



# Tanzania Women Lawyers Association



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TAWLA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – – JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018

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## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON:



Dear distinguished Members, may I take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me to serve as your Chairperson for the second term. I've gained a lot of experience in the past two years as your Chairperson and I promise to keep working with you closely for the development of our Association. I also take this very opportunity to appreciate all TAWLA members' who have been engaging in the association's activities. Surely, this shows your spirit of volunteerism in the development of our Association and the society we are serving. To our partners, your support to our vision which is to envisage a society that respects and upholds the rights of women is greatly appreciated.

## INDUCTION OF THE NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL:

Following the election of the new TAWLA Governing Council on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 during the Annual General Meeting, induction of the new members was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with the aim of preparing them to serve the Association effectively. The Council had the opportunity to reflect on the directives from the Annual General Meeting and determine plan for implementation as well as identifying key priorities for the new Council and establishing performance measures for self assessment. All members of the Council and the Management team were present.



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**TAWLA GOVERNING COUNCIL PAYS COURTESY VISITS TO PUBLIC OFFICES AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS.**

**COURTESY CALL TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS:**



The new Executive Council was privileged to make a courtesy visit to the Chief Justice's office where the Chief Justice, Hon. Prof. Ibrahim H. Juma congratulated TAWLA for work well done on assisting vulnerable women to access justice. He also urged TAWLA to continue conducting studies on the laws that require improvements to address gender inequalities as part of making evidence-based advocacy. The Council and the Management also were privilege to visit a number of development partners based in Dar es salaam.



TAWLA with the  
Head of Delegation of the EU to Tanzania



**TAWLA** TAWLA delegation with the Japanese Ambassador



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TAWLA Council Members with the LSF Director of Programs

TAWLA Chairperson and Vice Chairperson with the  
Finish Secretary (Deputy Head of Mission)



TAWLA Executive Council at the UNFPA offices

## TAWLA CONDUCTED MID TERM REVIEW OF ITS 2015-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

TAWLA strategic plan has existed for about two and half years now and two years down the road remained. To assess the relevance of its existence and services offered, TAWLA Members, Members of the Governing Council, representatives of the Board of Trustees and Secretariat with facilitation of Dr Suma Kaare managed to conduct review session to assess the level of implementation, achievements, challenges encountered and made necessary changes in the plan to sharpen TAWLA visibility and relevance in its services.



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## **ADMISSION OF NEW ADVOCATES TO THE BAR:**



TAWLA is proud to have its young members who have been working as staff, interns and volunteers in its offices at Headquarters and branches admitted to the bar association. We are thrilled seeing them taking this tremendous step in the legal profession and we extend our warmly congratulations.

This increases TAWLA capacity to represent its clients in various forums as an important sector in the provision of legal aid services.

The new advocates include:

Mr. Barnabas Kaniki (Dar Office)  
Jacqueline Mushi (Dar office)  
Neema Ahmed (Arusha office)  
Pendo Mulazi (Arusha office)  
Monica Kabadi (Mwanza office)  
Grace Sweetbert (Mwanza office)  
Hidaya Haruna (Mwanza office)

## **PRO-BONO SCHEME:**

TAWLA legal aid clinics have a number of clients who are in need of legal representation in different courts in Mwanza, Tanga, Dodoma, Arusha and Dar es Salaam. Currently TAWLA has 29 pro bono cases which are being handled by TAWLA members and few non members. We are calling upon members to represent them under the pro-bono scheme as part of our social responsibility and celebrating our core value of volunteerism. This is also the best way in advancing our mission and vision as an organization.

## **POTLUCK:**

TAWLA Secretariat in collaboration with the Membership Affairs Committee organized TAWLA Working Groups meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Salender Bridge Club which was attended by 24 members. The meeting was in a Potluck Style where every member prepared a certain type of food which was to be shared amongst present members. The meeting aimed at deliberating on how best the working groups member can be involved in TAWLA planed activities based on their interest and expertise.

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## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:

### NATIONAL LAND ADVISORY COUNCIL;

TAWLA's Executive Director, Ms. TIKE MWAMBIPILE was appointed a member of the National Land Advisory Council by the Minister of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Hon. William Lukuvi. We are thrilled to see Ms. Tike in this new leadership role with the Council and believe her experience in legal profession and gender is an asset to the Council especially at this critical moment the government is in the process of reviewing Land Policy of 1995. As an Association her appointment does not only reflect belief which the appointing authority has in her as an individual but in the institution (TAWLA) which has always worked towards equality in access, use and ownership of land in the country. Many congratulations to her.



**Ms. Tike Mwambipile, TAWLA-ED**

### NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL;



**Ms. Isabella Nchimbi**

TAWLA's Secretariat Staff member, Ms. ISABELLA NCHIMBI (TAWLA Legal Officer) has been appointed a member of the National Road Safety Council after the dissolution of the existed Council by the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Kangi Lugola. It is good to know that the Council had never had representation from the Civil Society, thus this appointment will increase the effectiveness of government work on the road safety agenda by having diverse contributions from the civil society.

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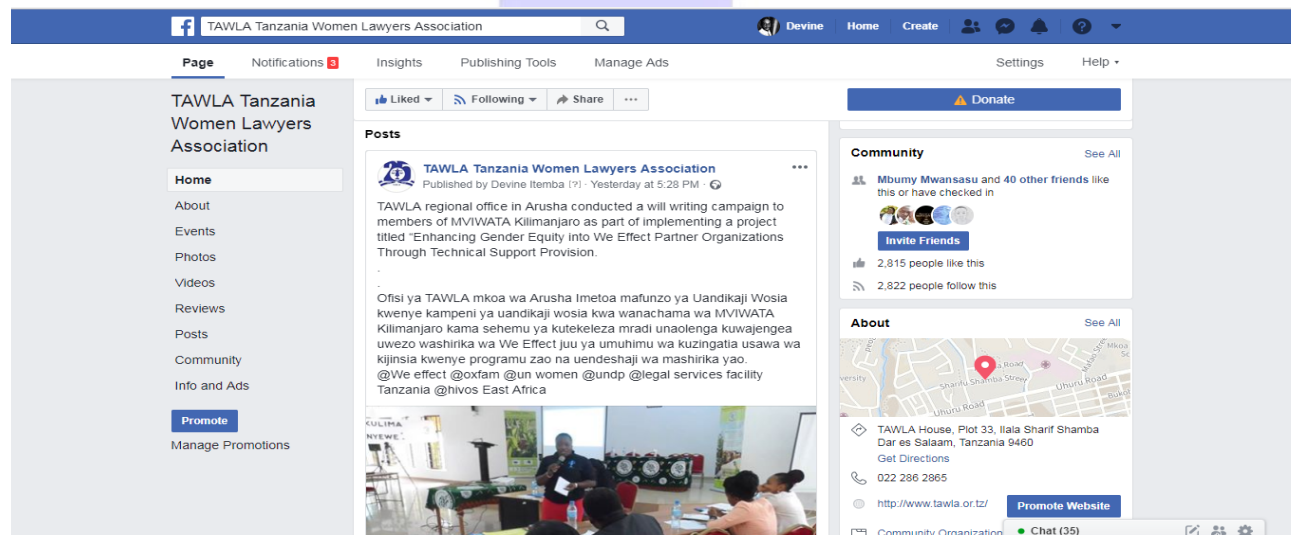
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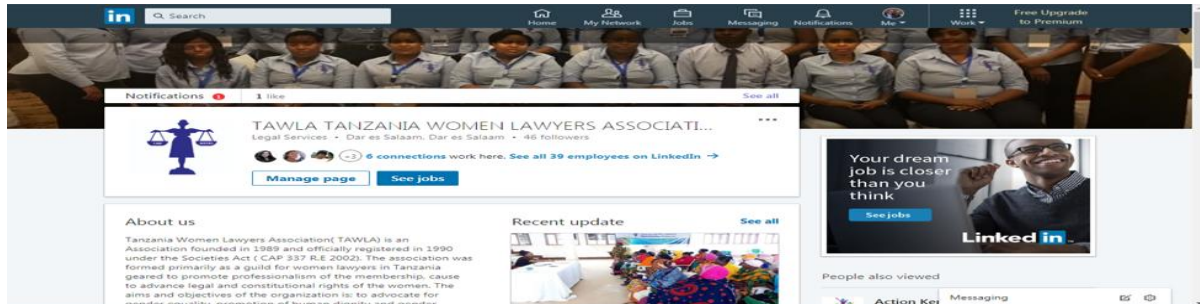
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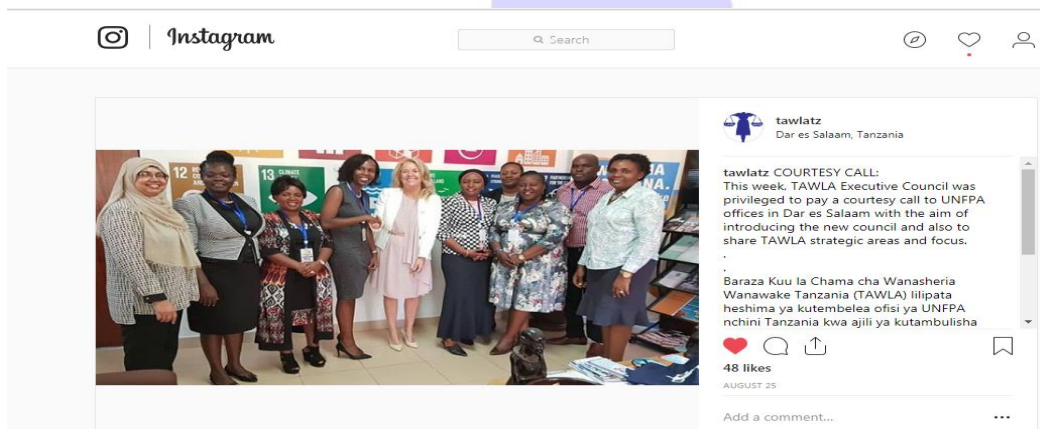
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