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World Water Week Special Issue

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WaterFund Participates in the SIWI World Water Week 2021

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) actively participated in the just concluded virtual World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden. The event was organised by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) from 23rd to 27th August 2021.

The theme this year was *Building Resilience Faster,* and discussions focused much on concrete solutions to the world's greatest water-related challenges, including climate crisis, water scarcity, food security, health, biodiversity, and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Specific issues that dominated the deliberations included water resources management from source to sea, ground water resources, private sector involvement in search for solutions, sustainable financing, and use of data for decision making, among others.

The WaterFund team comprised the Board of Trustees, Management and Staff, led by the Chairperson, Amb. Dr Mary Khimulu, and the CEO Mr Ismail Shaiye.

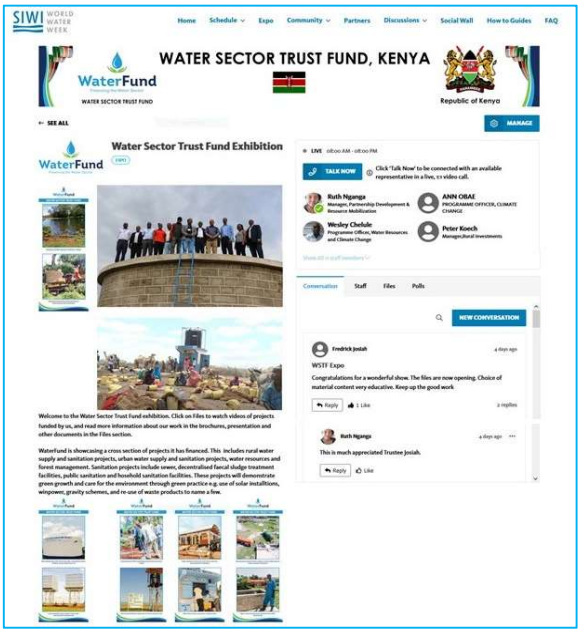
WaterFund displayed its activities and programmes at the Conference in an Expo that ran throughout the Week. The Expo provided a chance for engaging in global dialogue on water and sanitation issues, networking, and exploring possible opportunities for collaboration.

The virtual Expo area was rotationally manned by the staff members who would be available in case a visitor wanted to engage in talk over a video call, and watched the chat area in case a participant asked a question or gave some feedback.

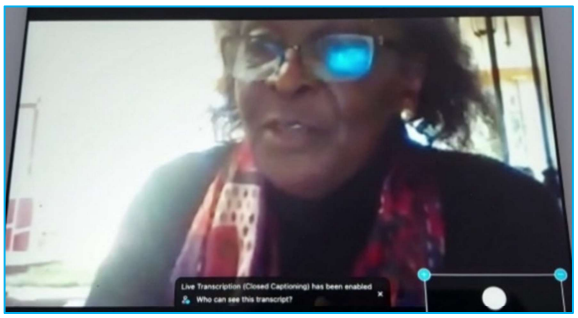
"Very Informative Sessions"

Through this platform WaterFund was able to network, exchange new ideas and foster new thinking with practitioners from the water sector all over the world. During the closing plenary, WaterFund Chairperson Amb. Dr Mary Khimulu congratulated the organisers and mentioned that WaterFund Trustees and Staff enjoyed participating and showcasing the Institution through the exhibition.

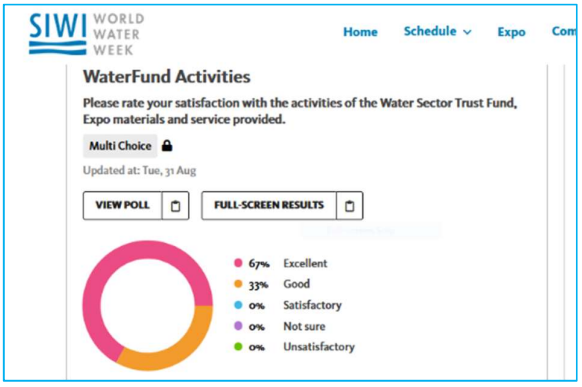
Trustee Dr Dominic Biwott opined his great interest in resilience issues and mentioned that the sessions were very informative. Trustee Fredrick Josiah thanked everyone who participated and mentioned that water, sanitation and health (WASH) matters have now been moved to the front burner and the need to sustain this paradigm shift.



WaterFund's Virtual Exhibition Booth



WaterFund Chairperson Amb. Dr Mary Khimulu gives her remarks during a session



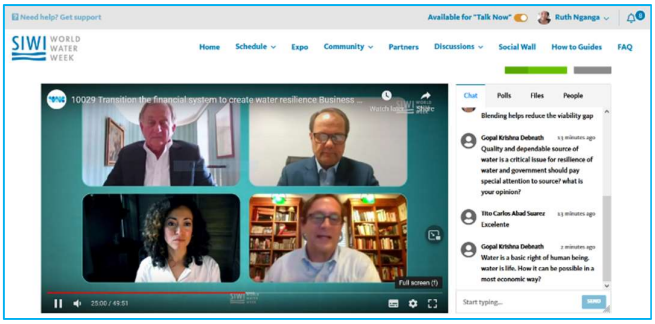
WaterFund poll on the expo visitors rating their satisfaction with activities, materials and services

World Water Week 2021 Pictorial

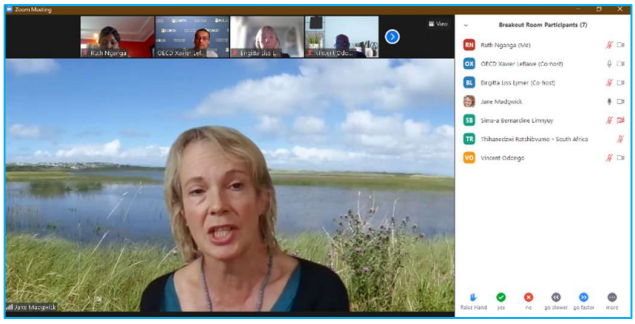




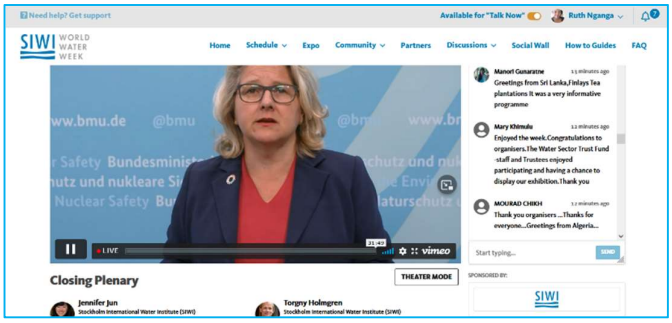
WaterFund presentation at the World Water Week

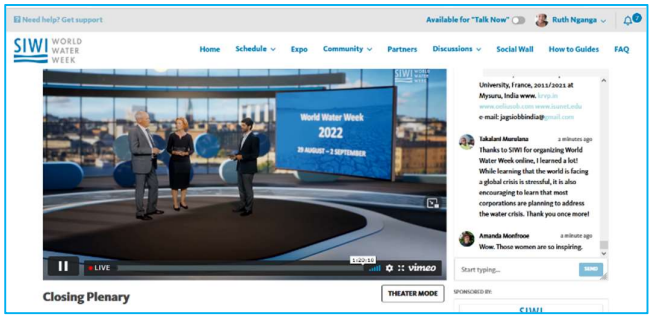


Webinar session on "Transitioning the financial system to create water resilience"

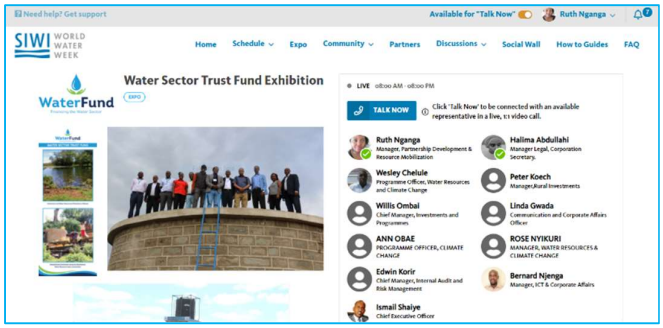


Participation during a breakout discussion session

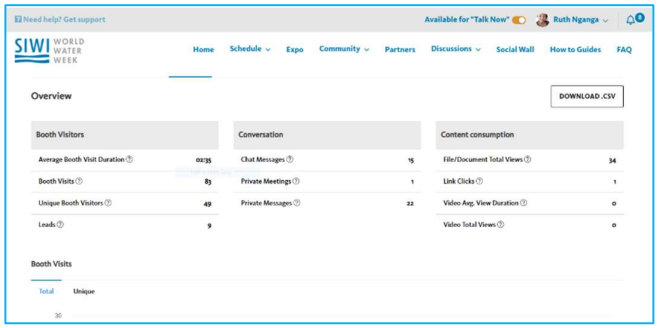




Remarks during the closing plenary



WaterFund staff manning the virtual exhibition



Exhibition overview page showing visitor engagement

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