

## **FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Dear distinguished Members, as we have started another working year with a number of targets to achieve, I take this very opportunity to appreciate each and every one of you for your outstanding commitment to make TAWLA a better platform in advocating for women's rights. This year, we plan to focus on the growth of the TAWLA membership, organizational/associational development and advancement of TAWLA. We will work closely with the Secretariat to ensure good implementation of the reviewed strategic plan, fundraising activities and good utilization of organization funds. We look forward to your usual contributions from your remarkable experiences and proficiency.



## **1. BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS**

TAWLA keeps its partners close as it hosted EQUALITY NOW to discuss interventions around gender based violence and girl child's right to education in Tanzania.



*TAWLA Secretariat members in a group picture with representatives from EQUALITY NOW*

## **2. STRENGTHENING MEMBERS ENGAGEMENT**

TAWLA members have been the core driving force of the Association's vision. Their engagement in TAWLA activities has increased not only the credibility of the Association but also of the individual



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members. Early this year, TAWLA had an opportunity to present the recommendations made in the process to review the Political Parties Act of 1991 before the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Parliamentary Standing Committee during the public hearing session.



*TAWLA members: Mary J. Munissi, Charlotte Kangere and Ms. Josephine Arnold in a picture as they presented TAWLA recommendations on Political Parties amendment in Dodoma*

### **3. PARTICIPATION IN THE LAW WEEK, 2019**

The LAW WEEK comes as an official opening of the Judiciary activities each year with its peak being the National Law Day. All regional offices participated on this activity by providing legal aid services to the members of public, specifically women and distributing TAWLA's publications. The LAW WEEK took place in early February, 2019.



*The Hon. Chief Justice, Prof. Ibrahim Hamis Juma signing TAWLA visitors book when he visited TAWLA's booth during the Law Week in Dodoma*



*The President of the Tanganyika Law Society Ms. Fatma Karume in a group photo with TAWLA members when she visited TAWLA's booth during the Law Week in Dodoma*

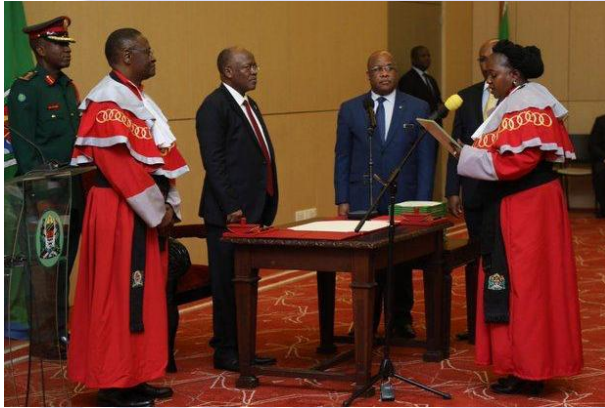




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## 4. PARTICIPATION OF TAWLA MEMBERS IN DECISION MAKING BODIES

Three of TAWLA's senior members, Hon. Lady Justice Sehel Barke, Hon. Lady Justice Winnie Korosso and Hon. Lady Justice Rehema Kerefu were appointed by His Excellency the President of the United Republic of Tanzania to serve as the Court of Appeal Justices. On the same note, other two members, Dr. Juliana Laurent Masabo and Dr. Lillian Mihayo Mongella were appointed judges of the High Court of Tanzania. We are happy to see our members appointed to hold high positions in the Judiciary.



*Hon. Lady Justice Winnie Korosso as she was being sworn in by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania*



*Hon. Lady Justice Rehema Kerefu as she was being sworn in by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania*

The East African Community also appointed Hon. Lady Justice Sauda Mjasiri (Rtd) as a Judge to the Appellate Division of the East African Court of Justice. This shows the rich resource of members with the knowledge, expertise and experience that TAWLA has.



*Hon. Lady Justice Sauda Mjasiri (Rtd) being sworn in as a Judge to the Appellate Division of the East African Court of Justice*



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## **5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

TAWLA's efforts to advocate for human rights, originates from within individual members themselves. This year one of TAWLA members, Adv. Anna Henga was awarded an accolade following her outstanding efforts in advocating for human rights in Tanzania as well as her influential role in voicing concerns over direction of democratic governance through adverse legislative and constitutional actions in the country.



**Adv. Anna Henga receiving International Women of Courage Award from the first lady of USA, Mrs. Melanie Trump**

## **6. WOMEN FORUM ON THE POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT**

In the commemoration of the International Women's Day 2019, TAWLA in collaboration with OXFAM Tanzania held a one day women forum on the participation of women and youth in the political processes. The Chief guest, Rtd. Speaker of the URT Parliament, Hon. Anna Makinda urged women to support each other when it comes to issue of political involvement so as to have mass support that will compete with men in the decision making processes.



**The Chief Guest, Hon. Anne Makinda (in the middle) with Hon. Mary Nagu(Member of Parliament) and TAWLA ED, Tike Mwambipile**



**Chief Guest in a group photo with the participants of the forum**





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## 7. MOTIVATIONAL TALK

As part of the International Women's day commemorations, Tanzania Women Lawyers Association organized a motivational talk for its members with a theme: ***BALANCE FOR BETTER: think equal, build smart, innovate for change***". The motivational talk which brought together 74 participants, focused on the issue of ***Gender Pay Gap and specifically on gender inequality in the employment sector*** influenced by gender differences.

The overall objective of the session was to share experience and engage TAWLA members in the discussion on the issue of Gender Pay Gap in the employment sector and to also guide them to strategize and come up with strategies on how to advance gender equality in Employment sector.



*A group picture of some of the TAWLA members who attended the motivational talk.*

## 8. AFRICA TALKS AT THE HUMANITY HOUSE, THE HAGUE

In a special way our member Madam, Shamshad Rehmatullah had an opportunity to participate and be part of a historic event at The Hague with a theme: ***Setting Peace and Justice in Motion***. They talked about how women can drive change in Africa and used (very inspiring) personal stories of ***"She Roles"*** from the North, East and South Africa as an inspiration to others.



*Mekka Abdelgabar from Sudan in a picture with Shamshad Rehmatullah at The Hague*

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## **9. WORLD BANK LAND AND POVERTY CONFERENCE, 2019**

TAWLA participated at the 2019 World Bank Land and Poverty Conference which was held in Washington DC where a gender specialist from WE EFFECT Mr. Jonathan Kioko presented on the Impact of Land regularization in rural Tanzania and the anti-poverty case. This is one of TAWLA/WE EFFECT works under the CSO's Parallel Support to the Land Tenure Support Program at Kilombero and Ulanga districts in Morogoro Region; Gender and Land Rights in Arusha and Mwanza.



***TAWLA member, Dr. Monica Mhoja and TAWLA's Head of Programs with other participants of the Land and Poverty Conference***



**TAWLA's Head of Programs, Ms. Mary Richard and WE EFFECT Gender Specialist, Mr. Jonathan Kioko at the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference.**

## **10. MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

Engagement with media has and always will be one of the strategies that TAWLA will use to advocate for women and children's rights. In this quarter TAWLA was featured in a number of articles, radio sessions and television programs which has increased TAWLA visibility and credibility to the society/people.



***TAWLA ED, Ms. Tike Mwambipile in the Middle) participated in This Week in Perspective at TBC 1***





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## 11. PROBONO LAWYERS SCHEME

As a way of embracing our volunteerism spirit, TAWLA members are herein reminded to advance TAWLA's mission by taking up cases under pro bono basis. Interested members are asked to liaise with the Secretariat for legal aid brief.

## 12. SOCIAL MEDIA:

Please visit our social media profiles for daily updates on our activities and engagements. Please follow our twitter account **@TawlaTz**



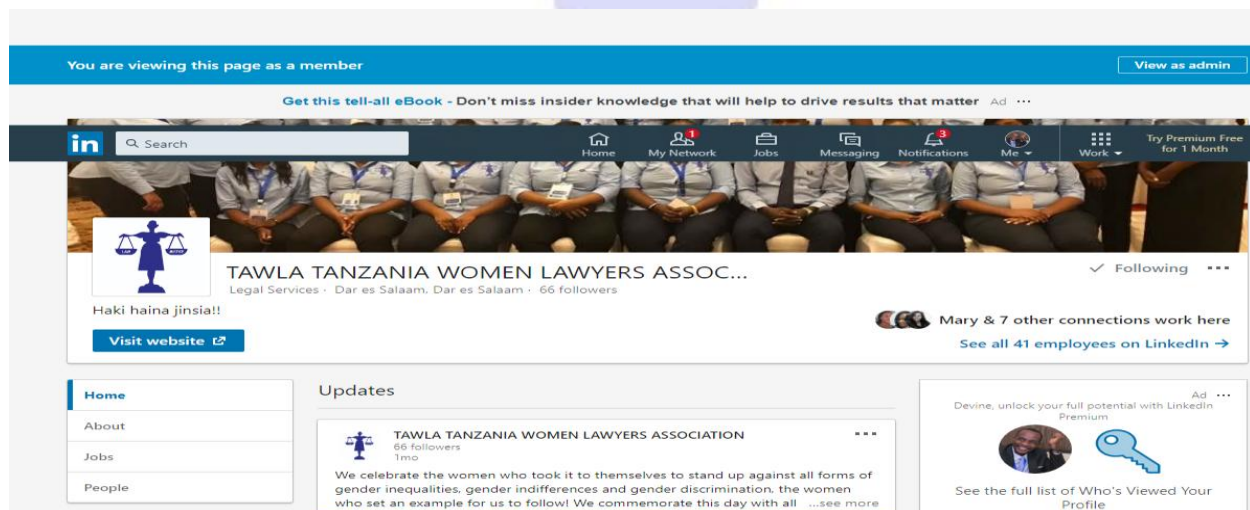
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example for us to follow! we commemorate this day with all of you today!! We urge all of you to "Think Equal, Build Smart and Innovate for Change".  
Happy International Women's Day  
#BalanceForBetter  
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