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WATERFUND'S SHOWCASE AT THE KENYA WATER AND SANITATION CONFERENCE

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) actively participated in the Kenya Water and Sanitation Conference held in Mombasa County. The conference, organized by the Water Services Providers Association (WASPA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation, Council of Governors, and the Mombasa County Government; aimed to promote the exchange of practical knowledge and insights on climate-smart technologies and innovations in the Water and Sanitation sector. Under the theme of "*Harnessing Technology & Innovation to accelerate access to safely managed water and sanitation for all*," the event was graced by H.E. Rigathi Gachagua, EGH, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, as the chief guest, accompanied by Hon. Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), and Hon. Simon Chelugui, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection.

WaterFund, led by its CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, played a significant role in the conference by making key presentations focused on "Technology and Innovation, Big Data, and Information" and "Leveraging Innovative financing and Market opportunities to accelerate availability and access of potable water and safe sanitation for all." In addition, Eng. Thomas Nyangau, Manager Commercial Financing/Urban Investments WaterFund, participated as a key panellist on the session on "Innovative Financing and Market Opportunities." Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, chaired a session on abstract presentations on "Innovative Financing and Market Opportunities". These sessions aimed to emphasize the importance of technology, data-driven decision-making, and innovative financing models in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6.

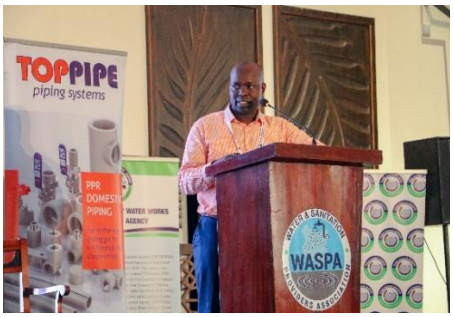
WaterFund also showcased its mandate and achievements at the exhibition which attracted considerable attention. Most notably WaterFund was honored to host Hon. Alice Wahome, CS, MWSI, who recognized WaterFund's commitment to its mandate. WaterFund's active involvement in the Kenya Water and Sanitation Conference underscored its commitment to innovative financing in ensuring access to safe water and sanitation for all.



H.E. Rigathi Gachagua (left), Deputy President, of the republic of Kenya being received at the event by Hon. Alice Wahome (right), CS, MWSI



Hon. Alice Wahome (left) at the WaterFund exhibition stand with Mr. Kevin Opiyo (right), Member of the Board of Trustees WaterFund



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, making his presentation at the conference



Ms Ruth Nganga (standing), General Manager, Fund Development, chairing her session



Mr. Thomas Nyangau, Manager, Commercial Financing/Urban Investments, making his remarks as a panellist



Conference participants at the WaterFund exhibition

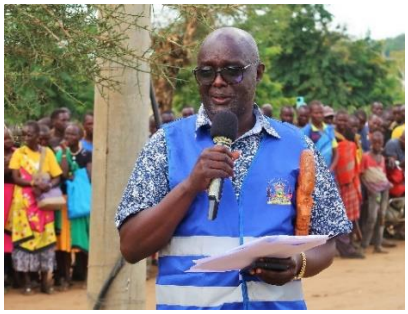
7,500 PEOPLE IN WEST POKOT COUNTY SET TO BENEFIT FROM COMPLETION OF KACHELIBA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

On 21st June 2023, H.E. Simon Kachapin, Governor, West Pokot County, together with WaterFund, spearheaded the ground-breaking ceremony of Kacheliba Water Supply Project in West Pokot County. This project has been funded by the European Union under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proof Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme; at a total contract cost of KSh. 50 Million. As part of County contribution, West Pokot County Government made a 28% contribution of the total cost at KSh. 14 Million.

This project is expected to: improve water quality and access for 7500 people at household levels, schools and health facilities; reduce risk of waterborne diseases; provide adequate water for livestock and gardens; and shorten distances covered to fetch water. In his address at the groundbreaking, H.E. Simon Kachapin, applauded WaterFund, through its various donors, for its support in West Pokot County over the years; which has improved access to water and sanitation for over 90,000 people. Present during the ground-breaking ceremony were: H.E. Robert Komolle, Deputy Governor, West Pokot, Hon. Lucky Litole, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water, Environment and Natural Resources, West Pokot County, senior officials from the County and WaterFund led by Mr. Samuel Gitau, General Manager, Corporate Services.



H.E. Simon Kachapin (left), Governor, West Pokot, unveiling the ground-breaking plaque at the Kacheliba Water Supply Project site



H.E. Simon Kachapin, giving his key note speech at the ceremony



H.E. Robert Komolle, Deputy Governor, West Pokot addressing the guests



Left: Mr. Samuel Gitau, General Manager, Corporate Services, WaterFund, giving his remarks at the event

Right: Community members keenly following the proceedings



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