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WORD FROM THE GROUP CEO



We are now two months into the year. We began by telling the Lord that we will put Him at the center of our 2018-2022 Strategy. We adopted the theme "2019 Achievements -the Evidence of God's Grace; Through ENA's Anthem "I am pressing on the upward way" and the Motto "Do not Strive ".We are confident that as we commit our plans to His direction, He will give us shoes so that He can guide our every step and make a way where there is no way .So why Strive?

We need however to understand that God's grace is to a certain measure and to achieve, it requires in addition self-drive, commitment to work and keeping on your lane and the eye on the ball.

This monthly newsletter is the product of the communication function in the corporate office. It aims at updating every one of the events and achievements within the month from all functions.

The Jennifer Riria Hub

ENA's one billion investment which is now called The Jennifer Riria Hub stands completed. The Hub will be handed over by the architect to Echo Network Africa (ENA) in March. This will be later followed by an official launch in April 2019.

The Hub will be home to Kenya Women Microfinance Bank (KWFT), Local brands such as For You Suppliers, Paa Bookshop Limited, Nakshi Place Limited, Gefallen beauty among many businesses. In addition to an extensive retail offering, the Hub will provide an unparalleled outdoor entertainment experience. Advanced security solutions will be deployed to ensure a safe environment throughout the area, with minimal inconvenience to shoppers.



Ground level view of The Jennifer Riria Hub.

ENA to Work with Nakuru County Government In Spearheading Sexual Reproductive and Maternal Health

Echo Network Africa Advocacy pillar is geared towards contributing greatly towards the Big 4 Agenda in Providing access to free Universal Health Care Services.

In collaboration with the Toto Care Box Trust, ENA recently reached out to the County Government of Nakuru through it's First Lady H.E Elizabeth Kinyanjui who embraced the initiative as a wonderful solution in improving Sexual Reproductive Health for women as well as reducing the number of maternal and neonatal deaths in Kenya.

Toto Care Box is a maternal care package that contains items for the mother and the new born to ensure the mother has what she needs to cater for the new born child for the first 28 days of life , which are most critical.



Dr. Jennifer Riria, GCEO Echo Network Africa (left), with Nakuru County's first lady H.E Elizabeth Kinyanjui at the ENA offices on Muchai Drive, Nairobi.

Empowering Women: ENA's Journey to end Jaboya Practice

ENA's Aquaculture Initiative in collaboration with other like-minded partners is working to empower women in fish farming as a way of attaining livelihoods for them and their families.

From the field visit conducted in Busia County it was noted that the sex for fish practice locally known as "Jaboya" was also prevalent in this area. Apart from initiating activities to combat Jaboya, ENA will introduce a revolving loan product to enable women to access financing for their fish farming activities.



Echo Network Africa Senior Programmes Manager, Ms. Teresa Wakahia (3rd from left) with fish farmers during a field visit in Busia County.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Empowering Girls In Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic Courses (STEM)

Echo Network Africa under its Youth Empowerment pillar is committed to increasing the number of young girls venturing in STEM related courses. One of ENA's approach towards this goal is to collaborate with like minded partners like the national and county governments.

It's with this agenda in mind that ENA recently engaged representatives from the County Executive Commissioners (CEC's), Departments of Education and Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Nakuru, Kirinyaga and Meru Counties to seek possible partnership. ENA seeks to convene potential advisory committee members to complement this initiative.



Echo Network Africa's team led by the Group C.E.O Dr. Jennifer Riria (first right) during a meeting with representative from the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology, Nakuru County.

POSITIONING WOMEN: THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM TO BE LAUNCHED IN MARCH 2019.

Echo Network Africa through the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Service Youth and Gender Affairs through the State Department of Gender Affairs and support from UN Women has developed a National Women's Leadership Curriculum.

By introducing a systematic way of preparing and building their capacity long before the elections, it is expected that women will be more willing and better prepared to run for public office and engage in transformative leadership once in office. ENA anticipates to launch this curriculum on Wednesday 27th March 2019 during the International Women's Day Celebrations.

DR. JENNIFER RIRIA TO BE FETED AS THE HONOREE OF WOMEN WORLD BANKING AT THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY 2019 IN NEW YORK

Dr. Jennifer Riria, Group CEO of Echo Network Africa (ENA) is the honoree of the women's World Banking 40th Anniversary set to take place on the 4th April 2019 in New York. Dr. Riria served as the Chair of the Women's World Banking Board of Directors and the Honorary Co-Chair of the Africa Advisory council for twenty four (24) years.

We at ENA wish to Congratulate Dr. Jennifer Riria for this additional international recognition. Further in January, the ENA board had honored Dr. Riria by naming the institution's building by women, following the Maendeleo house built in 1969.