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WATERFUND AT THE NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND WATER SECURITY

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the National Stakeholder Forum themed *"Climate Resilience and Water Security,"* organized by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI) in collaboration with the University of Nairobi (UoN) through the REACH Kenya program. The forum was officially inaugurated by Hon. Zachariah Njeru, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI). The event brought together various water sector organizations to discuss the role of partnerships, evolution of water policy and governance, impacts of climate change and community engagement in Kenya's water security.

Speaking at the forum Hon. Zachariah Njeru, emphasized on the Ministry's commitment to water infrastructure projects and climate resilience. WaterFund represented by Eng. Rose Nyikuri, Manager, Water Resources and Climate Change delivered a presentation that focused on partnerships and financing for water security. WaterFund's active involvement in the National stake holder's forum illustrated its commitment to addressing climate challenges and advancing sustainable solutions in the water sector.



Hon. Zachariah Njeru, CS MWSI, giving his keynote speech



Eng. Rose Nyikuri, Manager, Water Resources and Climate Change, WaterFund making her presentation



Group photo of the forum participants

COURTESY CALL TO GARISSA COUNTY

WaterFund led by Hon. Andrew Mbithi, Hon. Marselino M. Arbelee and Ms. Maryan Mohamed, representatives of the WaterFund Board of Trustees, paid a courtesy call to the office of H.E. Nathif Adan, Governor Garissa County. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways to strengthen the Garissa Rural Water Service Corporation (GARUWASCO), the leading water service provider, for the implementation of the Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Programme (HoAGW4RP).



H.E. Nathif Adan Jama, Governor, Garissa County, giving his remarks during the meeting



From left: Hon. Marselino M. Arbelle, Hon. Andrew Mbithi, Ms. Maryan Mohamed, WaterFund BoT representatives during the meeting



WaterFund and Garissa County Government officials pose for a group picture after the meeting

WATERFUND MAKES PREPARATIONS TOWARDS HOSTING THE 2024 WASIC CONFERENCE

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), in close collaboration and support from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation are organizing the **Water and Sanitation Investors Conference (WASIC)** to be held on **6th to 8th March, 2024**. The purpose of the conference will be to foster discussions and cooperation, and to attract investors into the Sector, with special focus on Public Private Partnerships and Blended Mechanisms that Leverage Private and Commercial Finance.

In view of the above, WaterFund led by Mr. Willis Ombai, the CEO, held a planning workshop for the Members of the WASIC Committee to deliberate, make agreements, and finalize critical conference matters to ensure a successful and engaging conference, through a collaborative effort with sector agencies.

For more information on the WASIC Conference, please visit https://wasic-invest.ke/



Right: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his remarks at the workshop

Left: Participants following up the proceedings of the workshop



COMMISSIONING OF MARIAKANI DECENTRALIZED TREATMENT FACILITY

The Mariakani Decentralized Treatment Facility in Kilifi County was officially commissioned by Hon. Flora Mbetsa Chibule, Deputy Governor of Kilifi County. The project was financed by the German Development Bank (KfW) through WaterFund's Upscaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor (UBSUP) program, at a total cost of KSh. 17 Million. The project which is being implemented by Kilifi-Mariakani Water and Sewerage Company (KIMAWASCO), additionally constructed 200 SafiSan toilets benefiting approximately 25,000 individuals in Mariakani Ward.

The Mariakani Sanitation project aims to address sewage-related challenges, elevate sanitation and hygiene standards and ultimately improve the overall quality of life in the County, while combating waterborne diseases. During the commissioning event, senior government officials and attendees received a detailed presentation on the functionality of the DTF-50 and the processes involved in each module. The event drew representatives from the County Government of Kilifi, WaterFund, KIMAWASCO and the local community members.



Hon. Flora Mbetsa Chibule Deputy Governor, unveiling the plaque during the commissioning



Paul Kogo, Senior Programme Engineer, making his remarks on behalf of WaterFund.



Hon. Flora Mbetsa Chibule (front 3rd right) and key invited guests undertake an inspection of the DTF led by KIMAWASCO

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