

# Celebrations of the World Environmental Day (June 5<sup>th</sup> 2012) at Wangari Maathai Institute



Hon Martha Karua Planting a tree

The Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA), the Greenbelt movement, Loreto Girls, Limuru and the Nairobi Academy celebrated the World Environmental Day at Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies by planting 200 indigenous trees. KEWOPA was represented by Hon Martha Karua, the MP for Gichugu and Hon Rachel

The World Environment Day, which is commemorated every year on 5 June, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

The aim of the day is to:

1. Give a human face to environmental issues;
2. Empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development;



Hon Rachel Shebesh addressing participants during the world Environmental Day

3. Promote an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards environmental issues;
4. Advocate partnership which will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future.

The late Prof Wangari Maathai and Founder Distinguished Chair of



**Prof Kiama Gitahi with Students from Loreto Limuru at WMI site**

Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies served as a member of parliament for Tetu Constituency. Thus it was opportune for KEWOPA to celebrate the World Environmental day at WMI whose mission is “to cultivate positive ethics, values and practices towards the environment by training

stewards who foster peace, holistic sustainable development and link theory with practice”.