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Water Sector Trust Fund at the Sixth Annual Devolution Conference in Kirinyaga

The Sixth Annual DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE 2019

Water Sector Trust Fund (WSTF) received the invitation from the Council of Governors for participation and partnership in the 6th Annual Devolution Conference that was scheduled for 4th to 8th March 2019 at Kirinyaga University grounds, near Kutus town, Kirinyaga County.

The convenors of the Devolution Conference were the Council of Governors (COG), Ministry of Devolution and ASALs (MoDA), the Senate and County Assemblies Forum (CAF). The theme of the conference was "*Deliver. Transform. Measure. 'Remaining Accountable'*"

As a proponent of the devolution process, WSTF participated and collaborated with the COG's Devolution Conference Secretariat by attending planning meetings, contributing directly and participating as conference delegates and having an exhibition stand. WSTF contributed KSh 2 Million as event sponsors and was granted the exhibition space, two exhibitors and three delegates free. WSTF also paid KSh100,000 for five other delegates, to cater for board members.

Devolution Conference Sectors

In line with the national government's Big Four Agenda, and recognition of water and sanitation as a critical enabler of the Big Four, the Conference was divided into sectors as follows.

Trade and Manufacturing sector dealt with expansion of the manufacturing sector with an aim to promote value addition to products, whilst creating employment opportunities for the country's working-age population, by 2022.

Agriculture sector sought to have 100% food and nutrition security commitment and encourage large-scale commercial farming to increase and diversify the staples in the country through irrigation and other technologies.

Affordable Housing sector focussed on addressing issues that will lead towards affordable and innovation practices in the provision of housing and infrastructure development in attainment of sustainable development.

Health sector focussed on Universal Health Care (UHC) coverage addressing the following targets: Role of primary Health Care in accelerating implementation of UHC, efficiency in utilizing health resources, managing human resource for health in delivering UHC and health financing for sustainable UHC.

Water and Sanitation sector focussed on improving water governance for expanded investments, actualising a financially viable water and sanitation sector and set targets, commitments, responsibilities for effective and efficient delivery of water and sanitation towards achieving Kenya's goal of 100% water coverage by 2030.



WSTF exhibition booth at the Devolution Conference



WSTF staff explaining our programmes to exhibition visitors


Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, together with CEO, WSTF, among other delegates at the plenary

WSTF's Participation at the Devolution Conference

WSTF participated at the conference by showcasing its products at the exhibition booth area, and having delegates attend the main plenary and also the Water and Sanitation side events. WSTF's CEO was a panellist in one of the sessions at the Water and Sanitation side event.

Exhibition Booth: WSTF showcased our products by having an exhibition booth well decorated with our corporate colours and banners. The booth was manned by programme and communication staff to ensure that all visitors who came to enquire got the information on our services.

WSTF and Partners' Brand Visibility: WSTF partnered with the Council of Governors in supporting the Devolution Conference to the tune of KSh 2 Million. Thus, WSTF (among other partners) enjoyed brand visibility throughout the conference duration on the big LED daylight screens at the main plenary (see third picture on the right).

The European Union, through the *Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure for Improved Water Supply and Sanitation in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas* programme had partnered with WSTF to make the Conference a success. WSTF prepared rollup banners and brochures explaining the programme. These banners and brochures were strategically placed at the exhibition booth (where the EU Programme staff was at hand to sensitise the public about the programme and also answer any questions). The banners were also placed at the Water and Sanitation side event venue for maximum visibility.

Water and Sanitation Side Events: WSTF participated in the Water and Sanitation side events by having delegates and also panellists. The present board members and management staff attended the sessions. WSTF CEO, together with the Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, were panellists on the second day of the event. The Subtheme under discussion was "**Actualising a financially viable water and sanitation sector at the County level.**" The objective of the session was to discuss practical ways in which County Governments, water service providers and other stakeholders can resolve the impediments to attracting investments for water and sanitation services.

Communique of the Conference

In line with the overall conference theme "Deliver. Transform. Measure. '*Remaining Accountable*'", 23 resolutions were agreed upon at the end of the conference by the various sectors present. Among them, **Resolutions 16 and 17** relate to the Water and Sanitation sector as follows:

Resolution 16. Both levels of government shall, in the next one (1) year, develop a policy to guide water resource sharing across Counties and increase investment in water infrastructure.

> *Action: Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, County Governments.*

Resolution 17. Both levels of Government shall, in the next three (3) years, convene a water congress for all stakeholders to discuss responsibilities for each level of government and concurrent functions.

> *Action: Council of Governors, County Governments, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Attorney General, Senate.*



WSTF CEO makes a point during the panel discussion



WSTF Delegates at the Water and Sanitation side event



As partners with the Council of Governors, WSTF enjoyed prominent brand visibility at the main plenary



Prominent joint branding of WSTF and our partner European Union at the venue of the Water and Sanitation side event

Blast from the Past: Featured in SITREP 158 – Devolution Conference 2018

The Fund's situation report (SITREP) no. 158 that covered the period **23rd to 27th April 2018** was a special edition for the Devolution Conference 2018 that was held in Kakamega County.

Among the highlights was that at this conference and as part of the exhibition, the Fund carried out a survey on the its new proposed logos and members of the public participated enthusiastically. The Fund received 158 responses from the public and these were later analysed together with an internal staff survey on the same.

This public participation eventually resulted in the Fund adopting a **new modern logo** (below), new corporate colours and the currently ongoing rebranding.



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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 158
(DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE SPECIAL)
23RD – 27TH APRIL 2018

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE

Water Sector Trust Fund received an invitation from the Council of Governors for participation and partnership in the 5th Annual Devolution Conference that was scheduled for 23rd to 27th April in Kakamega County.

As a proponent of the devolution process, the Fund participated and collaborated with the Council of Governors' secretariat by contributing directly towards the event and participation by having conference delegates and an exhibition stand.

During the conference, the Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors' Devolution Conference Steering Committee, Kirinyaga Governor Hon. Anne Waiguru thanked the conference sponsors including Water Sector Trust Fund for making the devolution conference a success.

Alignment with the Big Four Agenda

Water Sector Trust Fund made a presentation on its alignment with the Big Four Agenda; that is, food security, affordable housing, manufacturing and affordable healthcare, through



Public survey on the Fund's proposed new logos

As part of the exhibition, the Fund carried out a survey on the Fund's proposed new logos and members of the public participated enthusiastically. We received 158 responses and these are currently being analysed together with the internal staff survey.

The Fund's staff members explain to members of the public the survey on the proposed new logos

A member of the public fills in the survey on the proposed new logos

A member of the public points to her favourite logo

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