

**Ag. DG'S SPEECH ON SHORELINE CLEAN UP AND ASSESSMENT  
TECHNIQUE TRAINING (SCAT) TRAINING**

*Representatives from the County Government*

*Other Government officials present*

*Invited guests*

*Good morning*

I would like to thank you all for finding time out of your very busy schedules to be with us this morning, this indicates your active response and contribution towards matters of marine environment protection.

Kenya Maritime Authority is mandated to regulate, coordinate and oversee maritime affairs through ensuring safety of life at sea, security of ships and port facilities and the protection of marine environment for the socio-economic benefit of stakeholders.

**Ladies and gentlemen,** oil spill response is key in marine environment protection. As a measure of preparedness the Authority endeavors to train a pool of competent Oil Spill Response Action Team (OSRAT) drawn from government agencies, oil companies and the public. This team will be called upon to respond to oil spill emergencies when they occur.

**Ladies and gentlemen,** you agree with me that a lot of developments have taken place in the recent past. These includes expansion of the Port of Mombasa with construction of Berth 21, Berth 22 and a Marshalling yard, ongoing construction of Lamu

Port, proposed relocation of Kipevu Oil Terminal (KOT), just to mention but a few. With these developments we expect increased port operations capacity which increases risk of an oil spills that may impact on social, economic and environment hence disrupting port operations. This therefore calls for preparation to build capacity to respond to oil spills when they occur.

**Ladies and gentlemen,** we in KMA are committed to coordinating and responding to oil spill incidents through a cooperative approach with all the stakeholders. It is for this reason that KMA acknowledges the significance of this workshop as it will without any doubt contribute towards improved coordination and cooperation, insight, knowledge and in the execution of responsibilities related to oil spill response.

I would therefore urge all of you to pay attention to the consultants to be able to realize its full potential as well as contribute towards socio-economic benefits in Kenya.

With these few remarks I declare the workshop officially open.....

*Thank you and Karibuni sana*