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Financing the Water Sector

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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE ONBOARDING OF SERVICES TO THE ECITIZEN PLATFORM

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the workshop for onboarding of services to the Government's eCitizen platform. The workshop was organised by the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, through the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services. The eCitizen portal is a one-stop online platform for Government online services whose main objective is to enhance Government service delivery to citizens, non-citizens, businesses and to Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

During the workshop discussions, it was clarified that currently the services to be onboarded to the eCitizen platform are those that the individual citizen can access. For WaterFund's case, financing of water and sanitation projects are done to institutions such as water service providers (WSPs), Community-based Organisations (CBOs) and Water Resources Users' Associations (WRUAs). However, financing of research and innovations initiatives in the water sector can be done for the individual citizen and also for institutions. This service could therefore be onboarded on to the eCitizen platform for easy access by the citizen.

Financing of Research and Innovations Initiatives in the Water Sector

The WaterFund's expanded mandate in the Water Act, 2016, includes research activities in the area of water resources management and water services, sewerage and sanitation. The vision is generation of new knowledge in the sector, provision of innovative, practical and cost-effective solutions in the realisation of sustainable provision of water, sanitation and sewerage services and water resources management. This will also address gaps through collaborations and adaption of innovative models for better service delivery.

To this end, WaterFund has been developing an online Research and Innovation Information Management System for support and management of research and innovation concepts, proposals, their implementations, dissemination and utilisation. Through the system, the public will submit concepts, innovations and research proposals, and if funded, manage the project to implementation.

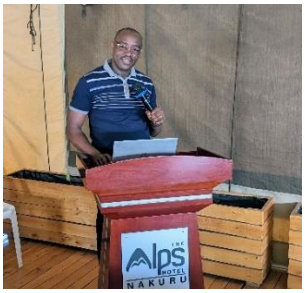
At the moment WaterFund is seeking funding partnerships to enable realisation of this mandate culminating in call to the public to submit suitable proposals for funding.

Accessing the Research and Innovations Portal

Following the onboarding of the financing of research and innovations initiatives service, any citizen can log on to the Government's eCitizen portal https://ecitizen.go.ke and access it through the WaterFund's tab. The portal can also be reached directly at https://research.waterfund.go.ke/



Amb. (Prof.) Julius Bitok, PhD., Principal Secretary, State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services addresses the press on onboarding of services to the eCitizen platform



Mr. Bernard Njenga, Manager ICT, presents WaterFund's services at the workshop



WaterFund team keenly follows the proceedings at the workshop

WATERFUND TO EVALUATE IMPACT OF THE J6P PROGRAMME

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) received financial support from The Government of Finland and Government of Sweden for the implementation of the Joint Six Programme (J6P). The main objective of the programme was to support to equitable access to quality water, basic sanitation and enhanced water resources management in 6 target Counties in Kenya namely: Kwale, Laikipia, Migori, Nandi, Narok and Tharaka Nithi.

In view of the above, WaterFund held a meeting with Mr. Matts Weurlander, the Counsellor, Skills Development and Job Creation from the Embassy of Finland, to kickstart the process of evaluating the impact of the J6P programme, which came to an end in the year 2020. The main agenda of the meeting was to develop Terms of Reference for a consultant who will undertake the evaluation. The evaluation aims to assess the extent to which the J6P programme achieved its objectives, including improving access to water, sanitation services, and water resources management in the six counties.



Mr. Matts Weurlander, from the Embassy of Finland.



From left: Mr. Samuel Gitau, General Manager, Corporate Services, Mr. Matts Waurlanders and Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Research, Planning and Monitoring



Participants keenly following the proceedings of the meeting

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #206- BOARD OF TRUSTEES INAUGURAL MEETING

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 206 (SITREP #206) covered the period **8th to 12th April, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund held the Board of Trustees Inaugural meeting on 11th April, 2019. The purpose of the inaugural meeting was to usher in the Board of Trustees into the Fund and discuss their expected roles and responsibilities in order to support WaterFund mission, vision and values towards the organization.



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