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WATERFUND JOINS THE WORLD IN CELEBRATING THE WORLD DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT DAY (WDDD)

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) actively participated in the World Desertification and Drought Day (WDDD) event held on June 17, 2023, in Waita, Mwingi Central, Kitui County. The event, presided over by Hon. Soipan Tuya, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry, aimed to raise awareness about desertification and drought challenges while promoting sustainable practices. The theme for this year's WDDD, "Her land, Her rights," highlighted the importance of empowering women and their equal access to land.

During the event, Hon. Soipan Tuya, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry, emphasized the ministry's focus on protecting wetlands and commended the recently launched Wetlands Restoration policy by the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA). She highlighted a study conducted by NEMA that mentioned that 71% of women in Kitui County lack land ownership status, disproportionately impacting their access to water. H.E. Dr. Julius Malombe, Governor Kitui County, acknowledged the active role women play in cultivating and safeguarding the land, despite their lack of ownership documents. He emphasized the significance of prioritizing environmental conservation. Hon. Peninah Malonza, CS Tourism, Wildlife, and National Heritage, encouraged locals to contribute to the country's goal of planting 15 billion trees in the next decade while protecting their land from further desertification.

WaterFund demonstrated its commitment to addressing desertification and drought by actively participating in the event and highlighting the vital role women play in sustainable development and resilience against desertification. By emphasizing women's empowerment and their equal rights to land, WaterFund showcased its dedication to creating a more water-secure future. Additionally, WaterFund utilized the event as an opportunity to exhibit its mandate and achievements in increasing water and sanitation access to underserved counties in Kenya.

WaterFund's presence at the event reinforced its commitment to combating desertification and drought, through climate resilience, while emphasizing the importance of women's empowerment and sustainable practices. By engaging in initiatives that promote women's rights and environmental conservation, WaterFund continues to contribute significantly to sustainable development in the water sector.



Hon. Soipan Tuya, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry giving her speech



H.E. Dr. Julius Malombe, Governor Kitui County, giving his key note speech at the event



Eng. Festus Ngeno, PS Environment and Climate Change, giving his remarks at the event







WaterFund representatives at the exhibition arena showcasing its mandate and achievements

Participants keenly following the proceedings of the event

WATERFUND FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EVALUATE AND ASSESS CLIMATE-FOCUSED PROJECTS

WaterFund organized a working retreat for Fund Development Committee in Naivasha. The retreat aimed to assess and evaluate project proposals from implementing partners in the water and sanitation sector. The primary objective was to identify and select climate-focused projects that would be included in the African Development Bank's (AfDB) Climate Action proposal. The retreat served as a crucial step in finalizing the proposal for submission, with a focus on increasing access to climate-resilient WASH services, supporting climate-informed river basin management plans, and strengthening sector viability through regulatory reforms. The assessment criteria included climate resilience, green technologies, environmental sustainability, community impact, water quality, resource efficiency, financial sustainability, community engagement, monitoring and evaluation, and institutional capacity.



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

Right: Participants deliberating on various presentations during the meeting



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #213- H.E. PROF. ANYANG' NYONGO LAUNCHES AN OUTPUT BASED AID FUNDED PROJECT

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 213 (SITREP #213) covered the period **27th to 31st May, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, H.E Prof. Anyang' Nyongo, Governor Kisumu County, officially commissioned the Riat Kisumu Water Project, which was funded under WaterFund's Output Based Aid (OBA) Programme. The total project cost was KSh. 111,783,138 which facilitated the construction of a water supply pipeline, installation of pumps, and the construction of a pump house and water reservoir at Riat Hills. The Riat Kisumu Water Project will benefit 7,500 individuals through 1500 water connections.



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