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BOARD OF TRUSTEES FORUM: INTRODUCING KEY INSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS AND ENHANCING GOVERNANCE

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), led by Mr. Willis Ombai, the CEO, recently convened a Board of Trustees (BoTs) forum on 13th to 14th September, 2023. The primary objective of this forum was to acquaint the newly appointed Board of Trustees with two crucial institutional documents. These documents included: The Strategic Plan for the period 2022-2027, delineating WaterFund's strategic direction and objectives; and the Projects' Funding Criteria, which offers guidance governing the allocation of funds to projects by WaterFund.

These documents fall within the purview of the Board of Trustees, underscoring the pivotal role of the Board in shaping WaterFund's future and ensuring its operational effectiveness. Additionally, the forum facilitated several essential activities including: governance training conducted by the State Corporation Advisory Committee (SCAC); instructions on electronic board tools; and the development and review of board committee charters. Overall the forum was designed to equip the Board of Trustees with the requisite knowledge and tools to effectively carry out their strategic oversight and governance responsibilities within WaterFund.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai (standing), CEO WaterFund giving his remarks at the BoTs forum

Right: WaterFund Board of Trustees and management keenly follow on the ongoing deliberations



WATERFUND CEO LEADS AN INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION ON URBAN SANITATION AT SPICE FM

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, and Mr. Anthony Mulinge, Managing Director of Fresh Life Initiative, recently participated in a one-hour interview on Spice FM, The Situation Room Show. The discussion revolved around critical issues related to urban sanitation in the country. They emphasized the pressing need for improved sanitation infrastructure, waste management, and access to clean water in urban areas, highlighting the detrimental effects of poor sanitation on public health, human dignity, and the rights of underserved residents. This interview provided valuable insights into the critical issues surrounding urban sanitation, contributing to the ongoing dialogue on improving sanitation and the overall well-being of urban residents.

For additional on the discussions, please click on the link below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOj5lEYopUY



Left: Interview flier of the exclusive discussion on Spice FM

Right: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his opinions during the discussion on sanitation problems in urban slums



WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund met Mr. Antony Ambugo, CEO Water Services Providers Association (WASPA), to deliberate on ongoing WaterFund programmes which the Water Services Providers (WSPs) are implementing. The meeting also discussed opportunities for collaboration in the scheduled Water and Sanitation Investors Conference (WASIC).
- WaterFund participated in the National Treasury mission for the Arab and Middle East Countries, held on 11th and 12th September 2023. During the meeting, participants discussed the status and progress of the various Programmes financed by the Middle East Countries. This included the Programme on Drilling of Wells for Rural Development in Africa, funded by Saudi Fund for Development with WaterFund as the executing Agency. The mission also explored further opportunities for new Programmes in Kenya.



From left: Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, Programmes, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, Mr. Antony Ambugo, CEO Water Service Providers Association (WASPA) and Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, pose for a group picture after the meeting



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #219- LAIKIPIA GOVERNOR INSPECTS SOLIO WATER PROJECT



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 219 (SITREP #219) covered the period **1st to 5th July, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, H.E. Ndiritu Muriithi, Governor Laikipia County, inspected WaterFund funded Solio Settlement Scheme Water Project in his County. The overall goal of the project is to improve livelihoods of a population of approximately 25,899 people living in the Solio Settlement Scheme.

The project addressed catchment protection and increased access to clean, safe, reliable and affordable water. The estimated cost of the project after completion was KSh. 143 Million, which will be funded by Government of Sweden and Government of Finland through WaterFund's Joint 6 Programme (J6P).

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