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WATERFUND TAKES PART IN KUSI IDEAS FESTIVAL

Kenya, under the Nation Media Group, hosted the fourth edition of the Kusi Ideas Festival scheduled that was held in 8th and 9th December, 2022, in Nairobi, Kenya. The festival aims to build a pan-African ideas transaction market and contribute to shaping the agenda that will enable the continent to become a leading player across a broad range of endeavours in the 21st Century. This year's edition focused on the theme *Climate Change: Exploring African Responses and Solutions*. WaterFund represented by Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, together with Investment Programme staff members participated in various panel discussions focused on strategies to drive ideas and solutions to mitigate climate change threats and its impact on the continent.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai (left), Ag.CEO, WaterFund, pose for a photo with a fellow participant at the KUSI festival

Right: WaterFund representatives, University of Nairobi (UON) and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) students pose for a photo after the KUSI festival



WATERFUND SUPPORTS TREE PLANTING INITIATIVES IN EMBU COUNTY

WaterFund supported a tree planting exercise in Mbeere North Constituency, Embu County, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives. This is in reference to Presidential Directive Circular on inclusion of tree planting in CSR activities of public institutions, to support the National Government's target of increasing forest cover in the Country.

In view of the above, WaterFund led by staff representatives in conjunction with project supported Gangara Water Resource Users Association (WRUA), and Kiangombe Community Forest Association members participated in the tree planting exercise.



Hon. Geoffery Kariuki Ruku, Member of Parliament (MP), Mbeere North Constituency, planting a tree



Mr. Moses Nginga Assistant County Commissioner, Muminji Division, giving his speech during the tree Planting



Ms. Sally Asiyo, Programme Officer, Water Resources at WaterFund, planting a tree

WATERFUND MEETINGS

- WaterFund Board of Trustees met with H.E. Ambassador Ole Thonke of the Royal Danish Embassy at his residence, to dialogue on Climate Change issues and how to collaboratively address them. The meeting emphasized the need to practically entrench climate change mitigation and adaptation within the programme cycle.
- WaterFund met with United State Agency for International Development Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Finance (USAID WASH-FIN) to deliberate on further collaboration under WASH-FIN 2. The program supported WaterFund in undertaking a feasibility study for the Loan Facility, among other activities to capacity build Water Services Providers. WASH-FIN 2 will advance the study on the Loan Facility among other areas to be agreed upon.
- WaterFund met with United Nation Environment Programme of Danish Hydraulic Institute (UNEP DHI) to deliberate on Integrated Water Resources Management for the ASALs, with a key focus to strategic interventions to mitigate against cycles of drought and floods.
- WaterFund attended the Co-creation meeting for WASH-FIN 2 where various stakeholders attended to collaboratively identify possible areas of intervention.
- WaterFund met with the Panafrican Climate Justice Alliance to deliberate on possible collaboration in embedding climate change practices in programming.



Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag.CEO, WaterFund, giving his remarks during the USAID WASH FIN meeting



Mr. Benson Kimathi (left), Development program specialist (USAID)and Ms. Beverly Mademba (right), Project Management specialist WASH-FIN



Mr. James Wairuri (left), County Team Leader (CTL) and Ms. Barbara Kazimbaya (right), Deputy Chief of Party WASH-FIN



WaterFund and UNEP DHI representatives keenly following proceedings in an online meeting

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