

## Her Excellency Dr. Margaret Dureke's Bio at a Glance



- \* Ambassador Dr. Margaret Dureke  
Founder and President of WETATi
- \* Goodwill Ambassador for the Republic of  
The Gambia \*Entrepreneur, \*Publisher  
& Bestselling Author of multiple personal and  
business development books
- \* A National and International Media Personality
- \* Renowned International Motivational,  
Empowerment Speaker and Success Coach  
of **MargaretSpeaks.com Academy**

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Dr. Margaret Dureke is the Founder and President of the organization called WETATi - We're Empowered To Achieve The impossible and WETATi - Women Empowered To Achieve The impossible, a global EMPOWERMENT Network of all generations. **WETATi's** main focus is achieved through the global programs like the WETATi Center 4 Creative Thinking, Leadership and Entrepreneurship and is an inclusive, local, national and international diverse – community conscious organization that seeks to empower women, young girls, and men of all ages. As Entrepreneur Extraordinaire, Margaret is a woman known as the “How-to-Guru,” and believes that if you know what you want, envision it, believe it, and are willing to pay the price, you can achieve your impossible!

Amongst Margaret's various achievements: she received her Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors from Howard University and a Juris Doctorate degree in Law from American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC. In addition she is an Adjunct Faculty Member at the Prince George's Community College and was recently appointed Goodwill Ambassador to the Republic of the Gambia.

Her accomplishments span the globe as a seasoned national and international motivational presenter who has actively and consistently been in the industry for the past 26 years. **A Master Trainer and Presenter in her own right for major corporations and organizations such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), she is the only African woman that Blacks in Government voted one of the Most Valuable Trainers and Presenters 2010. Ambassador Dureke wears many titles. She has been hailed as the “Moxie Motivator” by the Prince George's Gazette Newspaper; as making**

*the Gambia proud and Empowering the Youth by Ambassador Sheikh Omar Faye of the Gambia; as the Great Daughter of Africa by Ambassador Lt. General Joseph Henry Smith of Ghana; as a Genius by Professor G.O. Babawale, Dean of Student Affairs, University of Lagos Nigera (UNILAG); as a Community Warrior by Anne Reese Carswell, Associate Director, Nyumburu Cultural Center, University of Maryland College Park (UMCP); as a Crusader and the Most Powerful Woman in the World by Towanda Livingston, Director, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), Small, Local and Minority Business Enterprise (SLMBE); and as a Leader, Mentor, Entrepreneur Extraordinaire, by Vanessa Cabrera and Spencer Wallace, Premiere Financial Alliance (PFA) Leadership, just to name a few.*

Ambassador Dureke has inspired and motivated women and men worldwide through her multi-faceted platforms and encourages and uplifts others to participate in the WETATi Annual International Convention and WETATiwood Red Carpet and WETATi – Anne Reese Carswell Scholarship and Awards Banquet.

She is an accomplished author and publisher of several empowerment, self-development, business and self-help books, including *“How to Succeed Against All Odds;” “Eleven Proven Organizational and Time Management Techniques for Highly Effective People;” “Network Marketing: How to Avoid the Damage it Can Do to Your Life and Business & How to Succeed;” “The Power of Consistency;” “7 Drivers for Success;” “Words and Phrases of Wisdom for Emotional and Spiritual Upliftment;” and “Think! Believe! Act! And Grow Rich!”* Margaret’s success stories have been featured in many publications and on television, including the *Washington Post, BET.com, Sister 2 Sister Magazine, Heart and Soul Magazine, The Gazette Newspaper, Our Society Magazine, TVC Nigeria, Voice of America (VOA) TV and Radio, Daily Express – Tanzania, The Sun Newspaper -Nigeria, and Vanguard Newspaper – Nigeria.*

Her mission is to pursue her vision and passion of helping other people realize their dreams through the WETATi programs she founded and to be the change she would like to see in the world through education and economic empowerment and emancipation. She desires to communicate and teach other people that they too can find meaning and purpose, happiness, joy and fulfillment in their lives – no matter in what remote village or city they may find themselves, and no matter what challenges they may encounter in life.

Margaret would be the first to tell you that the benefit of going through a challenge or adversity in life is so you can use that experience to help others, glorify God and “make a message out of the mess.” She is convinced that every adversity hides a seed of opportunity if you know how to find it. WETATi is a powerhouse in the college

and university communities, which helped to launch **WETATi Next Generation** at the University of Maryland College Park in October 2013 (USA), and the University of Lagos Nigeria (UNILAG) in November 2015 (International). WETATi has been recognized by Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski for its commitment to empowering women from all walks of life.

**Achievements:** 12 time award winning author; Member of the WETATi Book Project 2014; Appointed Ambassador to the UN for Women Empowerment; Nominated for the Esteemed Leadership Award 2013 from Valparaiso University in conjunction with the Nigerian Embassy USA alongside the First Lady of Nigeria, Her Excellency Dame (Dr.) Patience Goodluck Jonathan; The Daily Record Innovator of the Year Nominee 2013; Awarded the Gateway To Africa Business Award 2013 by the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation African Trade Office (ATO); Awarded the Noble Community Service Award by FESTAFRICA 2012; Awarded the "Community Warrior" Award from the University of Maryland College Park; Bestselling Author and Publisher.

**Other Noteworthy Appearances:** Appointed a Goodwill Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia in recognition of her Humanitarian and philanthropic work around the world and to be an advocate for the First Lady's Foundation Operation Save The Children January 2016; Speaker and presenter at the 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott honoring Rosa Parks in Alabama November 2013; empowerment speaker for the Pan African Festival (PANAFEST) 2014; Keynote speaker for NAACP (WIN), Montgomery County Maryland Branch at the 1<sup>st</sup> Winner's Circle of Excellence Tea, December 2014, Theme: Women on Whose Shoulders We Stand; Empowerment speaker on Gambia One Radio Live, speaking to empower the Gambians in The Gambia, May 2015, Theme: What Does Mindset Have to do With Your Success, and the Progress of the People; Empowerment speaker for the WETATi Daughters and Sons of DESTINY at Templeton Elementary School in Riverdale, Maryland, May 2015, Speaking on Positioning the Mindset of Children Toward Meaningful Purpose Through Classroom and School of Life Education; Empowerment speaker for the global youth conference at the University of Lagos, Nigeria (UNILAG); Empowerment and opening guest speaker for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) [2016 Women Business Owners Expo](#); and Guest Appearance on the Jewel Tankard TV Show on Impact Network in April 2016; Keynote Speaker at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Organization of African Unity (OAU), now known as African Union (AU) where former Ethiopian emperor Haile Selassie and 31 former African Heads of States were honored for founding the OAU in 1963.

Margaret is happily married to her husband John, and the mother of three beautiful girls, Chidinma, Chuckwunonso, and Destiny.

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