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Letter of Intent (LOI)  
IN LAGOS, NIGERIA  
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BETWEEN

ARAB WOMEN IN THE MARITIME ASSOCIATION

AND

WOMEN IN MARITIME AFRICA

Alexandria, Egypt – AWIMA Secretariat

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### Between

**ARAB WOMEN IN THE  
MARITIME ASSOCIATION**

*(hereinafter called " AWIMA ")*

**WOMEN IN MARITIME AFRICA**

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### **Introduction**

Further to our previous discussions on the possible ways for enhancing, the cooperation between both Parties, held in Egypt, Sarm el Sheik in the 19/09/201, at the margins of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of AAMA;

The purpose of this letter is to set out the terms of reference (TOR) for a closer collaboration AWIMA / WIMAFRICA, aiming to agree on the Terms of Reference for future development of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AWIMA and WIMAFRICA (herein abbreviated as Arab WIMA and African WIMA).

### **Terms of Reference (TOR)**

#### **Main Objectives:**

- a) To promote a closer, collaboration between AWIMA and WIMAFRICA in order to better contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.
- b) To harmonize the efforts of the all Arab Gender Maritime Organization and all African Maritime Women Organization which aim to mass of Arab and African maritime women with a developmental mind-set in order to jointly and effectively contribute to the realization of the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development coping the fifth goal of the of Gender Equality. UN Women's

mandate is to assist Member States and the United Nations system to progress more effectively and efficiently towards the goal of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women.

#### **Respective mandates and priorities**

**Taking in account that AWIMA mission** is encouraging and empowering the Arab woman through improving her professional skills and highlighting her effective role in the Maritime Sector.

**And AWIMA vision** is Dynamic Arab women driving a strong maritime sector.

**AWIMA Cover twenty-two Arab countries**, 10 under the umbrella of AFRICA, namely (Mauritania – Morocco – Algeria – Tunisia – Libya –Egypt – Sudan – Djibouti – Somali – Comoros) and 12 under the umbrella of Asia: (Oman - Emirates – Qatar – Bahrain – Kuwait – Saudi Arabia – Yemen – Iraq – Syria – Lebanon – Jordan – Palestine).

**AWIMA: Established 19th October 2017 by Arab Women - regional or sub-regional association launched by IMO, for women in the maritime sector (reference SDG5) under the auspices of Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport& Egyptian Ministry of Transport.**

**Considering that WIMAFRICA highest priority** is to harmonize the efforts of all the Maritime Women of the African continent in order to create proper multi-sectorial platforms, in their Countries, Regions and Sub-regions, in order to fight, in a coordinated and integrated manner, for the gender parity and women empowerment in the maritime and inland waterways sector as well as in all related areas.

**WIMAFRICA's main goal** is to reach a greater number of women in the maritime leadership and governance, since the value of women as an important asset to society and major influencers of social change, is worldwide recognized;

**WIMAFRICA's strategic objective** is to sensitize African national maritime administrative authorities and African high decision makers to put more focus on the major constraints that have been limiting a greater participation of women in the global activities related to the use of oceans, seas and interior waters, including the development of a sustainable blue economy clusters in the African Countries;

**Vision:** Based on the fact that the African woman is considered the continent's greatest untapped resource, **WIMAFRICA's vision** is to unleash Africa's maritime female labor force in order to catalyze the unlocking of Africa's full maritime economic potential. To achieve this, not only do Africa's Maritime Women require access to financial resources, but the continent's countries also all have to institutionalize the required legal framework of non-discriminatory rules and maritime plus inland waterways economic systems.

**WIMAFRICA - Is a Pan African Gender Maritime Organization created on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015, under the auspices of the African Union and kind sponsorship of the Government of Angola.**

#### *Cooperation AWIMA / WIMAFRICA*

**AWIMA and WIMAFRICA** Women shall working on having an excellent record of working together to deliver on gender equality and doing so through a number of joint programmed activities in such areas as violence against women and girls, economic empowerment and promotion of livelihood, education for women and girls, capacity building, gender equality and women's role in culture and development.

In line with UN Agenda 2030 Women's empowerment role, both Entitles will take up the leadership in to collaborate with each other to exchange:

1. Building capacity programs.
2. Trainings.
3. Observer states.
4. Consultations.
5. Scientific research.
6. News using each other web site.
7. Symposiums, conferences, workshops.
8. Assist each other to serve women in Maritime field.
9. Collaboration between national WIMA's. (AWIMA National Chapter's under establishment).

*Therefore*

Both entities hereby reaffirm our commitment to all mentioned above.

It is important to draw from previous good practices of cooperation between both entities to ensure solid working relationships that will support transparent, effective and efficient collaboration.

Taking in to account that the international Maritime organization (IMO) has adopted "Empowering women in the Maritime Community\_"as the main theme for the World Maritime day 2019.

We are convinced that by working together we will achieve major advances through important agenda of women's empowerment and gender equality.

Done in two original copies in English, on 31 October 2018.

**For the ARAB WOMEN IN THE  
MARITIME ASSOCIATION  
(AWIMA)**

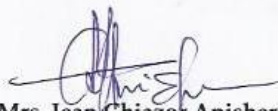
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