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WATERFUND SHOWCASE ON DRIVING GREEN GROWTH AT THE 2023 AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) took part in the Africa Climate Summit (ACS) and Africa Climate Week 2023, held from 4th to 8th September, 2023, at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi. This inaugural event, championed by H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya, had a primary mission to address the escalating challenges posed by climate change, particularly in Africa, and the associated global costs. In his opening address, President Ruto emphasized the urgency of collective action and alignment to tackle Africa's challenges. He underscored the importance of investing in sustainable solutions, including renewable energies, green industrialization, climate-smart agriculture, and nature conservation. The summit revolved around the theme "Driving Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions for Africa and the World."

During the summit, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI) hosted a high-level panel discussion on "Accelerating Climate-Resilient Water Investments in Africa." Hon. Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary of MWSI, highlighted the funding gaps within Kenya's water sector and proposed strategies to bridge these gaps, aiming to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6. Within this panel, WaterFund was represented by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, who expounded on the pivotal role of financial institutions in addressing financing and water investment gaps based on WaterFund's experiences.

Furthermore, MWSI, in collaboration with six agencies, including WaterFund, participated as exhibitors in a shared booth at the conference. The booth had the honor of hosting esteemed guests who included: H.E. Mrs. Rachel Ruto EGH, the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya; Hon. Alice Wahome, CS MWSI; Hon. Prof. Hani Sewilam, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt; and Ms. Charlene Ruto, the First Daughter of the Republic of Kenya. At the WaterFund booth, Ms. Ann Nabangala, Principal Programme Officer for Climate, presented WaterFund's mandate and a concept note outlining climate-friendly and resilient approaches to water and sanitation management in Kenya.

WaterFund's active involvement in the Africa Climate Summit illustrated its commitment to addressing climate challenges and advancing sustainable solutions in the water sector, aligning with the broader goal of driving green growth and securing climate finance solutions for underserved and marginalised areas in Kenya.



H.E. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya, giving the key note speech at the ACS Opening Ceremony



Hon. Prof. Hani Sewilam (left) and Hon. Alice Wahome (right) at the MWSI High Level Panel Discussions during ACS



Mr. Willis Ombai, WaterFund CEO, giving his remarks during the high level panel discussions



Left: Ms. Ann Nabangala (left) WaterFund engaging with Hon. Alice Wahome (right), CS MWSI

Right: Ms. Ann Nabangala (left) WaterFund, presenting WaterFund's concept on climate resilience to Hon. Prof. Hani Sewilam (right)





Left: Ms. Charlene Ruto (Extreme right) at the exhibition Stand

Right: WaterFund and Ministerial Water Sector Agency representatives at the MWSI Stand



WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund held a meeting with teams from United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and USAID Western Kenya Sanitation project. The main of the meeting was to deliberate on programme collaboration in eight Western Kenya Counties.
- WaterFund recently conducted a meeting with Nithi Water and Sewage Company (NIWASCO) to discuss the status of water projects in the County that have received funding from WaterFund. The meeting also aimed to identify potential areas for cooperation and explore opportunities for further collaboration.



WaterFund and USAID representatives during the meeting on collaboration efforts in Western Kenya

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #218- WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND WINS 2019 UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 218 (SITREP #218) covered the period **24th to 28th June, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) was a recipient of the prestigious 2019 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA), after its Up-scaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor (UBSUP) programme was selected as one of the winners of the award under the "Delivering Inclusive and Equitable Services to Leave No one Behind" category. Hon. Simon Chelugui, CS MWSI, led the Kenyan delegation to receive the award in the city of Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from the 24th to 26th June 2019. The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) received 523 nominations from 72 countries but only 11 institutions won the 2019 Awards. WaterFund was the only institution African Country Institution to win at the Awards that year. Previous UNPSA winners from Kenya were Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme in the year 2018 and Huduma Kenya Programme under the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs in the year 2015.

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