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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE KENYA WATER INSTITUTE'S 2021 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) AND EARTH OBSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) in conjunction with Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) hosted the 2021 Geographic Information System (GIS) and Earth Observation (EO) symposium which took place at KEWI grounds. Dr. Andrew Tuimur, C.B.S., Chief Administrative Secretary, MWSI and H.E. Dr. Wilber Ottichilo, Governor Vihiga County, officiated the symposium as the guests of honour.

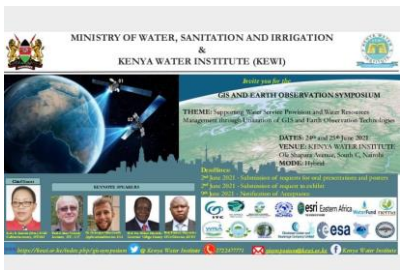
The theme of the symposium was "*Supporting Water Service Provision and Water Resources Management through Utilization of GIS and Earth Observation Technologies*". Invited participants included senior officials from the water sector, local and international experts in GIS and Earth Observation and KEWI representatives among others. Mr. Ismail Shaiye, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) CEO, was a keynote speaker and a panellist in the symposium.



Dr. Andrew Tuimur, C.B.S. (front row 3rd right), CAS MWSI, with senior water sector officials



Mr. Ismail Shaiye, WaterFund CEO, making his presentation during the symposium



Event poster for the 2021 GIS & Earth Observation symposium

WATERFUND BOARD INSPECTS IFAD-FUNDED PROJECTS IN KIRINYAGA COUNTY

WaterFund Board of Trustees, represented by Ms. Rose Muguchu, inspected Water Resource Users Association (WRUAs) and Community Forest Associations (CFAs) funded projects in Kirinyaga County. The purpose of the visit was to monitor and inspect the progress of the implemented projects by Kangaita CFA, Kirwara and Upper Thiba WRUAs. These projects have been funded under the International Fund for Agricultural Development's Upper Tana Catchment Natural Resources Management Project (IFAD-UTaNRMP) Programme.



Inspection of Kangaita CFA indigenous tree seedling nursery and Bamboo propagation greenhouses



Inspection of a protected spring rehabilitated by Upper Thiba WRUA



Inspection of Bamboo propagation greenhouse managed by Kirwara WRUA

JOINT SIX PROGRAMME (J6P) HOLDS END OF PROGRAMME REVIEW

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and WaterFund held the Joint Six Programme (J6P) end of programme review meeting. Also present were representatives from Embassy of Finland, the Embassy of Sweden, Water Resources Authority (WRA) and the six beneficiary Counties.

The purpose of the meeting was to take stock of J6P successes since inception and focused on funded projects and their operational status, number of beneficiaries reached, challenges experienced, operational sustainability of projects, and lessons learnt that can be considered in future programmes.

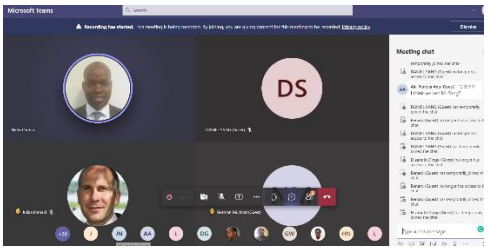
The J6P is a collaboration between WaterFund, the Government of Finland and the Government of Sweden through their respective embassies, and the Government of Kenya. The programme, whose slogan is "*Support to Equitable Access to Quality Water, Basic Sanitation and Enhanced Water Resources Management in Rural Kenya*" was being implemented from the year 2015 to 2021 in the six counties of Kwale, Laikipia, Migori, Nandi, Narok and Tharaka Nithi.

147 projects have been financed to date in the six counties. These include 24 water resources management projects, 42 water supply projects, 43 sanitation projects, 30 community-led total sanitation (CLTS) projects and eight Covid-19 mitigation projects.

These interventions translate to over 130,000 people reached with improved water services, 12,310 reached with improved sanitation, particularly in schools (10,110) and public sanitation serving approximately 2,200 people. The CLTS approach has seen over 138,100 people in 399 villages reached as well as over 228,000 people reached with Covid-19 mitigation projects.

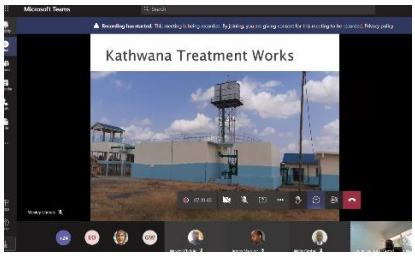
The programme supported the development of WaterFund's County Engagement Strategy. Other key documents developed include the County water legislations in Laikipia, Tharaka Nithi and Kwale counties, County water master plans in Nandi, Laikipia, and Tharaka Nithi counties, and County water strategies in Narok, Migori and Kwale counties.

The review meeting recommended that Counties should maintain traction and momentum for unfinished sustainability initiatives, various stakeholders to scale up and mainstream sustainability strategies, experiences, and lessons beyond J6P. Other recommendations included performance monitoring and creation of incentive systems to reward good programme performance, Counties to offer favourable environment to water utilities, and capacity building to upcoming water utilities.



Left: Screenshot of end of programme review virtual meeting

Right: Screenshot of one of the presentations during the meeting



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #151 – CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER AND SANITATION ATTENDS WATERFUND STAKEHOLDER FORUM



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 151 (SITREP #151) covered the period **5th to 9th March 2018.** Among the highlights was that Mr. Simon Chelugui, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, attended WaterFund's Stakeholder Consultative Forum that was held to discuss and get feedback on WaterFund's proposed Strategic Policy Documents.

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