

ZANZIBAR STONE TOWN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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A Word from our new CEO

Dear all,

I am really very glad to work in the Zanzibar Stone Town Heritage Society. I am a professional in the field of Cultural Heritage, after taking my Bachelor degree of Arts in Tourism and Cultural Heritage in the University of Dodoma (UDOM).

For many decades our heritage resources were vandalized or destroyed by a number of factors, such as natural disasters, poverty, lack of political will, ignorance, disvalue of our heritage as well as development activities. At this moment there are many national, regional and International

organization/institutions both private and government which act as custodian in watching, protecting, restoring, rehabilitating as well as curating the heritage resources. All together bring hope that our heritages shall remain in safe hands. We shall take note that the heritage resources are not the properties of politicians or government but belong to the general public. Therefore the proper maintenance of our heritage will continue to provide education and knowledge through research, understanding of past history, and source of income especially

through heritage tourism. All together should making sure that our heritages remain in authentic, good condition forever and ever for the betterment of current and next generation.

Thank you,
Makame Juma



Board Member Capacity Building Workshop

One of the ZSTHS's main areas of focus is partnerships. As such, one of our core partners is VSO, Voluntary Services Overseas. In January, ZSTHS partnered with VSO to hold a capacity-building workshop for our board members. Topics covered were stakeholder's analysis, donor dependency, goods and services, fundraising,

sustainability, policy development and partnership with resources sharing. The workshop was very interesting, interactive and very constructive with good outcome, where as the society learned how to minimize or to avoid donor dependency, because dependency may weaken the Organization's

capacity to raise local funds, and lead to collapse when donors stop donating. Also the society learned how to rise funds, how to analyse stake holders, how to develop policy and its importance to the organization governance and how to initiate or improving networking and partnership.

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Great News!



*The soon to be restored
Anglican Church in
Zanzibar.*

The ZSTHS, in partnership with the World Monument Fund and the Anglican Church Diocese of Zanzibar has received funding from the European Union for a major cultural heritage and restoration project! Over the next few years, the ZSTHS will be involved in tour guide training, creating a heritage centre at the Old

Slave Market, and training fundis while restoration work is being done on the Anglican Church. We will also be able to send some of our members on learning trips. We are very pleased about the decision and look forward to working with our excellent partners!

World Heritage Day

WORLD HERITAGE DAY WAS CELEBRATED ON APRIL 18TH. WE CELEBRATED BY TAKING GROUPS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN TO HERITAGE SITES AROUND STONE TOWN. HAPPY WORLD HERITAGE DAY!



*ZSTHS staff and 10th
anniversary award
winners.*

10th Anniversary Awards Ceremony

Our official awards ceremony for our 10th anniversary was held this past January. The award categories were:

- Best Preserved Public Building: Stone Town Conservation and Development

Authority

- Best Preserved Private Building: Aga Khan Cultural Services (Old Dispensary)
- Best Preserved Door of the Decade: Chavda Hotel

- Best Preserved Garden: Victoria Garden

Hongerini to all our award recipients!

Annual General Meeting next week

This coming week, the ZSTHS Annual General Meeting will be held. A new board will be elected, and we will say goodbye to some of our board members. Mohammed Mugheiry, who has been chairperson

of the ZSTHS for two terms, will be saying goodbye and we would like to thank him and recognize his years of service for the ZSTHS.

Check this out!
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The Stone Town Heritage Society's new website is up and running! This website has a blog section, where you can get up-to-date info about ZSTHS activities and Stone Town Heritage!