

CHAIRPERSONS SPEECH 2ND HOMENET KENYA AGM HELD ON 30TH MARCH 2023 AT THE GRAND WINTON HOTEL NAKURU

Home based workers, marketing organization representatives and partners good afternoon. I am glad to have all of you here today being our 2nd Annual General meeting (AGM) for Home Net Kenya. As you all know Home Net Kenya (HNK) is a member-based organization. Its members are home based workers especially women working from home. Most of them either specialize on weaving, beadwork, pottery, textile, knitting, soapstone carving etc. Basically, this are workers and their homes are their work places.

HomeNetKenya was launched on 10th December 2020 at Sarova Woodlands Nakuru where we had representation of over 13 counties in the launch and since its launch this is the 2nd Annual General Meeting following after the first one that happened on 15th July, 2021.

1. HOMENET KENYA PERFORMANCE

1. Membership

I am pleased to inform you that our membership has been gradually increasing from the last Annual General meeting that recorded 19 groups registered under HNK to 97 HBWs organizations who are currently affiliated to Homenet Kenya and still rising.

Certificates of registration/membership have also been issued to the respective groups.

2. Finance

I would like to report that we have our budget estimates for 2023 and books of accounts which will be presented to you by our accountant. I am pleased to inform you that we have received funding from different donors including WIEGO. We have also been able to collect internal funding from membership and annual subscription.

3. Governance

Homenet Kenya Strategic Plan for the year 2022 - 2027.

It is my pleasure to inform you that we have been working closely with the interim committee and we are trying to have structures in place. We have managed to have a board charter and finance and procurement policy in place.

We had Mishaps with Homenet Kenya certificate of registration that was received in January but the whole process has to be started again

ACHIEVEMENT

1. HomeNet SACCO

Homenet Kenya Sacco formation and the proposed SACCO interim officials as per the nominations from the Homebased workers

- Chairperson – Juliana Kikuvi
- Vice chair – Pamela Othieno
- Treasurer – Hellen Rotich
- Secretary – Mwireria
- Member Committee – Demtillah Ombunda
- Member Committee – Christine Chesire
- Member Committee - Wycliff Okwaro

Bank accounts have been opened. Accounts will be read later and we will be able to see the bank reconciliation.

2. Organizational Development; Outreach Lobbying and Advocacy

In regards to mobilising and organising we have gone to the grassroots and sensitised the HBWs on the benefits of coming together and organizing.

Webinars; Market Access webinar and Social protection webinar

Crowd funding training 17th August – 30th November,22

3. Livelihood and Solidarity Economy

I am pleased to inform you that we succeeded with putting together the Homenet Kenya documentary that you have been shown, Product photography was done in all clusters and the catalogue is being worked on.

4. Pilot livelihood projects

Tree nursery, mushroom farming, kitchen gardens, chicken rearing and bee hive keeping we all launched from the beginning of 2022. Its important to share that Chepkemel Beek has seen to it that they now have 7 kitchen gardens and HNK only supported with adding a technical person who worked with the group.

5. Market Access

We have managed to participate in a number of exhibitions amongst them the Magical Kenya expo that happened in Nairobi from 5th – 7th October,22

6. Networking

We;

- Had an exchange visit by Laikipia cluster to AIC Cheptebo to acquire skills and knowledge on tree nursery.
- Participated at the 110th International Labour Conference and we were represented by Jemimah Nyakongo who joined in the general discussion committee on Decent work and Social Solidarity Economy on 31st May,2022.

- Participated at the Women in Informal Employment: Globalising and Organizing (WIEGO) 8TH General Assembly to join in the celebration of its existence for the past 25 years.
- Participated at the Commission on Women Status and was represented by Pamela Othieno on 10th March, 2023 where HNI with other partners organized a parallel event to provide an opportunity to hear directly from women workers from different sectors on how they adopted and used digital tools. They shared their experience, lessons learned and the types of technologies most useful to their work.
- Jemimah Nyakongo elected to the Homenet International executive committee representing Africa region
- Edwin Bett endorsed as the Regional Coordinator for the Africa region.
- Jim Kenyana our treasurer got elected as an MCA for Tabaka Ward in Kisii County after the General elections on 9th August 2022.

STRATEGY FOR THE YEAR

I would like to inform you that, we have different activities that have been planned for this financial year. These include profile development, mobilising and organising, capacity development and linkages with partners. Most of this will be represented in our Strategic Plan report.

Homenet International Physical Congress coming up in late April 2023 with the organizations sending in the delegates

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| ● Homenet Kenya – 3 delegates | ● Kisii Soapstone Carvers Society – 1 delegate |
| ● Machakos Cooperative Union – 3 delegates | ● Tabaka Undugu Suppliers – 1 delegate |
| ● Heavenly Treasures – 1 delegate | ● Smolart - 1 delegate |

Thank you very much and let's remember our slogan "Solidarity, Unity and Power"

Jemima Nyakongo

Chairperson Home Net Kenya