

## DoGES alumni appointed in NEMA Board



In April 2015 Caroline Wakesho Sonje, a former postgraduate student at the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, was appointed by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya to serve in the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) Board. Caroline holds a Masters degree in Environmental Planning and Management from the University of Nairobi and a Bachelors degree in Environmental Studies (Sciences) from Kenyatta University. She is a certificate holder in French from Alliance Francais Nairobi and is currently pursuing her Diploma in the same course.

Caroline has over 8 years experience in Banking and Environmental sector and has a keen interest in Sustainable Development issues. She has worked for Nature Kenya at the highly funded unique Coastal Arabuko Sokoke Forest on the project of Enhanced Sustainability through improved natural resource management by and for stakeholders. The project was spearheaded by Nature Kenya who also partnered with Birdlife International, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Kenya Forestry Service (KFS).

Caroline has worked for KCB as the Sustainability Manager in charge of the Environmental, Social and Economic issues. She was instrumental in overseeing the Bank's Sustainability Reporting in line with GRI (Global Reporting Initiative); designing and implementation of the KCB Group Sustainability Management Strategy and Programme; implementing, monitoring and evaluation of the KCB Green Agenda (the Bank's environmental blue print which focuses on safeguarding the environment by being sensitive in operations that is with regards to green

house gas emissions and waste management); facilitate stakeholders engagement initiatives and spearhead resolution of resultant issues/concerns; partnering with environmental management agencies and other stakeholders to implement protective measures for safeguarding the environment; sustainability training to both staff and other stakeholders; and representing the bank in appropriate forums for purposes of learning, exposure or sharing. Caroline has conducted stakeholder's sustainability training in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Sudan. She is a member of Arocha Kenya and Nature Kenya, both of which are environmental conservation organizations.