

# WOMESA Newsletter

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

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## WOMESA KENYA CHAPTER TRAINING AND QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT ROYAL COURT HOTEL, MOMBASA

WOMESA Kenya held its quarterly training and chapter meeting at the Royal Court Hotel on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 where the Secretary General, PMAESA, Ms. Nozipho Mdawe was the chief guest. Representing the Principal Secretary, State Department of Shipping and Maritime Affairs, Mrs. Nancy Karigithu who is also a founder member and the first Chairperson of WOMESA Region, was Ms. Marcella Obaga, the Human Resource Manager at the State department. WOMESA Kenya Chairperson, Ms. Tumaini Namoya and her EXCOM team were also present at the meeting.

The workshop was a major activity under the training objective of 'propagating for the advancement of members through training and improving of their standards to enhance advancement of women in the maritime industry'. Activities of the day, well moderated by the Masters of Ceremonies, who is also the Vice Chairperson of Womesa Kenya, Ms Fiona Mbandi included:

- a. Welcome remarks and WOMESA overall status – Ms. Tumaini Namoya – Chairperson, WOMESA Kenya.



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**Cont....WOMESA kenya chapter quarterly and training meeting**

- b. Official Opening speech: Ms. Nozipho Mdawe, Secretary General, PMAESA.
- c. 'Making waves- Women leaders in the maritime World' - IMO video
- d. 'Raising the next crop of women maritime leaders' - Ms. Marcella Obaga-Representative of the Principal Secretary, State Department of Shipping and Maritime Affairs.
- e. 'Women at the Helm' - IMO video
- f. 'WOMESA Strategic objectives and Resolutions' - Ms. Tumaini Namoya – Chairperson.
- g. 'Adoption of program activities' - Committee chairpersons
- h. 'Treasurer's report'- Ms. Jacqueline Maina- Treasurer, WOMESA Kenya.
- i. Plenary session



*WOMESA Kenya Treasurer, Ms. Jacqueline Maina ( on the right side) and two WOMESA members at the WOMESA Kenya Training and Quarterly meeting at Royal Court Hotel.*

**INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SHIPBROKERS (ICS) EAST AFRICA ANNUAL DINNER AND THE BEST STUDENT AWARD PRESENTATION GALA 2017**



*WOMESA Kenya chairperson, Ms. Tumaini Namoya and the Vice Chair, Ms. Fiona mbandi receiving a certificate of appreciation from the ICS Chairman, Mr. Robert Watene, at the ICS dinner for sponsoring an award for the best student in Shipping Business for November 2016 exams series.*



*WOMESA Kenya Vice Chairperson, MS. Fiona Mbandi and an Excom member, Ms. Winnie Maina at the ICS dinner.*



*Mvita Constituency Member of Parliament Hon. Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir presenting a certificate to WOMESA Kenya Excom member, Ms. Winnie Maina at the ICS dinner for the support and contribution towards the success of ICS-EA Branch Events in 2016/2017*

WOMESA Kenya sponsored the award for the Best Student in Shipping Business for November 2016 exams series and was honored at the event and given a recognition certificate.



## DJANGO GIRLS' WORKSHOP

WOMESA Kenya mentored young girls (**Django girls**) who are aspiring to venture into the techno field. The event took place at the Swahili Pot Hub on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 near Swahili Cultural Center in Mombasa and aimed at equipping the girls with programming skills that will help them in creating their own websites using Hyper Text Mark-Up Language (HTML), CSS (Cascading Style Sheet programming Language for websites) and Django (programming Language). The event was sponsored by Ministry of Sports Culture and Arts, Women in Technology, Office of Senator Mombasa County, Swahili Port and Kazi+.

The Chief Guest at the occasion was the Managing Director of Kenya Ports Authority, Mrs. Catherine Mturi-Wairi, a WOMESA member, who was represented by Mrs. Evelyn Mwamure, Head of Conventional Cargo Operations, KPA and also an EXCOM member. Mrs. Mwamure shared practical experiences, knowledge and insights in this male dominated field of the maritime industry and how as a woman, she has successfully sailed through

despite the challenges. She was accompanied by Ms. Grace Nekesa, also a WOMESA Kenya member, who gave a brief history of WOMESA, its objectives and vision, the patrons and membership requirements. The participants were also informed of International Maritime Organization's (IMO) quest to encourage women to get into the maritime sector where vast opportunities remain untapped. As such, mentoring young girls to choose careers in the maritime sector has been the flagship activity of WOMESA Kenya towards realizing this objective.



WOMESA Kenya member, Ms. Grace Nekesa, addressing the girls at the Django Girls workshop

**Django** is a web-framework whose primary goal is to ease the creation of complex, database-driven websites. Sites that use Django are Public Broadcasting Services, Pinterest, Instagram, Mozilla, the Washington

times and bitbucdket etc. It's a volunteer based organization having being into existence since 2014, with 826 volunteers. Django girls has organized 379 events in 260 cities, 72 countries contributing to bring women into the world of technology, making technology more accessible.

Indeed ***"We cannot talk about development when a third of population is left behind"*** .....Kofi Anan

WOMESA Kenya Excom member, Ms. Evelyn Mwamure, addressing the girls at the Django Girls workshop.



# WOMESA'S PARTICIPATES IN THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) MENTORSHIP AT BANDARI COLLEGE



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## MENTORING GIRLS IN STEM IN KENYA AT BANDARI COLLEGE, MOMBASA

Under the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), WOMESA Kenya, through its members Connie Mcharo, Betty Makena and Dorcas Okech conducted a mentorship program at Bandari College on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. STEM focuses on mentoring girls in secondary schools in Kenya in Scientific Camps of Excellence and is organized in the context of UNESCO's Priority Gender Equity Expected Results in Natural Science Sector.

The aim of the program is to inspire girls to embrace science and engineering courses. Kenya Ports Authority was identified as one of the mentorship centers because of the Marine Engineering and Operational aspect. The girls were sensitized on WOMESA Kenya Chapter's Vision, Mission, Core Values and its activities.

The objectives of WOMESA were also highlighted with emphasis on the objectives of integrating women into the mainstream maritime activities and increasing the percentage of women in management level within the maritime sector where the number of women is still small.

The activities undertaken by WOMESA Kenya chapter that were highlighted, and included: mentoring girl students within the coast region, community service at children's homes and training and capacity building. The girls were also sensitized on the programs offered at Bandari College and were encouraged to take up courses that would enable them to pursue careers in the mainstream maritime sector and become marine pilots, marine engineers, maritime lawyers etc.

Kenya Maritime Authority was also represented at the workshop. A KMA officer sensitized the girls on the maritime education curriculum that is in place to ensure quality and skilled labour is available for the sector. Emphasis was made on the need for the girls to work hard in science subjects to enable them pursue careers in Marine Engineering and other subjects that have been generally been dominated by the male gender.

The session was interactive with the girls getting a clear insight on the opportunities that are available in the sector.