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WATERFUND TAKES THE LEAD IN CLIMATE RESPONSIVE APROACHES DISCUSSIONS AT THE WORLD WATER WEEK 2023 IN STOCKHOLM.

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the World Water Week 2023 in Stockholm showcasing its impactful programs aligned with climate-friendly approaches. Highlighting climate-responsive strategies and nature-based solutions, WaterFund held a Convener Session, emphasizing sustainable water & sanitation provision and water resources management. Netherlands Development Organization (SNV) was a Co-Convener to the session, showcasing the approach to Public Private Community Partnerships.

Led by Dr. Erick K. Rutto and accompanied by Trustee Eng. Joseph Ngacha, WaterFund's delegation engaged in fruitful discussions and potential collaborations with international organizations and partners. Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund also participated in the event virtually and presented during the Convener Session. During the World Water Week, the team met with other key Organizations and Partners, and deliberated on potential future collaborations.



Dr. Erick K. Rutto (left), Chairperson WaterFund BoTs engages with participants at the WaterFund stand



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his remarks during WaterFund's convener session



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, leads WaterFund's Convener session



Participants keenly listening to WaterFund's convener session presentation



A meeting between WaterFund led by Dr. Erick Rutto and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) led by Ms. Nancy Eslick, Global Water Coordinator



WaterFund representatives and USAID team pose for a group photo at the WaterFund's stand

KISUMU'S OGANGO KASULE WATER PROJECT ENSURES ACCESS FOR 12,000 BENEFICIARIES

H.E. Dr. Mathew Owili, Deputy Governor, Kisumu County as the chief guest, joined by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, officially commissioned Ogango Kasule Water Project in Kisumu County. The project was funded by the German Development Bank (KfW) through WaterFund's Urban Project Concept- 8th call for proposals, at a total cost of KSh. 19 Million. Kisumu Water and Sanitation Company (KIWASCO), as the key Water Service Provider in the county, took the lead in the implementation of the project.

Before the realization of the Ogango-Kasule Water Project, the Ogango-Kasule region within Kisumu County grappled with water scarcity, relying on shallow wells and water vendors for their water supply. The community members narrated the ordeal of early rises to traverse long distances to beat long extended queues, all with no assurance of securing water owing to the high demand yet limited water infrastructure available. Moreover, over time, water vendors introduced constant surging prices due to escalating demand.

The collaborative effort between WaterFund and Kisumu County culminated in the fruition of the Ogango-Kasule Water Project, ushering in a new era of accessible and affordable clean water for the populace. Central to this endeavor was the installation of a 4.2 km pipeline, which significantly expanded water coverage, facilitating household connections and servicing the two water kiosks within the area. This transformation promises heightened water quality and availability across residences, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities, thereby contributing to public health by mitigating the risk of waterborne illnesses. Other components of this project included installation of 100 meters and other complementary measures leading to increased access to over 12,000 Beneficiaries.

In his key note speech, H.E. Dr. Mathew Owili extended his gratitude to WaterFund and KIWASCO, lauding their invaluable contributions towards fortifying the water supply infrastructure. He highlighted how these efforts align with Kisumu County's manifesto of enhancing residents' access to clean water. Echoing this sentiment, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO of WaterFund, reiterated that WaterFund remains steadfast in its commitment to inclusivity and sustainable solutions emphasizing forthcoming projects' synchronization with the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda. This deliberate approach prioritizes household and community water initiatives with the overarching goal of achieving universal access to safe water by 2027.

In attendance during the commissioning were: Hon. Salmon Orimba, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works; Hon. Kenneth Onyango CECM Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation; Mr. Thomas Odongo, Managing Director KIWASCO; and Senior Government Officials from the County Government of Kisumu. Accompanying WaterFund CEO was Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager Programmes, Ms. Halima Ali, General Manager Legal Services and Mr. Paul Kogo, Senior Programme Engineer.



H.E. Dr. Mathew Owili, Deputy Governor, Kisumu County, commissioning the Ogango-Kasule water project



Mr. Willis Ombai (right), CEO WaterFund addressing the guests during the commissioning



One of the water kiosks under Ogango Kasule water project

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