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INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED

Washington, DC— The Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT) celebrates four award recipients, recognized for their outstanding contributions to the organization and for their strong commitment to advancing women in international trade.

OWIT presented its *2010 Woman of the Year Award* to **Dr. Jacqueline Wasogna Kitulu**, Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Kitulu has been a partner at the Karen Surgery Institution since 2008. This vibrant family practice was established in 1991 and offers services that include counseling, psychology, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy. As an External Medical Escort for the International Organization for Migration, Dr. Kitulu evacuates medically unstable immigrants, most of whom are refugees, to new homes in various countries including Australia, Canada and the U.S. In addition, Dr. Kitulu runs a full time general practice, Jamko Health Services, based in Nairobi. Her work involves both curative and preventative aspects of medicine especially in the area of health education services for many companies and individuals. Dr. Kitulu is actively involved in the enhancement of women in the medical field as Chairperson of the Kenya Medical Women's Association (KMWA), an affiliate of the International Medical Women's Association (MWIA) and the Federation of Women Entrepreneur Associations (FEWA), to which OWIT Nairobi also belongs. KMWA brings together female medical doctors and dentists in Kenya with a common aim of advocacy for women and children's rights. Highly regarded in business circles, Dr. Kitulu works closely with OWIT and FEWA regarding issues that impact women in business.

OWIT's **Nairobi Chapter (Kenya)** was awarded the *Chapter of the Year Award* for its position of leadership within OWIT to help further the OWIT mission, for sharing best practices, and for successfully fostering education and networking opportunities among global trade professionals. OWIT Nairobi is on the board of the Federation of Women Entrepreneur Associations (FEWA) and has been instrumental in forging the success of FEWA. The chapter represented women entrepreneurs and shared insight on accessing markets and ICT at FEWA's Eastern Africa Regional Women Entrepreneurs' Exchange Network Meeting. In addition, the chapter played a major role in a FEWA-U.S. Embassy Consultative Forum, achieving a commitment from the Embassy and USAID to reach out to women traders with participation in all U.S. Economic Affairs trade missionws.

OWIT's *Member of the Year Award* was presented to two individuals this year, **Diane Macdonald** (Chicago chapter), and **Monika Sandman** (Northern California chapter). They both made significant contributions to OWIT's webinar program, which was launched in 2010. As the initial organizers, they took the lead in investigating the appropriate infrastructure and costs to establish this program as a means of both revenue generation and enhancement of OWIT's global brand. The webinar program is now an important tool for generating revenues and continues to grow and expand with successful programs, using state-of-the art technology.

About OWIT

The Organization of Women in International Trade (www.owit.org) is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to advancing global trade opportunities for women by providing networking and educational opportunities. It has over 20 chapters worldwide.