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WATERFUND SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN IN LAMU COUNTY

Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh, the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) led a delegation from the Ministry, and supporting agencies to Lamu County; where he launched the National tree planting campaign on 25th April, 2023. The activity was in support of enhancing water catchment conservation efforts in Lamu County, in addition to supporting the National Government's efforts to plant over 15 Billion Trees by 2032. In reference of the afore mentioned, the Ministry resolved to have all its agencies offer leadership and support towards the National Tree Growing Restoration Campaign by planting trees across the Country.

In view of the above, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) joined the MWSI, in conjunction with Water Resources Authority and Coast Water Works Development Agency in the national tree planting exercise at Lamu sand dunes catchment area. The activity resulted in the planting of 8,000 tree-seedlings, of which WaterFund supported the campaign by donating 1,000 tree-seedlings.

Speaking during the event, Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh noted that the County Government of Lamu should explore immediate and result oriented solutions to provide water and sanitation services to the County residents and one such way was to conserve the degraded Lamu Sand Dunes catchment within the County.



Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh (2nd right), PS MWSI, planting a tree during the national tree planting campaign at the Lamu Sand dunes catchment



Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh (center) addressing members of the public



Group photo of all participating agencies during the tree planting campaign



WaterFund team taking part in the tree planting activity



Various water sector agency representatives, planting trees on the Lamu sand dunes

WATERFUND SPONSORS AND PARTICIPATES IN THE SANITATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYMPOSIUM 2023

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) Voice for Women hosted the Sanitation Accountability Symposium (SanAccS-2023) on 26th – 27th April, 2023, at Strathmore University. The theme of the symposium was, "*Calibrating for the True North in Fecal Management.*" The event was graced by Eng. Festus Ng'eno, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry, as the chief guest.

The symposium brought together professionals, water sector actors and stakeholders to discuss, exchange ideas & thoughts, and share experiences in sanitation. The main thematic areas of discussion included: user behaviors in fecal sludge management; fecal waste coordination framework; oversight responsibilities; technical operations and alignment; and sanitation and gender. WaterFund sponsored the event to a tune of KSh. 700,000 and also had one of its representatives, Mr. Quintine Ochola, Principal Auditor, WaterFund, moderate a plenary discussion on the key influences of user behaviors in fecal sludge management.

Speaking during the symposium, Eng. Festus Ng'eno noted that failure to comprehensively address the gaps in supervision and coordination along sanitation value chain has had a detrimental impact on the environment. Eng. Ngeno urged stakeholders to have a clear coordination framework to ensure that all actors along sanitation value chain work in tandem and with understanding of each other needs and responsibilities. In addition, he reiterated that sanitation has an economic value and the Government of Kenya recognizes that improving fecal sludge management, is fundamental to tackle the global sanitation crisis and achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) on water and sanitation for all by 2030.



Eng. Festus K. Ngeno, PS, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry, giving his key note speech at the symposium



Mr. Quintine Ochola (left), Principal Auditor, WaterFund, moderating one of the plenary sessions



WaterFund staff present at the symposium

WATERFUND MEETINGS

WaterFund hosted a mission from Finland for further engagements towards the Public Sector Investments Facility (PIF) programme. The programme is expected to commence in the year 2023/2024.



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, chairing the meeting



Dr. Niiles Airola (left), CEO and Mr. Markus Tuukanen (right), Director, Business Development, of Kauko International Limited



Participants closely following the proceedings of meeting

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