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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAMME FOR RESULTS MEETING AT THE MINISTRY

WaterFund led by the CEO Mr. Willis Ombai, participated in a mission wrap up meeting for the formulation of the Programme for Results, held at the Ministry's Maji House Offices. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh, the Principal Secretary, State Department of Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI).

The discussion centered on the importance of K-Wash Programme for Results which is expected to positively impact rural water and sanitation coverage and strengthening of Water Utilities. The World Bank, which is financing the Programme, together with the Government of Kenya, was also in attendance. Other participants included: Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), representatives from the Council of Governor's and the State Department of Devolution.



Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh, Principal Secretary, MWSI, chairing the meeting



Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, giving his remarks at the meeting



Eng. Mary Wamaitha, Director, Water, Sanitation and Sewerage Development MWSI



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund giving his remarks during the meeting



Mr. Gustavo Saltiel, Global Lead for Water Supply & Sanitation, World Bank



Ms. Pascaline Ndungu, Water & Sanitation Specialist, World Bank (Task Team Leader)

WATERFUND HOLDS A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM ON ITS PROJECTS FUNDING CRITERIA

WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoT) with support from a legal department, Water and Sanitation (WASH) and public finance management experts, developed a draft of WaterFund's projects funding criteria. The development of this criteria was necessitated by the need for consistency and transparency in the allocation of funding to investment programmes funded by WaterFund, as required by Section 116 (3) of the Water Act. In addition, the criteria will aim to provide a fair and transparent funding framework to finance the provision of water services to areas in Kenya

with limited access. This is intended to support equitable access to clean water and promote sustainable development in the country

In regards to the aforementioned, on 2nd May, 2023, WaterFund invited members of the public, water sector institutions, community-based organizations, civil society organizations, faith-based organizations, special interest groups and county government officials to a public participation forum. During the forum, Mr. Willis Ombai, WaterFund's Chief Executive Officer, highlighted on the Fund's mandate and reiterated on its commitment to ensure an easy, efficient and transparent process.

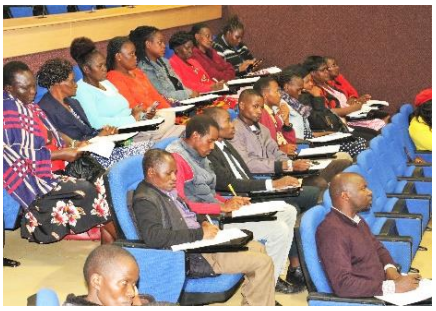
In addition, Mr. Crispine Odhiambo, Head of Corporate, K.O Associates, LLP, made a presentation on the eligibility, evaluation, and selection criteria of projects that qualify to be funded by WaterFund. Through this forum, participants present were able to give feedback and engage one on one with the WaterFund team present.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his remarks at the forum



Mr. Crispine Odhiambo, Head of Corporate, K.O Associates, LLP, making his presentation



Participants keenly following up with proceedings of the Forum

WATERFUND CONDUCTS ASSESMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION OF WRUAs AND CFAs

WaterFund is implementing the 3rd Call - Batch II of Water Resources Users Association (WRUAs) and Call 4 for WRUAs and Community Forest Associations (CFAs) projects; with financial support from the International Fund for Agricultural Development - Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (IFAD-UTaNRMP). The beneficiary counties under this programme include: Kirinyaga, Embu, Meru, Murang'a, Nyeri and Tharaka Nithi.

WaterFund embarked on a monitoring activity of funded WRUA's and CFAs in beneficiary Counties to ascertain lessons learnt, follow up on pending activities, and challenges faced by the programme, which is in its closure phase.



Inspection of Njukiini CFA fish pond in Kirinyaga County



Inspection of Maranga Greenhouse in Embu County



Inspection of Gichuriri Water pan in Kirinyaga County

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