



# Nyanza/Western Chapter Newsletter



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## Nyanza/Western Chapter holds 15th AGM



*Nyanza/Western Chapter AGM*

The Nyanza/Western Chapter held its 15th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 9th November 2018 in Kisumu. The AGM is an annual networking forum attended by chapter members, stakeholders and County Government officials.

Speaking at the AGM Forum, the Kisumu County CEC for Water, Environment, Irrigation and Natural Resources, Mr Salmon Orimba thanked Members for their adherence to the law on matters environment. He noted that it is critical for manufacturers to refrain from noise pollution, discharge of untreated effluent to our rivers and over-exploitation of our natural resources.

Mr Orimba further noted that his office has continued to mainstream environmental conservation and stewardship through cleanups, tree planting and awareness creation.

Speaking at the forum, KAM Head of Membership, Mr Tobias Alando took members through the Association activities, which were guided by the 2018 Manufacturing Priority Agenda. He noted that illicit trade remains a big challenge with Industry losing 40% of their market share.

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However, efforts by the Secretariat have seen some sectors increase their market share, such as beverage and electrical sub-sectors.

On the other hand, Mr Alando noted that clearance of raw materials at the port of Mombasa is still a huge challenge to industry, following the sustained efforts to combat illicit trade in the country. He said that the Secretariat is working with relevant agencies to ensure the issue is resolved.

He also noted that KAM has started the 2019/2020 budget proposal process, and urged members to submit their budget proposal to KAM for consideration.

The Chapter Chairlady, Ms Joyce Opondo thanked members for supporting the Chapter Committee and urged members to report any concerns to the Chapter Office. She concluded by saying that the Chapter will continue to engage various government departments and agencies in 2019 on key issues of concern, including insecurity, fees and charges, and power outages, among others.

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