

WOMESA Newsletter

of the Kenyan Chapter of the:
Association for Women in the Maritime Sector in Eastern & Southern Africa.

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WOMESA Kenyan Chapter Conducts Annual General Meeting ushering in a new office bearers

WOMESA led by the outgoing Chairlady, Madam Evelyn Chibule held its Annual General Meeting at the Pride Inn Paradise Beach Resort in Mombasa on 18th June 2016 which saw the ushering in of new office bearers as follows:

The New Office bearers elected in by members on 18th June 2016:

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| i. Tumaini Namoya | <i>Chairlady</i> |
| ii. Fiona Mbandi | <i>Vice-Chair</i> |
| iii. Mary Munyi | <i>Secretary</i> |
| iv. Jacqueline Maina | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| v. Joyce Awino | <i>Marketing and Communication Officer</i> |



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Sub-Committee Members were as follows:

	Training Committee	Mentorship Committee	Publicity Committee	Policy Committee	Research and Development Committee	Resource mobilization Committee
1	Fiona Mbandi <i>Chairlady</i>	Elizabeth Marami <i>Chairlady</i>	Joyce Awino <i>Chairlady</i>	Elizabeth Mvoi <i>Chairlady</i>	Ellah Kiyangu <i>Chairlady</i>	Rosemary Oile <i>Chairlady</i>
2	Hellen Sungu	Editter Mugo	Elizabeth Marami	Winnie Maina	Lucy Baiya	Catherine Wairi
3	Emma Seline Okello	Jacqueline Omayio	Dorcas Oketch	Stephany Wambui	Sophia Getambu	Evelyn Chibule
4	Connie Mcharo	Josephine Wesonga	Jacqueline Maina	Veronica Maina	Jemimah Mwanyumba	Beatrice Kibunja
5	Editter Mugo	Ivy Fakii	Stephany Wambui		Jemimah Msinga	Fatma Yusuf
6	Veronica Maina	Dolorees Maikah	Fiona Mbandi		Winnie Kamau	Ivy Fakii
7	Grace Nekesa		Mary Munyi			
8	Lucy Baiya					
9	Ivy Fakii					
10	Dolorees Maikah					
11	Winnie Kamau					

Congratulations to the new team are therefore in order and it is anticipated that through the engagement of the Sub-Committees, visibility of WOMESA Kenya activities will be achieved.

The AGM in pictorial

Members during the AGM benefited from sensitization on Gender Mainstreaming and how women can successfully align themselves in the male dominated career world by Madam Veronica Maina, Head of Secretariat WOMESA. Madam Elizabeth Marami, First Female Marine Pilot in Kenya was also given the floor to speak about her career journey as well as her passion for mentoring young girls.





WOMESA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AT KOMBENI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

By Aziza Swazuri

Each month WOMESA team holds a mentorship program, being one of its flagship projects, for girls inspiring them to great achievements in different spheres of life. Led by Ms. Fiona Mbandi, Vice Chair, the team visited Kombeni Girls High School, a secondary school in Kilifi County where WOMESA in partnership with Undugu Mentorship Initiative, had earlier held a mentorship event on October 2014, on career advice to the girls. Due to the great impact WOMESA left at the school, the Association was once again invited to provide another grand session with the girls. This was to empower them with the ability to realize their educational dreams early in order to be able to nurture and pursue the diverse educational opportunities available both locally and internationally especially in the maritime sector.

Over 700 girls were enlightened! They have begun their journey towards prosperity! Ms. Eizabeth Marami, a trainee Marine Pilot took the session by storm and was

the icon of inspiration by virtue of being the first female trainee Marine Pilot to hold the position in Kenya. A star to behold, a force to reckon with in the maritime industry and career path less taken by many females. She was a perfect example of how to start and nurture a dream.

The well attended program also covered the career path in maritime studies from certificate to Masters Level, both within and outside Kenya taken through by Ms. Aziza Swazuri. The Undugu Initiative warmed up to the event by touching on the individual aspects of attitude, within and without the girls' frame of mind, to enable them conquer the world beyond the ordinary, done by Mr. Johnson Nyambu. The team also gifted the school with sanitary towels for the girls. Other WOMESA members who graced the occasion were Ms. Rose Nyalwal, Ms. Beatrice Kibunja, Ms. Penina Chao, and Ms. Laura Kiriso (Undugu Mentorship Initiative).

The Kombeni Mentorship in pictorial



The WOMESA Kenya Secretariat congratulates the following members and achievers



Ms. Nancy Karigithu on her appointment as PS Shipping and Maritime Affairs and to the governing board of the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI).



Ms. Mwanamaka Mabruki on her appointment as PS State Department of Devolution.



Ms. Catherine Mturi-Wairi ascendance to the prestigious seat of KPA Managing Director being the first female and especially a member of WOMESA to hold the seat is celebratory.



Ms. Mariam Khamis' appointment as KPA Head of Security Services/ Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) is a great achievement being the first female to be appointed to the position at KPA.

In the 2016 News:

World Maritime Day

WOMESA Kenya Chapter participated in the World Maritime Day celebrations on 21st September 2016 at the Pride Inn Paradise Beach Resort in Mombasa. The theme for the year 2016 was 'Shipping: Indispensable to the World'



Tumaini Namoya, Chair giving her remarks at the forum



Fiona Mbandi Vice Chair and Member Elizabeth Marami at the celebrations



Fiona Mbandi, Vice Chair WOMESA representing the KPA MD



Betty Makena, WOMESA EXCOM Member at the celebrations

The Executive Committee takes this opportunity to wish all members a Happy Holiday and a joyful New Year

