

**SPEECH BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL DURING THE
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON THE 24TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AT
MBARAKI**

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you this morning to this groundbreaking ceremony. I take this opportunity to welcome all protocols observed and the staff fraternity of KMA to this significant function.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the creation of Kenya Maritime Authority in June 2004 marked a defining moment in the conduct of maritime affairs in Kenya. In this respect, the Authority was mandated to regulate, co-ordinate and oversee activities in the maritime industry. As most of you are aware, some of our core functions are:

- ❖ To co-ordinate the implementation of policies relating to maritime affairs.
- ❖ Co-ordinate Search and Rescue efforts in partnership with other stakeholders.
- ❖ To enforce safety of shipping and compliance with construction regulations for safety.

Ladies and Gentlemen, a tower nine stories high is built from a small heap of earth. KMA is taking this vital step of embarking on the construction of an ultra-modern Headquarters in this place, which will host its workforce, foreign consulates and the region's preeminent maritime professionals.

Ladies and Gentlemen, on this gracious occasion, I wish to thank all the stakeholders for your presence here today and for your continued support and goodwill that is critical to the success of the Authority. On the contrary, with the support of our stakeholders, we have nurtured tremendously to the epitome of success that we are today.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the future is very bright for KMA. There are more goals to be set and achieved, more dreams to be accomplished and this is why we have gathered here today, to enable the Authority attain its goal of establishing the new Headquarters. It is my sincere hope that this year we will continue with the same spirit of achieving great success. I believe our goals can only be achieved through a vehicle of plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act.

With this few remarks, allow me to officially break the ground for the New KMA Headquarters.

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