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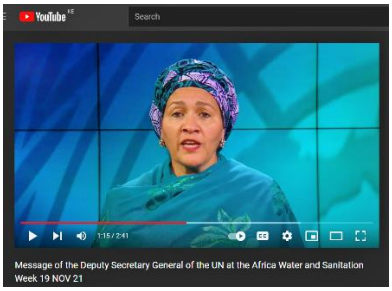
WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE AFRICA WATER AND SANITATION WEEK 2021

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by Amb. Dr. Mary M. Khimulu, MBS, Chairperson, participated in the virtual Africa Water and Sanitation Week 2021 which took place on 22nd – 26th November. This year's theme was, "Water Security for Public Health and Human Development". The 8th Africa Water Week (AWW8) and the 6th AfricaSan were joined together as the Africa Water and Sanitation Week (AWSW) which is convened by the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) in conjunction with the African Union Commission and organized with other development partners.

The Africa Water Week and AfricaSan are Africa's flagship water and sanitation events and represent political commitment at the highest level. To kick off the conference, the guest of honour Amb. Dr. Khimulu officiated the World Toilet Day celebrations on 19th November 2021. World Toilet Day aims to create and spread awareness about ideal sanitary practices that promote the health and hygiene and safety of women. During the conference Amb. Dr. Khimulu also participated in a high-level plenary session on "*accelerating gender into the water sector*".

WaterFund is mandated to finance water and sanitation services in underserved areas in Kenya. This platform created an opportunity to network, share opportunities, lessons learnt and experiences as it continues to mitigate the impacts of poor sanitation and hygiene in Kenya.

H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations, gave her closing remarks at the end of conference and urged all water institutions to ensure adequate and equitable sanitation for all and end open defecation by 2030. This will contribute towards the achievements of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6) which seeks to ensure safe water and sanitation for all.



Left: A video screenshot of H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations, giving her closing remarks

Right: An ecard highlighting her key message to the participants



WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 7TH ANNUAL DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE IN MAKUENI COUNTY

WaterFund received the invitation from the Council of Governors for participation in the Seventh and Final Annual Devolution Conference that was scheduled for 23rd to 26th November 2021 at Makueni Boys' High School grounds in Wote town, Makueni County. The theme for this year was *Multi-level Governance for Climate Change*, with the overall objective

being to strengthen sub-national governments to act on climate change and develop stronger mitigation capacities.

The Conference was officially opened via video link by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya. In his remarks, the President said that climate change impacts have led to a loss of about 3% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually, and that the national government has adopted a comprehensive set of policies, rules, and procedures to address climate change.

The President added that both the National and County Governments will continue working together through the support of the National Climate Change Council to achieve the 10% forest cover, and protect our water towers and wetlands.

WaterFund's Participation

As a proponent of the devolution process, WaterFund collaborated with the Council of Governors' secretariat by participation of conference delegates and having an exhibition booth. WaterFund sponsored 8 staff members and 9 members of the Board of Trustees to participate in this event as conference delegates, who attended various sessions at the plenary and also sector breakouts.

WaterFund had an exhibition booth showcasing our various products and services in the form of brochures, publications and LCD plasma screen showcasing various programmes. The exhibition booth was well decorated with our corporate colours and banners and was manned by programme and communication staff to ensure that all visitors who came to enquire got the information on our services. The WaterFund staff also sensitised the public about our Customer Service Delivery Charter in addition to explaining various programmes that WaterFund does.

WaterFund's and Partners' Brand Visibility

WaterFund brand was prominent throughout the Conference by placing pull-up and tear-drop banners in strategic points for maximum visibility.

The European Union (EU), through the *Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure for Improved Water Supply and Sanitation in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas (EDE-CPIRA)* programme had partnered with WaterFund to make the Conference a success. EU banners and brochures explaining the programme were 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.



H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta officially opens the Devolution Conference via video link



WaterFund and partner branding on the Conference grounds and at the exhibition booth



WaterFund Board of Trustees (centre) interacting with members of staff at the exhibition booth





WaterFund staff interacting with visitors at the WaterFund booth



WaterFund and partner branding at the Conference grounds

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