

## KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY HOSTS OIL SPILL TRAINING



*Participants of the IMO level 3 Oil Spill Management Training*

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) organized and hosted an Oil Spill Response Management training on 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at the Pride Inn Paradise Beach resort and Spa, Shanzu. The training conducted by the Norwegian Coastal Administration representatives was officially launched by KMA's Corporation Secretary and Head of Legal Services Jane Florence Otieno on behalf of the KMA Director General Maj (Rtd) George Nyamoko Okong'o.

The training aims to build human resource capacity for the implementation of a national oil spill contingency plan developed by KMA in partnership with other key stakeholders.

In his opening remarks, the Director General noted that KMA is mindful of the importance of precautionary measures in avoiding pollution incidences and the need for prompt and effective action to minimize the damage which may result from oil pollution.'

KMA carries out continuous oil spill preparedness trainings for its stakeholders to build capacity of competent personnel to effectively respond to oil pollution incidents involving ships, sea ports and oil handling facilities. The three days' workshop drew participants from the Norwegian Coastal Administrative representatives, Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Oil companies, representatives from the private sector among other key stakeholders.