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# CHAIRPERSON'S message



**Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a**  
Chairperson  
KAPI

As a representative of the industry voice, KAPI continues to shape policy, practice, and healthcare trends in the country through technical and professional acumen. We remain committed to promoting ethical practice as guided by our code of conduct and leverage on our standing relationships within the policy environment to engage with and inform ethical policies

The standing committees have been instrumental in bringing to life the organizational mission and vision through advocacy and capacity building. With the dynamic nature of the industry, the commitment of the KAPI membership has managed consistently to promote enabling business environment, and patient safety while keeping steady track to realizing our KAPI strategic plan 2021-2025.

This year, KAPI has taken part in robust strategic engagement, strengthening advocacy and streamlining operational activities by member companies.' We remain keen on ensuring our presence during the Industry policy framework development and implementation via deliberate partnerships. Some of the key stakeholder engagements in 2022 have included ACA, EAC, IFPMA, KEBS, KEPISA, KHF, PPB, and PSK among others.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge efforts by the KAPI Executive Committee in providing oversight and guidance in steering the association toward its mission. I would also like to recognize the leadership of member companies ranging from CEOs, Managing Directors, and Country Leads for their unwavering support to all KAPIs projects and initiatives.

# CEO SPOTLIGHT



**Queenter Owuonda**  
Country Manager

Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies

Queenter Owuonda is an experienced, values-driven health care business leader and currently she is the Country Manager for Janssen Pharmaceutical companies of Johnson & Johnson. Queenter has been in the pharmaceutical industry for 14 years. She has served in companies with diverse cultures from which she developed strong attribute in results-delivery in an ethical and professional standard.

She studied BSc. Biochemistry during which she had a short stint at a local pharmaceutical manufacturing company during her internship. She later studied Master's in Public Health. Queenter is always determined to take on challenges and risk with the belief that result will follow if we focus and persist.

She also believes that the only real failure is, not trying. In her opinion, a lot has been done to better the healthcare environment in Kenya. She believe that for us to achieve our ambition of building better healthcare for our community, we need to embrace more collaboration and partnerships. We must work together towards the common goal.



**Anthony Mwangi**  
Cluster Head

Novartis East Africa (EAC)

Anthony Mwangi is the Cluster Head for Novartis East Africa (EAC) spanning across Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda.

He took over this role in 2020. Prior to that he was the Neuroscience Franchise Head for East Africa Novartis and Head of Horn of Africa Business for Novartis .

Anthony is responsible for all business divisions i.e. Sandoz, Oncology and Pharma and he is driven by the purpose of making a meaningful difference in people's lives. He leads a team of 127 employees in the region and drives Novartis business through 25 distributors for Novartis products across East Africa. The Biochemistry graduate from Kenyatta University joined Novartis eight years ago in 2013 from Astra Zeneca and has 20 years experience in pharmaceutical industry in East Africa.

# KAPI HISTORY

# MAKERS

**If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants. Isaac Newton**

Since its formation in 1968, KAPI has thrived under the leadership of exceptional leaders who had steered the association to attain its vision. We celebrated these heroes in February during our Inaugural CEOs breakfast meeting.



**Dr. Vijai Maini**  
Vice-Chairperson  
KAPI 1973-1974



**Walter Okok**  
2004-2006



**Mahmoud A Mohamed**  
2006-2008



**John Musunga**  
2008-2009



**Dr. Moses Mwangi**  
2009-2012



**Steve Mburu**  
2012-2015



**Late Dr. William Mwatu**  
2015-2017



**Dr. Anastasia Nyalita**  
2017-2020



**Willy Soriney**  
2020-2021



**Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a**  
2021- Present

# APPRECIATION



## Trade, Policy, and Regulation Committee

KAPI would like to recognize the tireless efforts of the following KAPI Trade, Policy and Regulation Committee (TPR) members providing the industry voice during the review of the PPB rules and guidelines.

Within 2 months the team reviewed, 16 PPB guidelines and 9 PPB Rules, sharing their expertise on a wide array of regulatory laws.

The engagement of Industry stakeholders is essential for the attainment of WHO maturity level 3 status by PPB, the country's National Regulatory Authority (NRA) as a well-functioning and integrated regulatory system.



**Vinod Guptan- KAPI  
Vice Chairperson,  
Medsource Group Ltd**



**Dr. Sara Agak-  
Chairperson TPR  
Committee, Laborex**



**Dr. Michael Onyango-  
Secretary TPR Committee,  
Medsource Group Ltd**



**Dr. John Mwangi,  
Bayer East Africa**



**Dr. Lily Njoroge,  
Haleon**



**Dr. David Karenye,  
B. Braun**



# APPRECIATION



## Trade, Policy, and Regulation Committee



**Nishil Haria,**  
Harleys Limited



**Dr. Odhiambo David,**  
Novartis



**Dr. Stella Kiptanui,**  
MyDawa



**Dr. Minal Gudka,**  
Surgipharm Limited



**Dr. Lisbet Charana,**  
MyDawa



**Christopher Odero,**  
Roche



**Dr. Lilian Ngaruiya,**  
KAPI Admin Manager

# 2022 AT A GLANCE

## Stakeholder Engagements



KAPI led by the Chairperson, Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a-Mwangi, and Medical Device Committee Chair, Dr. David Karenye had a successful engagement with the KEBS leadership team led by Dr. Geoffrey Muriira (Director Quality Assurance and Inspection). Also In attendance were Esther Ngari (Director Standard's Development and Trade), and Dr. Henry Rotich (Director Metrology and Testing). Future collaborations between KAPI and KEBS were agreed upon, though nomination of KAPI members to KEBS technical committees to contribute to the review and development of standards.

# Stakeholder Engagements



Top-Dr.Winnie Ng'ang'a Mwangi (KAPI Chairperson) and Dr.Odhiambo David (KAPI Honorary Treasurer) were part of the panel discussion on Regulatory Harmonization during the 42nd Annual Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya Scientific Symposium. They shared their insights on advances being made drawing from a model set in place by the EACMRH, and the recent approval by the Kenyan cabinet to ratify the African Medicine Agency Treaty Alliance (AMATA).

Bottom-Further, KAPI showcased the activities for the year 2022, highlighting its contributions to policy advocacy, thought leadership, and market insights within the pharmaceutical industry space.

# Stakeholder Engagements



KAPI led by the Chairperson, Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a-Mwangi, Mr. Vinod Guptan (Vice Chairperson), and Dr. Odhiambo David (Honorary Treasurer) had a successful engagement with the KEPSA leadership team led by Timothy Odongo (Business hub manager). Also In attendance were Dr. Lilian Ngaruiya (KAPI Admin) and Caroline Kawira (KEPSA Projects Officer).

The meeting was a success with discussions on strengthening Advocacy and ensuring presence during the policy framework development.



The Chairperson, Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a and Mr. Vinod Guptan were panellists for the "Innovations in Healthcare" panel session at the East Africa Health Expo held at Strathmore University Business School, Nairobi. They shared insights and perspectives on the advances being driven by the biopharmaceutical industry in improving access to quality healthcare services.

# Stakeholder Engagements



KAPI led by the Chairperson, Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a-Mwangi, and Vice-Chairperson, Vinod Guptan had a successful engagement with the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) leadership team led by Fridah Kaberia (Ag. Executive Director). Also In attendance were John Akoten (Director Research, Awareness, Policy, and Quality Assurance-ACA), Agnes W Karingu (Deputy Director Education and Public Awareness-ACA), Nishil Haria (Director Harleys LTD), Dr. Sara Agak (KAPI Chairperson TPR Committee), Willy Soriney (Immediate Past KAPI Chairperson) and Christopher Odero (KAPI MD IVD committee).



Left-Dr. Onyango Michael (KAPI Trade Policy and Regulation Committee Secretary) and Dr. Lilian Ngaruiya (KAPI Admin Officer) represented KAPI at the commemoration of World Anticounterfeiting Day held by the Anti Counterfeit Authority. The AIMS system was launched to aid in the fight against illicit trade by creating an IP Rights database for reference by law enforcement agencies at the ports of entry.

Right- The Anti Counterfeit Authority (ACA) facilitated a virtual training on the IPR Recordation for KAPI members. The session was facilitated by Caspar Oluoch, the head of IPR Recordation at ACA, and Agnes W Karingu Deputy Director of Education and Public Awareness -ACA.

# Internal Activities

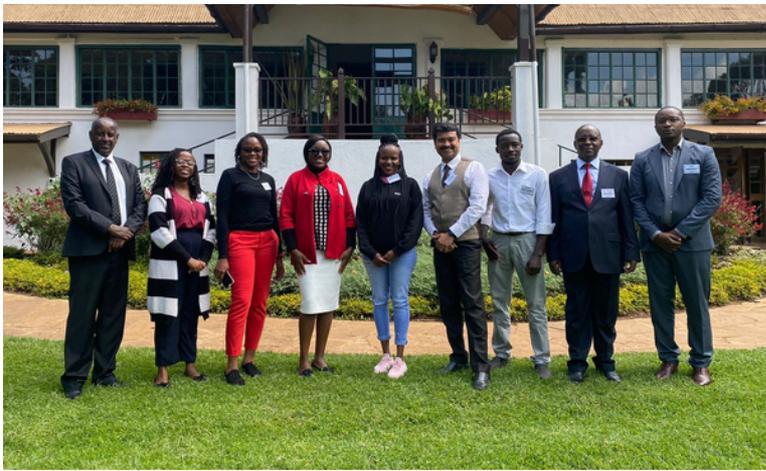


The first in-person members' meeting, in two years, was at the Nairobi Club. Seventeen (17) member company representatives were in attendance, including the newest company member Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative - DNDi represented by Dr.Epa Twahirwa .



KAPI held its first CEO's Breakfast meeting of the year at The Nairobi Serena Hotel. The meeting also brought together former KAPI chairpersons as we appreciated our rich history while defining our strategic priorities for 2022. KAPI Chairperson Dr.Winnie Ng'ang'a-Mwangi made an elaborate presentation, on behalf of the entire board, that urged member companies to actively plug in and participate in the Association's activities towards promoting an enabling Pharma business environment.

# Internal Activities



KAPI Executive Committee at a Corporate Governance Training on the 26th and 27th of May 2022 held at the Brackenhurst Hotel facilitated by the Centre for Corporate Governance. The training focus was on corporate governance, duties, and liabilities of executive board members, effective committee management, risk management, and strategic thinking.



The KAPI Board conducted a mid-year strategic plan review session led by the Chairperson Dr. Winnie Ng'ang'a-Mwangi, Vinod Guptan (Vice-Chairperson), Dr. Odhiambo David (Honorary Treasurer), Dr. Evah Amwayi (Executive Secretary), and Dr. Francis Karanja (Board Member). The chairpersons of KAPI committees also reported on the progress of committee work plans and future projects for Q3-Q4, stating areas of inter-committee collaborations and projects that require the support of the board.

# KAPI STEERING Committees Chairs



**Dr.Sarah Agak**  
Chairperson Trade,Policy and  
Regulation Committee



**Dr.David Karenye- Chaiperson**  
Medical Devices and  
Technologies Committee



**Dr.Jayesh Pandit**  
Chairperson Pharmacovigilance  
and Medical Affairs Committee



**Willis Angira**  
Chairperson Communications and  
Public Relations Committee



**Collins Kotonya**  
Chairperson Compliance,Legal and  
Governance Committee

The KAPI steering committees execute the KAPI agenda through project execution in their respective areas of specialisation/expertise.. This is a special call out to all KAPI members to join this course by being active members of the committees.

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