



ICWEAs incoming board: (L-R) Adrienne Munene, Consolata Opiyo, Lucy Gati, Veronica Joseph, Immaculate Owomugisha, Catherine Nakidde, Nadege Uwase and Veronica Lyimo Inset is Nelly Kankindi

## Meet our new Regional Board

The International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa elected a new board that will steer the organisation over the next three years. This was during the General Assembly that was held at Eureka Place in Kampala, Uganda on 7th July 2017.

The board is made up of 11 members, all Women Living with HIV in diversity. Each country has two representatives plus one representative for Women Key populations.

Adrienne Munene was re-elected as the Board Chairperson deputised by Consolata Opiyo. Immaculate Owomugisha from Uganda was elected Treasurer. These three form the Executive



**Mukabaranga Esperance**

Committee. The other members include; Nelly Kankindi (Burundi), Lucy Gati (Kenya), Nadege Uwase and Mukamusoni Collete (Rwanda); Veronica Lyimo and Veronica Nanka Joseph (Tanzania) and Nakidde Catherine from Uganda.

Mukabaranga Mukanooli Esperance from Rwanda was elected to represent Women Key Populations on the board.

During the General Assembly, delegates amended the constitution and among the amendments were: a change of General Assembly and term of office for board members from 4 years to 3 years; inclusion of a clause that allows 2 board members from the previous board to join the incoming board for continuity purposes.

The Executive Director ICWEA Lillian Mworeko informed the delegates that ICWEA intends to mobilise and recruit members in Ethiopia and South Sudan in order to grow the network in the region.

## Coming up

**UGANDA:** The Sparked Women project will be holding a training for vulnerable young women and girls aged between 15 -24 years (out of school) at Kasiikombe PS, Ssekanyonyi subcounty, Mityana district. The project is part of the DREAMS IC funded by PEP-FAR and being implemented by ICWEA and Sawa World. Brenda Facy Azizuyo (Right) will be taking lead at the event



**KENYA -** The National Aids Control Council will tomorrow Wednesday 12 July, 2017 meet ICW -Kenya over the issue of forced and coerced disclosure of women living with HIV at the Beyond Zero Summit recently.

**RWANDA -** ICW - Rwanda will participate at the Youth Konnect Forum where they will contribute at a side event on *Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through unleashing Young Peoples Potential*. Uwase Nadege will speak at the event.



## Fare thee well Prudence Mabele

ICWEA has learnt of the passing of Prudence Mabele (Left) the Founding Director of Positive Women's Network in South Africa. She served many other organisations and networks in different capacities. Prudence was passionate about issues around

HIV. She dedicated her life to fighting injustices on behalf of People Living with HIV. She fought for justice, treatment, prevention, against GBV and for women in all diversity. ICW will miss a member, a strong advocate and partner. Rest in Peace Prudence!

# Roundup of the General Assembly in pictures



Above: Members of the board with ICWEA staff



Above: Rev Canon Gideon Byamugisha (above) from the Friends of Canon Gideon Foundation giving remarks at the General Assembly

Right: The young ladies in the room share a light moment



## ICWEAs current strategic Direction (2014 - 2019)

During the General Assembly, the Executive Director, Lillian Mworeko presented ICWEAs current strategic actions to the delegates. In her presentation she pointed out eight strategic areas that are priority as stated below:

- Strategic direction 1:** Membership development
- Strategic direction 2:** Capacity building development
- Strategic direction 3:** Strengthening ICWEAs accountability mechanism to promote consultative and feedback mechanisms between ICWEA leadership and membership
- Strategic direction 4:** Funding development
- Strategic direction 5:** Policy/laws analysis and evidence based research advocacy development
- Strategic direction 6:** Organization and Structural development
- Strategic direction 7:** Communication development
- Strategic direction 8:** Partnership and collaboration

## Hardwork, Innovativeness rewarded



As the General Assembly wound up, members of the Out going ICWEA board were thanked for a job well done with each getting a beautiful plaque.

Similarly, ICWEA staff who excelled as well as those who exhibited innovativeness over the last two years were rewarded.



Those rewarded included Lillian Mworeko (Executive Director); Elly Mayina (Finance and Administration Manager), Dorothy Namutamba (Programmes Manager) and Hanningtone Mutabarura (Business Development Manager.)



Top to Bottom: Abdi Mwita receives award. Mayina and Mutabarura receiving Cash rewards