

Nelson C. Kuria, OGW, CEO, Co-operative Insurance Company of Kenya

Since 1999, the Co-operative Insurance Company of Kenya has experienced a major transformation that has seen its positioning in the insurance industry improve from the bottom-five bracket to the top ten in Kenya in less than 10 years. This phenomenal growth was stirred by the strong leadership from the management led by Mr. Nelson Kuria. He embraced "servant leadership" which emphasized the fact that employees are servants and not masters of the customers. It was for his effort in turning around the company and a commitment towards the growth of the Co-operative Movement that Mr. Kuria was awarded the Order of Grand Warrior (OGW) in 2005.

Since obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of Nairobi in 1979, Nelson Kuria has undergone extensive training in Strategic Management. The last ten of his thirty years in the financial services sector have been spent working for CIC Kenya, of which he is currently Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Kuria is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Leadership & Governance at a Theological University in Kenya.

- **Member of the Institute of Directors** of Kenya
- **Chairman** – Association of Kenya Insurers (AKI)
- **Member**- Finance & Development Committee- College of Insurance
- **Chairman**- Kenya LIMRA Committee
- **Board Member**- Federation of Kenya Employers
- **Board Member** – Higher Education Loans Board Staff Retirement Benefit Scheme
- **Board Member**- Bible League-Kenya
- **Chairman**- Board of Governors- Nyandarua High School
- **Board Member**- Hope FM Radio
- **Member** – Development Committee – International Co-operative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF)
- **State Honors** – Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya (OGW).