WiLAT Global Report from November 2018 to January 2019 (In Chronological order)

1. WiLAT Nigeria was ably represented at the 2018 CILT National Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Lagos with the Theme "**TRUCKING IN THE FREIGHT LOGISTICS SYSTEM: ISSUES IN NIGERIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT"** . Some WiLAT members were also elected as Council Members of CILT Nigeria. Presentation by WiLAT was made by the Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Fatima Usman Muhammad

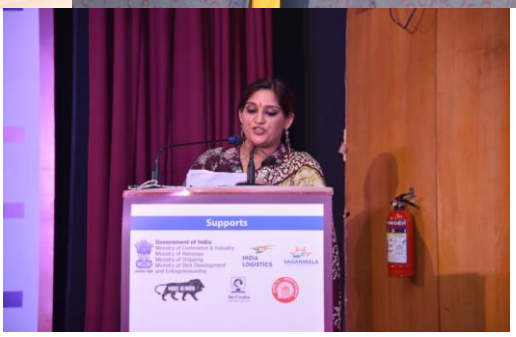
2. **CILT-India Expo 2018, (International Conference) on 22-23 November 2018, National Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri New Delhi**

   Category- Empowerment / Entrepreneurship

   The two-day event covered all modes of transport, including, road, rail, air, sea and inland waterways. Representatives from related Union ministries, government bodies, PSUs, as well as industrial enterprises, including manufacturing, retail, e-commerce, logistics, cold chain & warehousing, supply chain etc. participated in the conference where facts, figures, ideas and visions were shared to paint an enthralling picture of the hectic activity in the sector.
   The highlight of the expo was an equal participation of PSUs and government enterprises alongside private players from varied fields such as construction, agribusiness, automotive, electronics, energy, e-commerce, multi-modal logistics operators, warehousing, IT solution providers, and passenger mobility as well as passenger hospitality organizations. Visitors at the exhibition and conference were a mix of representatives looking to expand business opportunities, government officials and foreign delegates. The event provided an opportunity for many to forge new business relationships and gauge new technologies/ideas that could benefit them. An excellent media coverage and high visitor turnout ensured the success of the programme.

   Banking on Women Power in Logistics- One of the highlights of the conference was a presentation by Dr. Surendra Ahirwar, Director (Logistics), Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India, on "Banking on Women Power in Logistics: Enabling the Able Workforce". The presentation discussed some glaring issues faced by women employed in the sector. Some of the key take-aways of the presentation were:

- Low retention rate of women
- Difficult working conditions
- Low rate of training and development
- Harassment, bullying and violence
- Lack of on-road assistance
- High risk of mis-shaping on road



3. WiLAT Nigeria identified with Women in Maritime Africa (WIMAFRICA) during the 2nd Continental Conference/Annual General Meeting with the Theme "**TRADE FACILITATION FOR AFRICA INTEGRATION: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES"** held in Lagos at the Eko Hotel and Suits Victoria Island.

4. WiLAT Nigeria sponsored her Executives and some members to a 3-Day Political Leadership Masterclass for women that featured political leadership strategy, politics in public parastatals, transparency in leadership, family and work balance, confidence building and other leadership related topics. The Programme was held in November, 2018 and was organized by Women Leadership Institute.

WiLAT Nigeria Sponsored three students of the Lagos State University, LASU for a 3-Day Political Leadership Masterclass for women held in November, 2018 at the Commerce House, Victoria Island, Lagos. Certificates were presented to the students after the three days Masterclass Programme.

5. **<u>WiLAT Sri Lanka Chairperson addresses Sri Lanka Women's Rugby Team</u>**

Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chairperson of WiLAT Sri Lanka addressed Sri Lanka Women's Rugby Team to congratulate them on their performance at Asia Rugby Sevens where the team emerged as overall Plate Champions. Ms. Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala, the first Sri Lankan to reach the summit of Mt. Everest conducted a motivational session for the team at the event.

6. **<u>Lloyds List SAMEA Awards</u>**

Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chairperson of WiLAT Sri Lanka together with Ms. Nadia Abdul Aziz, Chairperson of WiLAT Dubai represented WiLAT at the Lloyd's List South Asia, Middle East & Africa (SAMEA) Awards Dinner which was held on the 28th November 2018 at Palazzo Versace Hotel, Dubai. This was a glamorous event which recognized the best performers of the maritime industry in South Asia, Middle East & Africa region.

7. **<u>Gayathri Karunanayake of WiLAT Sri Lankan assists Team Bangladesh to join the CILT/WiLAT global family</u>**

Gayathri in her recent visit to Bangaladesh in Dec 2018 met with logistics, transport and supply chain industry leaders in Bangladesg to help unfold the CILT and WiLAT Chapter. She shared her knowledge and experience in forming WiLAT emphasizing of the four strategic thrusts, namely Leadership, Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Mentorship.

We are pleased to have our sisters in Logistics from Bangaladesh join our global network this April. Gayathri Karunanayaka, currently serves at the Vice Chairperson for Branding in WiLAT Sri Lanka.

8. In December 2018, WiLAT Tanzania submitted a proposal for Building Capacity WiLAT Members on soft and Technical Skills to **Kuehne Foundation**. The foundation would like to fund the proposed courses. WiLAT Tanzania will update this issue next report.

9. **<u>WiLAT SL Year End Christmas Party</u>**

WiLAT SL celebrated Christmas on Dec ember 1, 2018 at the People's Church at Narahenpita joining hands with many beautiful ladies spreading inspiration, joy and Christmas Cheer. The event was titled "Beautiful Woman Christmas Cheer".

It was an evening of entertainment and networking with a pipeline of activities ranging from art & craft, dancing, sing-a-along, games and surprises. It was an ideal way to round up the year giving members time to bond on a lighter note. WiLAT Chairperson, Dhashma Karunarathna was invited to address the audience on her journey of success, and she ignited the gathering with an inspirational speech which was no doubt a motivational boost for all the young and old.

10. **<u>Youth Dialogue on Preventing Sexual Harassment at University Campus organized by WiLAT PAK, SZABIST & UN Women on December 5, 2018</u>**

A program on Preventing Sexual Harassment at university campus organized by WiLATPAK, SZABIST & UN Women was held on December 5, 2018 at SZABIST University. The theme of UN Women for this year is **"Orange the World: #hearmetoo."** Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Under-Secretary General & Executive Director UN Women was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Phumzile called for the participants' commitment to speak out against sexual harassment at campuses with a view to end it. She urged that now is the time for stronger action and we have to start from education. The Acting Regional Director, Ms. Anna-Karin Jaftors also highlighted the importance of preventing sexual harassment.

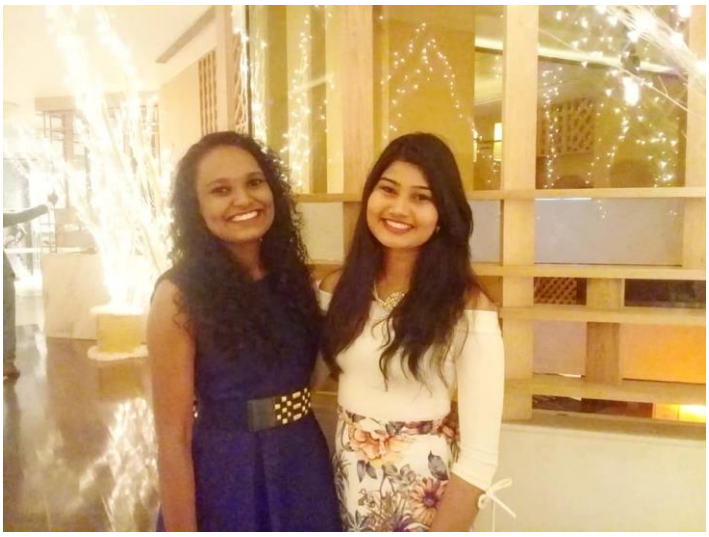
Chairperson WiLAT Pakistan, Ms. Nasreen Haque urged the need to join hands to promote and coordinate efforts to advance women's rights and to provide them a more enabling environment. She especially highlighted the insecurity, obstacles and harassment faced by women in the public transport and the need to provide a safe and secure commuter system. She finally proposed to set up a Consortium of Chairs of Anti-Sexual Harassment Committees of universities in Karachi to share their experiences and take measures to resolve the issues leading to sexual harassment.

A panel discussion was held which included Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Prof. Zarnaz Wahid (Pro-Vice Chancellor/Chair Sexual Harassment, Dow University), Prof. Dr. Irfan Hyder (Dean-College of Business Management CBM-IoBM), Ms. Shehla Najib Siddiki (Chairperson Anti Sexual Harassment Committee –SZABIST Karachi), Mr. Javed Memon (Regional Director Higher Education Commission, Sindh), Mr. Shahjehan Saleem (Faculty/Student Representative – SZABIST), Ms. Nashihah Walji (Student Representative – SZABIST) as panelists. The closing remarks were shared by Mr. Jamshed Kazi, Country Representative UN Women Pakistan

The purpose of this program was to educate the youth in helping prevent sexual harassment and to contribute towards protection of women in society.

11. <u>WiLAT SL Members Annual Fellowship 2018 by SLANZBC</u>

WiLAT Sr Lanka was represented at the 'Members Annual Fellowship 2018' organized by the Sri Lanka-Australia-New Zealand Business Council of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce which was held on 6th December at Colombo Hilton Residencies. The event was organized to celebrate the achievements of 2018 and to provide a platform for its members to expand their network.



12. <u>WiLAT SL EU breakfast meeting</u>

Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chairperson of WiLAT Sri Lanka attended the Breakfast Meeting with His Excellency, Tung-Lai Margue (Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and Maldives) hosted by The European Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka on the working relationship between Sri Lanka and the European Union & to discuss and be a part of the upcoming trade and business plans for 2019. In addition, LinkedIn top voice 2017/2018, Alexandra Galviz showcased techniques, strategies and hacks on how to build an online presence on LinkedIn as the ideal B2B and B2C platform.

13. 2018 CILT Nigeria Leadership Impact Programme (CLIP) and Investiture of New Council Members held on Tuesday, 11th December, 2018 in Lagos at the Eko Hotel and Suits was well attended by WiLAT. Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman was Inducted as Fellow of the Institute and decorated by WiLAT Chairperson, Aisha Ali Ibrahim with WiLAT Pin during the event.

Hadjia Bola Muse, a member of WiLAT Nigeria emerged President of Women in Maritime (WIMA) Nigeria during the Women in Maritime National election held in Lagos, on 12th December, 2018.

14. <u>WiLAT Zambia Planning meeting for 2019 on 15th December, 2018</u>

WiLAT Zambia held the end of year planning meeting at which we agreed to chart the way forward in 2019 as follows:-

Quarter 1 – All the members of the Executive Committee will undertake training in March, 2019 in Mentorship and Leadership so that we can build capacity to enable us be able to mentor other women in the logistics and transport industry so that they may also reach the peak of their careers. We have affiliated to the Institute of Mentorship and Leadership in Lusaka, Zambia and have arranged with them to conduct the training in March, 2019.

Quarter 2. Hold a fundraising Luncheon to raise funds for our Bicycle Project.

Quarter 3. Hold a fundraising Braii – and host the Mentorship and Leadership Workshop for women in the Logistics and Transport Industry so that we may also build our membership. Make a Bicycle donation.

Quarter 4. Host a Regional Workshop in Mentorship and Leadership and invite members in Southern and Eastern Africa. Hold a WiLAT Day Celebration.

Category of the Five thrusts: We hope to empower the women in the industry with knowledge on how to mentor other women and also be better leaders in their workplaces.

15. WiLAT Nigeria vistited Bethesda Home for the Blind on 22nd December, 2018 with food items, toiletraries and cash donation. Members were taken round the Blind Home by the Coordinator. Art works and hand crafts made by the students were displayed to the admiration of members.

16. <u>WiLAT SL Port of Colombo 7 Mn TEU Achievement</u>

Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chairperson of WiLAT Sri Lanka attended the 7 million TEU achievement Ceremony of Port of Colombo which took place at Jaya Container Terminal on the 31st of December 2018. The ceremony was graced by Chairman of Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Dr. Parakrama Dissanayake, representatives of the senior management of the 3 terminals in the Port of Colombo and industry professionals and well-wishers

<u>INSIGHT by AIESEC</u>

Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne addressed more than 350 young undergraduates representing all the faculties in University of Colombo at 'INSIGHT', the corporate day organized by AIESEC Colombo Central in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit of Faculty of Management & Finance. The session was on the topic of 'Current Corporate Demands' which will help the undergraduates to become successful in the corporate arena.

17. WILAT GHANA REPORT FOR NOV. & DEC. 2018 – JAN. 2019

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO AGILITY LOGISTICS PARK

WiLAT Ghana in collaboration with CILT Ghana organised an Educational Tour to Agility Logistics Park for its members and Student Affiliates.

END OF YEAR GET-TOGETHER IN DEC, 2018

WiLAT Ghana in collaboration with Young Professionals had an End of Year Get-Together to unwind as we socialize, network and welcome the coming year.

WiLAT CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY – JAN. 2019

WiLAT Ghana organized a party for Children of Village of Hope Orphanage as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility.

WiLAT GHANA EXECUTIVE MEETING – JAN. 2019

The Executives of WiLAT Ghana brainstorming and planning the year's activities.

18. Dorothy and Vicky accompanied Keith Newton to meet with CCTA / CILT China new leadership team on 4th January 2019 in Beijing. In attendance of the meeting was CCTA Chairman Mr. Hu Ya Dong, CCTA Vice Chairman Mr. Li Gang, CCTA Vice Chairman and CILT China President Mr. Zhou Hai Tao, CILT China Secretary General Mr. Wang Ensen, CILT China administrator Ms. Zhang Bing Zing, CILT International Secretary General Mr. Keith Newton, CILT WiLAT Global Advisor Dr. Dorothy Chan and WiLAT Deputy Global Chairperson & CILT HK Council Member Ms. Vicky Koo.

CILT China expressed support to attend the Centennial Convention in Manchester. In preparation of the 6th CILT China Conference, eminent overseas speakers recommended by CILT International will be invited to give speech at the event. CILT China also agreed to a meeting after CNY in Zhong Shan to discuss about Greater Bay Area development programs with CILT HK.

19. **<u>Dublin Chamber of Commerce delegation visit in Hong Kong from 13-18 January</u>**

WiLAT Hong Kong greeted a delegation from the Dublin Chamber of Commerce which visited Hong Kong West Kowloon Station on 14 January 2019 to learn about the facilities and services of the newly opened high speed rail station.

Headed by President Brendan Foster and CEO - Mary Rose Burke, and Anne O'Leary , CEO of Vodafone Ireland, the delegation had a glimpse of passengers' departure and arrival processes and the station's interior and exterior design. All members were impressed by the operating efficiency and the iconic and modernist structure of the station.

20. One of WiLAT Nigeria members, Mrs. Khadijat Sheidu-Shabi was inducted as Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) during the 2018 Investiture Ceremony of the Society held 24th January, 2019 at Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja.

21. **<u>Coastal clean-up CSR project by WISTA</u>**

WiLAT Sr Lanka was represented at the 'Coastal Clean-up CSR project' organized by WISTA Sri Lanka which was held on 26th January 2019 starting from the coastal stretch from Dehiwala Station up to Mt. Lavinia Hotel.

Addressing the pressing concern of marine conservation, the focus of the project was to enhance the public awareness on the importance of Marine conservation.

22. WiLAT SL Ports in India Conference

Ms. Dhashma Karunaratne, Chairperson of WiLAT Sri Lanka addressed the Indian maritime community on "Port of Colombo: Complimentary to India's ExIm Trade Growth Aspirations" at Ports in India Conference which was held from 29th – 30th January at ITC Maratha, Mumbai, India, organized by Indian Infrastructure Publishing backed by the Ministry of Shipping in India. The conference addressed new developments, trends opportunities & challenges related to the port & terminal operations of the country.

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