

# ECHO NETWORK AFRICA FOUNDATION JULY NEWSLETTER

## MAKING GREAT STRIDES:

Democracy Trust Fund recognized as one of the  
*Top 78 Political Incubators* to watch out for!



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## ENAF Audio-visual Podcasts Launch | CHAGUA MAMA: Ni Tyme ya Mama!



Jubilation galore after signing of the MOU between ENAF, Uraia Trust and Kenya Broadcasting Corporation - Channel 1

On Tuesday 30th July 2024, Echo Network Africa Foundation (ENAF) and the Democracy trust Fund (DTF), in collaboration with Uraia Trust and the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC), launched and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This marked the commencement of the production and transmission of a series of 'Chagua Mama - Ni Tyme ya Mama' short documentaries/audio-visual podcasts which shall be produced and aired between July and December 2024.

These podcasts aim to spotlight leaders who are women, particularly female Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) from various counties in Kenya. They will highlight their journeys in politics, the successes they have achieved, the challenges they have encountered and their various agenda for the electorate.

A key objective of these podcasts is a societal change in the perspective and attitudes regarding electoral choices, highly encouraging the election of women leaders and in particular - MCAs who are women.

The event was graced and hosted by Dr. Jennifer Riria - President/CEO of ENAF.



Dr. Riria making her remarks when she graciously hosted and facilitated the official launch of ENAF Women Leaders Podcasts

Distinguished guests included Dr. Oliver Waindi - Executive Director of Uraia Trust, Mr. Tom Mshindi - Chairperson of KBC, representation from KBC Board of Directors and two elected Members of County Assemblies, namely: Hon. Scholastica Madowo - South Alego Ward and Hon. Milka Wanjiru - Kiriita Ward; who were featured in the inaugural podcasts.

Dr. Riria emphasized the need for more partnerships with like-minded stakeholders in advancing women's positioning, involvement and inclusion in leadership and political spaces. She called upon and voiced the importance of male championship in the overall Gender Development Arena.



Mrs. Sara Muhoya - ENAF Chief of Party, underscores the importance of Leaders who are Women; in politics and governance.



## Girl Excel



Women Scientists, Tech Professionals, Mathematicians & Engineers in the making!

## Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Champions

A total of 52 Business Mentors drawn from Marsabit, Garissa, Tana River and Isiolo Counties have been trained as GESI Champions courtesy of *Kuza Jamii*.

One of the key highlights from the training was the mentors acknowledging that their personal biases, cultural norms and beliefs can perpetuate inequalities in society.

Armed with self awareness and insights at the training in Isiolo, the champions pledged to live out and pass on the knowledge to the community via the programme participants.

Experiential Learning and Mentorship session for Kithangari Girls' Hesabu Club at Meru Polytechnic - with support from Echo Network Africa



Interactive Training and Group Discussions in Isiolo





## Women Leadership, Political Participation and Governance



"You can choose not to be interested in politics but you can't choose to be unaffected by it" - Penny Wong; Leader of the Government in Australia

Echo Network Africa Foundation through the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF) convened a consultative meeting to review and develop memoranda on the Political Parties and Election Offences (Amendment) Bills, 2024.



The session brought together leaders who are women in the political space to provide input on proposed amendments in the two Bills, as part of the public participation process; with emphasis on gender implications.



Key stakeholders present included: representatives from the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) and the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

## 2024 Grant Makers Summit



A panel of Development experts deliberating on matters grant making

The 2024 Grant Makers Summit was hosted in Nairobi by East Africa Philanthropy Network. The two-day convergence sought to:

1. Revolutionize and innovate approaches to social justice and grant-making.
2. Cultivate and maintain deep trust between grant makers and grantees.
3. Pioneer leading-edge strategies tailored to specific environmental and contextual dynamics.
4. Confront and address systemic vulnerabilities to support sustainable and resilient initiatives.
5. Uphold rigorous mutual accountability in all grant-making endeavours to ensure transparency and effectiveness.





## Kuza Jamii - Data Collection



Above: Focus Group Discussions with both men and women, in Marsabit

Data collection for the Kuza Jamii Project in five (5) counties has drawn to a close. Twelve single Gender Focus Group Discussions were conducted across Mandera, Garissa, tana River, Isiolo and Marsabit Counties.

The study questions were informed by four domains, namely:

- Cultural norms and beliefs
- Gender roles, responsibilities and time use
- Access to and control of resources
- Patterns of power and decision making.

The aim was to establish the status of the above-mentioned domains in the target communities and how these influence the success of the Economic Inclusion Programme.

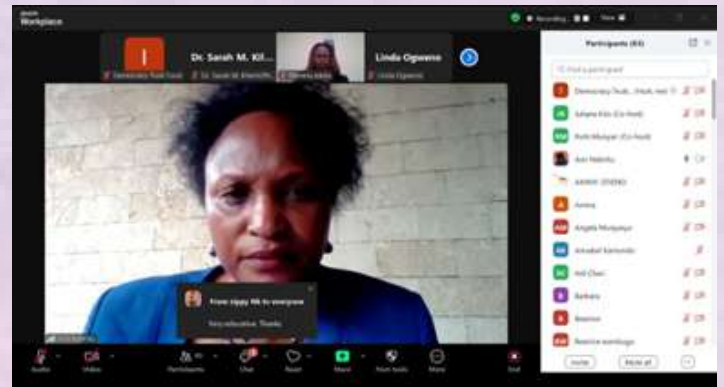
## Democracy Trust Fund

Echo Network Africa Foundation through the Democracy Trust Fund (DTF) has continued to be placed on the global map regarding advocating for the agenda of women in politics and governance.

The Apolitical Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Berlin Germany recognized DTF among the Top 78 Political Incubators to watch out for, internationally.

DTF is incredibly honoured to be part of the leading role in identifying and supporting women to occupy different leadership positions in Kenya.

DTF also commenced virtual training series' to prepare and position women for the next General Elections. Facilitation has been done by advisors and experienced leaders in Governance including Mrs. Ann Nderitu - Registrar of Political Parties in Kenya.



# TO LET



The Jennifer Riria Hub is an ultra-modern, state-of-the art facility developed by Echo Network Africa Foundation. Its design is inspired by the strength, character and gait of the African Woman. The JR Hub is located in the heart of Nakuru City, at the junction of Tom Mboya and Kipchoge Keino Roads. It is strategically positioned to provide a serene environment for its clientele.

The JR Hub is the perfect and hustle-free place for shopping, business, dining, banking and hosting indoor and outdoor events. Key features include: good access-roads, 24-hour CCTV surveillance, ample parking space, sufficient water supply, elevator access to all floors, easy access and exit to the mall and ample, clean sanitary facilities.

We are currently looking for an Anchor Tenant. Other spaces available *TO LET* include: food court spaces, banking hall and speciality stores. Don't be left out!

**To book a space, call: +254 722 546 124**