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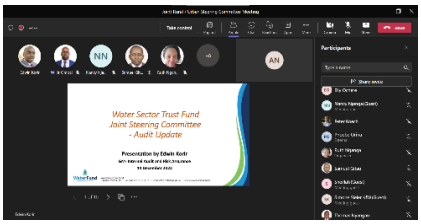
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WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below.

- On 14th December, 2022, WaterFund, led by Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. Chief Executive Officer, held the Joint Rural/Urban Steering Committee Virtual Meeting. The meeting deliberated on: Quarter Two Urban and Rural harmonized progress reports; financial and audit highlights; end of programme activities; and Joint Annual Operations Monitoring Exercise (JAOME). In attendance were representatives from WaterFund, The Royal Danish Embassy, German Development Bank (KfW) and Water Resources Authority.



A screenshot of the meeting, showcasing the participants during the Joint Rural/Urban steering committee virtual meeting

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN AN EXIT WORKSHOP HELD BY UPPER TANA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), as a key stakeholder, participated in the exit workshop held by Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP). The workshop was held in readiness for the culmination of all project implementation activities, set for 31st December, 2022; and a subsequent project closure set for 30th June, 2023. The key areas of focus during the workshop were: stakeholder sharing of lessons learnt; stock taking of investments made; and sustainability aspects of financed projects. The beneficiary Counties under the UTaNRMP Programme are: Kirinyaga, Embu, Meru, Murang'a, Nyeri and Tharaka Nithi Counties.

During the exit workshop various stakeholders noted outstanding impacts within the Upper Tana Catchment which included: reduction of degraded forest area from 1.7% to 1.03%; increased tree cover from 8% in 2014 to 12% in 2022, through interventions by Community Forest Associations (CFAs), financed through WaterFund as well as School Greening Programmes; and rehabilitation of 95 springs undertaken partly by Water Resources Authority financed through WaterFund.



Ms. Faith Muthoni, Project Coordinator, UTaNRMP, presents the achievements of the programme at the exit workshop



Mr. Taratisio Kawe, Chairman, Itimbogo WRUA, Embu County, giving a testimonial of the project impacts in the County



Participants pose for a group photo at the end of the exit workshop

WATERFUND PAYS A COURTSEY VISIT TO MACHAKOS WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY

On 16th December, 2022, WaterFund paid a courtesy visit to Ms. Winfred Mbai, Managing Director, Machakos Water and Sewerage Company (MACHWASCO). In attendance were representatives from Runji Africa Limited and the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS). Runji Africa Limited seeks to partner with WaterFund in piloting an innovative technology for wastewater treatment in Uhuru Park, which has been approved by NMS, and upon successful completion will be rolled out and up-scaled across the Country.

In view of the above, WaterFund organized a benchmarking site visit for the Runji Africa Limited and NMS to Machakos Decentralized Treatment Facility- 50 (DTF). The team sort to get an overview of the DTF's daily operations and also compare it to the Space Drip Technology that has been successfully implemented by Runji Africa Limited.



Left: (Left to Right) Eng. Isaac Musya, Technical Manager and Ms. Winfred Mbai, Managing Director, MACHWASCO and Mr. Paul Rono, Senior Programme Engineer, RBF/Urban Investments, WaterFund

Right: The team inspecting the settler tanks at Machakos DTF-50



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #197- AUDIT EXIT MEETING HELD BETWEEN AUDITORS, DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AND WATERFUND

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 197 (SITREP #197) covered the period **4th to 8th February, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, an exit meeting was held between PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Development Partners and WaterFund Management.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the reports from the technical projects' audits carried out by PwC for the financial year 2017/2018. The following Development Partners attended the meeting: Embassy of Finland, Embassy of Sweden, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), German Development Bank (KfW) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).



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