my role on the Waterbus procurement committee."

Looking forward, Clara plans to grow her career in the maritime sector, working towards a National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health Diploma and, in the future, a Masters in HSES.

