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WATERFUND SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL (SBS)

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Strathmore Business School (SBS) for collaboration in research and innovation through a knowledge hub for water and sanitation related issues. The MoU seeks to enhance innovative and research work on water and sanitation at county, national and regional level through the Strathmore University Water Governance and Innovation Hub; Create knowledge that can help Kenya's water sector to look beyond the technical aspects of water and sanitation distribution to non-technological issues related to the social and economic aspects of the water management cycle; Partnering in Resource Mobilization; and also have a technical and financial collaboration in capacity building for water sector professionals.



(Left) Dr. George N. Njenga, Executive Dean, SBS and (right) Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund, pose for a picture after signing the MoU.



Participants keenly follow the proceedings of the meeting



Representatives from WaterFund and Strathmore Business School (SBS) pose a group picture.

WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund represented by Ag. CEO Mr. Willis Ombai led the team during a follow up meeting with representatives from GATSBY Africa to discuss issues on capacity building and continued collaboration.







WaterFund Ag. CEO Mr. Willis Ombai giving his remarks during the meeting.

WaterFund representatives present during the meeting

(Left) Mr. Pets Rogge Hap, Portfolio Director and (right) Mr. Raji Raja, Director, both from GATSBY Africa

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY SCOUTS IN KIRINYAGA COUNTY

On 15th July 2022, WaterFund joined the celebration of 20 community scouts who had successfully completed their training on reinforcement of the protection and management of Kangaita forest in Kirinyaga County. The community scouts will play a key role, alongside members of Kangaita Community Forest Association (CFA) and Kenya Forest Service (KFS), in ensuring full time surveillance; and protection of the forest from illegal logging and poaching among other threats.

The scouts training activity received financial support from Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP) through WaterFund to the tune of KSh 1.36 Million. Speaking during the event was Mr. Paul Karanja, CFC, Kirinyaga County, who applauded the efforts made by the key partners in ensuring the safety of the forest. In an effort to commemorate the day, WaterFund led the guests by planting a tree in memory of the trained scouts who will be at the forefront in protecting the forest.

Present during the celebrations were representatives from: KFS, Community Members, Kangaita CFA and WaterFund.



Left: The scouts line up for inspection during the celebrations

Right: Key guest and scouts pose for a group picture during the celebrations





Ms. Anita Kiara (right) County Resident Monitor (CRM), WaterFund, leads the team during a tree planting activity

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #183 – WATERFUND HOSTS A FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST MEETING



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 183 (SITREP #183) covered the period **15th to 19th October 2018.** Among the highlights was that Water Sector Trust Fund hosted a fundraising breakfast meeting to give an in-depth overview of the 2018 Kenya Water Sanitation Week to partners and potential sponsors. The main aim of the meeting was to mobilize resources necessary for the successful execution of the Conference to be held on 19th to 23rd November 2018 at KICC.

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