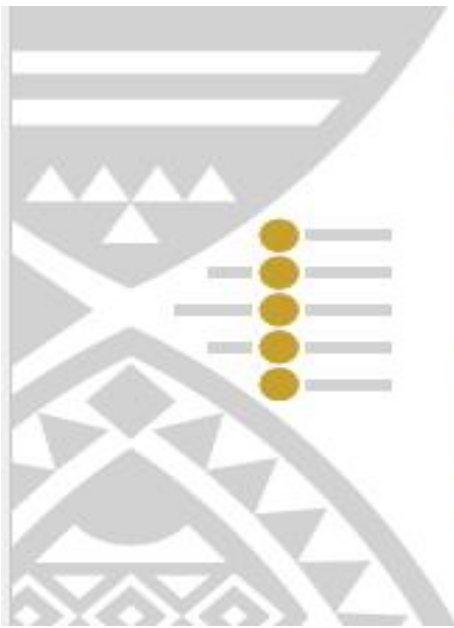


# OPENING SPEECH

Peter Muni

1st Sub Saharan Regional Forum



Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen.

Welcome to the first IAOM-MEA Sub Saharan Regional Forum, in Nairobi, Kenya.

Thank you for participating in the various capacities and making this Forum possible

# NEED FOR THE FORUM

Although Peter Lloyd will be making a presentation on the vision and values of the forum, I must add that the need for a forum like this was recognized during past IAOM-MEA Education committee meetings and we appreciate the approval by the regional Leadership to hold this forum, the support from IAOM, the parent association. I must also thank the organising committee for their time and effort to make this forum a success.

You will note the different backgrounds of the Participants, Speakers, Suppliers, Mills and Related business owners and organisations who have been invited here today.

I urge you to interact, share and exchange knowledge, information and experiences so that you leave the forum more informed as this is the main intention for the forum.

This will hopefully assist you in your daily endeavours and contribute to the growth of the industry.

With these few remarks, I declare the forum open

**THANK YOU!**