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WATERFUND HOLDS A CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH MANDERA COUNTY GOVERNOR

Mr. Bill Lay, Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BoT) joined by Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund); held a consultative meeting with Mandera County Governor, H.E. Mohammed Adan Khalif and Deputy Governor, H.E. Ali Maalim. The main agenda of the meeting was to introduce the new County leadership to WaterFund programmes that are being implemented within the County. Other key areas of discussion focused on potential support towards a drought emergency response programme in Mandera County which has since been adversely affected by the ongoing drought.

During the meeting, Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, WaterFund, highlighted on past, ongoing and future support to the County; including continued support towards ensuring that ongoing WaterFund funded programmes are implemented as scheduled.



Mr. Bill Lay (left), Chairperson, Board of Trustees and H.E Mohammed Adan Khalif (right), Governor, Mandera County, during the meeting



WaterFund and Mandera County Government Officials during the meeting



WATERFUND HOSTS TURKANA COUNTY GOVERNOR

On 25th October, 2022, Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund, held a consultative meeting with H.E. Jeremiah Lomorukai, Governor, Turkana County. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss the implementation and progress of funded Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in ASALs Programme (SWASAP) projects in the County. During the meeting, WaterFund Ag. CEO also highlighted to the County officials, the Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Programme (HoAGW4RP) which is at its inception stage.

Other key deliberations that occurred, on issues of common interest affecting Turkana County Government focused on: the operationalization of the Turkana County Water Act 2019, through finalizing the Urban Water Service Provider formulation; County counterpart contributions for WaterFund-funded projects; coordinated approach in project implementation to enhance monitoring; and continued joint project identification aligned to the County Integrated Development Plan and priorities.



Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund, chairing the meeting



H.E. Jeremiah Lomorukai, Governor, Turkana County, giving his remarks



WaterFund and Turkana County representatives keenly following the deliberations of the meeting

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE CLIMATE ACTION SUPPORT AND TRANSPARENCY TRAINING (CASTT) IN NETHERLANDS

On 10th - 28th October, 2022, the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education in Netherlands, under the Climate Action Support and Transparency Training (CASTT) Adaptation Academy of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held a training course for 23 participants from 23 countries drawn from East and West Africa, Asia, and South and Central America. The purpose of the programme was to equip the participants with knowledge on how to develop National Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans for their climate-sensitive Countries, in line with the Paris Agreement. The training programme was designed and organized by the consortium consisting of UNFCCC, IHE Delft, Korean Environmental Institute (KEI), Alliance for Global Water Adaptation, Asian Institute of Technology and Oregon State University.

Ms. Ann Nabangala, Principal Programme Officer, Climate Change, representing WaterFund, gave her remarks during the forum, where she emphasized that, water remained under-represented in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), despite being an enabler for the development of the industrial, agricultural and economic sectors. She also added that learning how to better monitor and report on water resources can help tackle non-revenue water lost, which in turn could help increase access to clean water and sanitation to 40% of Kenya's population.

Other key areas of discussion during the forum focused on: ways of improving the presence of water and sanitation aspects in National Adaptation Plans; financial mechanisms to support climate adaptation approaches; Blue-Green infrastructures as functional entities and management of floods; and policy coherence and gaps at global, regional and national scales among other scenarios.

The training programme was sponsored by the UNFCCC, Dutch Government, KEI, and the Partnership Programme for Water and Development (DUPC3) of IHE Delft, the Netherlands.



Ms. Ann Nabangala making her presentation during the training



From Left: Mr. Jigme, Manager, Climate Change, United Nations, Ms. Ann Nabangala, WaterFund, Ms. Charlotte de Fraiture, Vice-rector, IHE Delft



Participants of the CASTT programme pose for a group photo with the organizers after receiving their certificate of participation.