# Water Sector Trust Fund

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# SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 405
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## MR. WILLIS OMBAI APPOINTED AS CEO WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND

On 17th March, 2023, Mr. Bill Lay, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, officially announced the appointment of Mr. Willis Ombai as the Chief Executive Officer of Water Sector Trust Fund, for a period of three years. Following an intensive 3-month recruitment period by the Board of Trustees, Mr. Ombai emerged as the most suitable candidate and was therefore confirmed as the substantive CEO. The Chairman urged staff to accord him support as he leads WaterFund in achieving its mandate. The Board congratulated Mr. Ombai for his appointment and wished him well in his new role.



*Mr. Willis Ombai, the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer, Water Sector Trust Fund*

## WATERFUND HOLDS A MEETING WITH RUJI GROUP

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by Mr. Bill Lay, Chairman, Board of Trustees (BoT) and Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund; held a meeting with Ruji Group (Kenya) and the Space Drip Team from Estonia to discuss possible areas of collaboration on waste water management. Ruji Group and Space Drip have installed an innovative waste water management technology at Uhuru park.



*Mr. Bill Lay, Chairman BoT, giving his remarks during the meeting*



*Eng. Stephen Githinji (left) and Ms. Patricia Njuno (right), Ruji Group*



*Participants keenly following the proceedings of the meeting*

## FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING

WaterFund and the Royal Danish Embassy led by Ms. Charlotte Rosen, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Mette Melson, Development Co-operation Specialist and Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, Climate and Resilience; conducted a financial monitoring exercise of the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASAL Programme (SWASAP) and Green Growth and Employment Programme (GGEP) in Lamu County. In addition to reviewing the financial records of the implemented projects, the team visited the Kizingitini Water and Sanitation Extension Project and Pate Marine Conservancy Djabia project both funded by The Royal Danish Embassy through WaterFund.

During the visit, the delegation paid a courtesy call to the office of the Assistant County Commissioner in Amu Island and held discussions on the status of funded projects in the Lamu County. Present during the meeting were: representatives from the County Government of Lamu, led by the County Secretary and Head of Public Service, Ambassador Ali Abbas, MBS; and Ms. Tasharifa Bakari, County Executive Committee Member in charge of Water and Natural Resources.



*The delegation poses for a picture with Pate Marine Conservancy Djabia Water Committee members*



*Inspection of Kizingitini Water Project in Lamu County*



*Royal Danish Embassy, WaterFund and Northern Rangeland Trust representatives at the Pate Marine Conservancy mangrove restoration site*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #207- WATERFUND SENSITIZATION ON SAFETY AND SECURITY

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 207 (SITREP #207) covered the period **15th to 19th April, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund held a safety and security sensitization forum for the WaterFund staff.




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